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PROUD

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This fall is an exciting time in North Little Rock. We have many opportunities for you, your family, and friends to enjoy in our parks, downtown, trails, and restaurants. Construction is progressing throughout the city. The new Events Center downtown is scheduled to open in early 2026, as well as the Central Fire station in Mid City. This summer, we celebrated the announcement of the upcoming Tempo hotel downtown as well the atg Pavilion at the Argenta Plaza. Several new restaurants and businesses have opened throughout our city. Our neighborhoods are preparing for National Night Out in October. All of our city employees are dedicated to making North Little Rock a great place to live, work, and play.

Terry C. Hartwick
 Mayor Terry C. Hartwick



Makan Hospitality recently announced the opening of Tempo by Hilton in the heart of Argenta. The hotel, a modern, lifestyle-forward hotel designed for the ambitious traveler, is scheduled to open in 2027. This new destination by the Arkansas River will offer more than just a place to stay; it will serve as a vibrant gathering space that reflects the energy and creativity of Argenta. By incorporating locally inspired design and thoughtfully curated amenities, Tempo will help cultivate connection, support local businesses, and enhance the neighborhood’s dynamic spirit.

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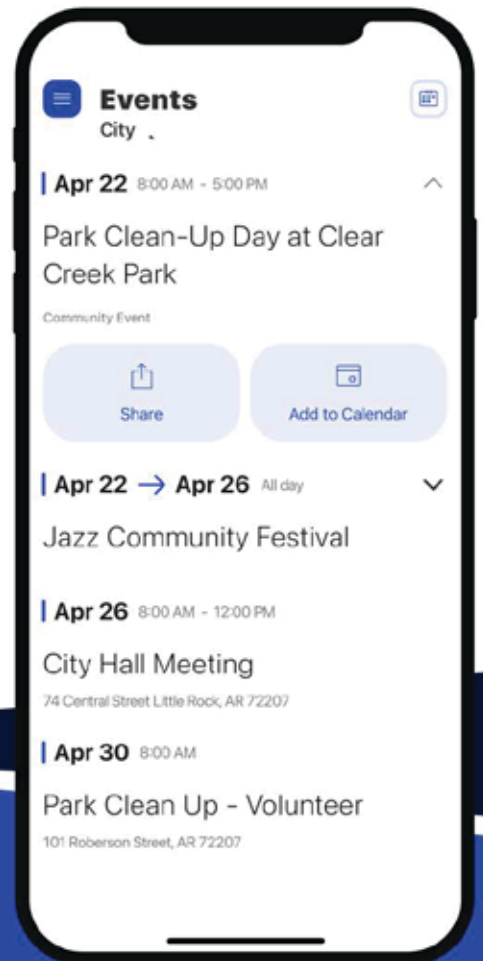
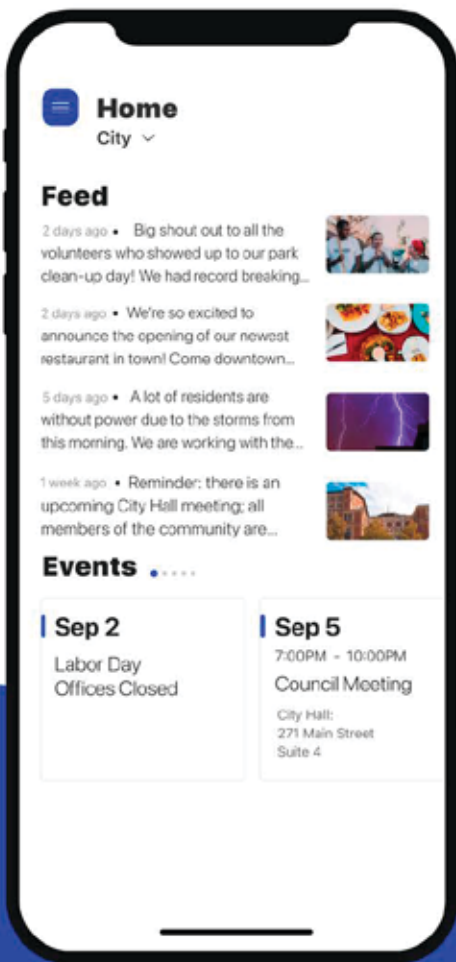
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Mayor's Youth Council

The Mayor's Youth Council is a community-based youth organization that is North Little Rock's response to meeting the goals for our youth as set out by America's Promise. Opportunities are provided for North Little Rock youth to grow and learn by serving their community through volunteering with the metropolitan area's non-profit agencies. The focus is: mentor, protect, nurture, teach, and serve. The North Little Rock Mayor's Council is comprised of students in grades 9-12. Council members are chosen for their dependability, community spirit, and attitude toward others. Once students are selected, they may serve until they graduate. Students must serve a minimum of four (4) hours per month and undertake an approved community project of their choosing each semester. The Mayor, the City Council, parents of members, and an Adult Advisory Board are encouraged to attend meetings and projects to get to know the members and to hear their concerns. Contact Jill Mills, Executive Director of the North Little Rock Mayor's Council at 501-804-8950 or jillmillsnlrmc@yahoo.com if you are interested in applying for the Council. 



North Little Rock Mayor's Council members volunteered this year at the Annual Backpack Giveaway at Ridge Road Elementary School. Council members are pictured with Pulaski County Judge Barry Hyde and Raul Fernandez, Executive Director of Seis Puentes, who sponsored the event.



North Little Rock Mayor's Council members, Kinley Jones, Dylan Fields, James McCoy, Elijah Morris, and Christopher Khan are pictured at the Ronald McDonald house hosting a birthday party for the residents!



Elissa Frierson completed her summer service project! She collected bottled water for our unsheltered friends and neighbors in North Little Rock.



Sarah Harris and Emmy Reddix greeted guests and stamped passports at the Argenta Library in downtown North Little Rock for the 3rd Friday Art Walk.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK EVENT CENTER



The new, 31,000-square-foot North Little Rock Event Center is scheduled for completion in early 2026. The event center will have a ballroom, catering kitchen, two meeting rooms, and will be available for rental in 2026. 

NOW SCHEDULING
EVENTS FOR 2026!

CALL 501-975-8866 OR EMAIL
NLREVENTCENTER@NLR.AR.GOV



NORTH LITTLE ROCK
EVENT CENTER

New CENTRAL FIRE Station



The new, centrally located fire station is situated downtown, between Argenta and Mid City. The new fire station will be over 24,000 square feet and contain a Safe Haven Baby Box, and is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2026.



National Night Out



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

is held on the first Tuesday in October each year. National Night Out began in 1984 through an established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations, and volunteers across the nation. The designated night builds camaraderie between police departments and citizens. In North Little Rock, applications for participation were mailed to the president of each neighborhood organization in late August. Each neighborhood in North Little Rock is responsible for planning its event. Once all requests for equipment are received, inventory will be divided among the number of requests. This ensures everyone gets some of what they requested.

Neighborhoods interested in participating must register or reserve equipment by September 19, 2025. If a neighborhood has not participated in the past and would like to participate this year, please contact the North Little Rock Neighborhood Services office at 501-791-8500 or NLRNeighborhoodServ@nlr.ar.gov. 🇺🇸

NORTH LITTLE ROCK POLICE



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POLICE OFFICER

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- *US CITIZEN
- *21 YEARS OF AGE BY DATE OF HIRE
- *HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT
- *POSSESSION OF A CURRENT VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

BENEFITS:

- 15 DAYS OF PAID VACATION
- HEALTH COVERAGE: 100% PAID FOR EMPLOYEE / 75% PAID FOR FAMILY
- 12 PAID HOLIDAYS
- EDUCATION PAY (ASSOCIATE, BACHELOR, MASTERS)
- BI-LINGUAL PAY (MUST PASS FLUENCY EXAM)
- YEARLY UNIFORM ALLOWANCE
- TAKE HOME CAR PROGRAM
- LOPFI RETIREMENT




WWW.NLRPOLICE.ORG

Alert! *Did you know*

The City of North Little Rock currently does not have any permitted door-to-door sales.

Several residents in North Little Rock have recently been approached by door-to-door sales people. Please be cautious and report any door-to-door solicitors.

If someone comes to your door selling a product and is unable to produce a North Little Rock city-issued photo identification, between 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday, please call the City Clerk's Office at 501-975-8617. Please call the North Little Rock Police Department non-emergency number at 501-758-1234 if it is after working hours or on the weekend. If a person comes to your door and you feel threatened, please call 911.





HOLIDAY SEASON IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

PICCOLO ZOPPE CIRCUS - NOV 13-22

MAYOR'S TREE LIGHTING - NOV 18

NORTHERN LIGHTS - NOV 22

NLR CHRISTMAS PARADE - DEC 7




**MORE EVENTS AT:
NORTHLITTLE ROCK.ORG/EVENTS**

Have you ever wondered...

What does Argenta mean; who was Madame Queen; did Indians live here; what is the Trail of Tears; why were white oaks so important; when did the King come to North Little Rock; did you know there is a Big Rock; when did the army come rolling along; how did the nickname, Dogtown, come about?

The answers to these questions are on their way, with the future opening of the North Little Rock Heritage Center's museum, located at 506 Main Street in North Little Rock. The location is the site of the city's original fire station, which houses offices of the North Little Rock History Commission, the North Little Rock Historic District Commission, and the city's official archives.

Stay Turned! History is in the making! 



See you in
ARGENTA









ARKANSAUCE

Sept
12-13 **DOGTOWN THROWDOWN**
Main Street

Sept
20 **ARGENTA VIBE MUSIC SERIES**
HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL
ACANSA ARTS FESTIVAL
Pura Coco and Larry & Joe
Argenta Plaza

Oct
4 **ARGENTA VIBE MUSIC SERIES**
Arkansauce
Argenta Plaza

Oct
10-11 **DOGTOWN THROWDOWN**
Main Street




ARGENTA
DOWNTOWN COUNCIL

Learn more about these free community events on our website 

atg Pavilion

Who: North Little Rock Tourism, in partnership with Ruth and Scott Landers' atg company, the Argenta Arts Foundation, and a dedicated capital campaign group led by John Gaudin. Sculptures will be created by Arkansas artist Kevin Kresse.

What: The atg Pavilion is a cultural landmark and public art initiative at Argenta Plaza. It will feature 21 large-scale bronze sculptures honoring legendary Arkansas musicians across genres—plus an eight-foot central Johnny Cash sculpture identical to the one in the U.S. Capitol. The Pavilion also ties into a statewide network of companion sculptures in each artist's hometown.

When: Announced on Thursday, August 14, 2025. Construction will begin soon, supported by a \$1 million investment from North Little Rock Tourism and atg, with an additional \$2 million being raised through a capital campaign.

Where: Located at Argenta Plaza in North Little Rock, Arkansas, with companion sculptures installed in the 21 Arkansas hometowns of the featured musicians.

Why: To celebrate Arkansas's historic role in shaping American music, honor the state's diverse musical legends, and create an inclusive, high-quality public space. The Pavilion is designed to strengthen community identity, boost tourism, drive economic development, and connect people through the shared power of music and art.

Scan the QR code to donate to the capital campaign for the atg Pavilion:



Summer Library Adventures



This summer, over 1,450 readers of all ages, from toddlers to adults, signed up to explore, learn, and celebrate a season full of adventures. From dazzling children's performers and magic shows to hands-on crafting in The Studio and lively after-hours events for adults, our branches were full of color and creativity. The Innovation Hub day camps welcomed over 50 participants, sparking imagination and introducing new skills. Across

all of our Summer Library Adventures programs, we saw over 18,000 total program attendees this year, making it one of our most colorful summers yet.

The fun doesn't stop when summer ends! Discover your next great read, workshop, or family event on our calendar at programs.nlrlibrary.org/events.



Skills to Launch at North Little Rock Public Library System's Innovation Hub

Skills to Launch is a 10-week, scholarship-based, hands-on program designed to equip adults 18 and older with the technical and soft skills needed to start a new career in high-demand trades. Participants receive real-world training in areas such as Industrial Operations, Construction, Production Welding, HVAC, and Solar Panel Installation. Since its launch in Fall 2020, the program has graduated over 200 participants and typically offers three cohorts each year. Applications for the next cohort, which begins in spring 2026, open on November 1. We're also looking for local businesses interested in becoming employment partners to help connect graduates with job opportunities. Learn more and apply at hub.nlrlibrary.org/pages/skills-to-launch. 📖

Community Gardens

Our meetings are an opportunity for North Little Rock community garden managers, volunteers, and the general public to come together, exchange resources, celebrate successes, address challenges, and stay connected with our program. These meetings create a collaborative space where local gardeners can share knowledge, ask questions, and support each other. Best of all, they're free and open to everyone—come join us! Wednesday: October 22 and November 19 at North Heights Community Center, 4801 Allen Street from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

This year has been one of our most successful yet. We proudly provided funding support to 15 community gardens (six of them brand new to the program!) across the city, helping to expand access to fresh food, beautify neighborhoods, and strengthen local connections. Funding was used for everything from building new raised beds and installing irrigation systems to creating pollinator habitats. Newly Funded Gardens: Garden of Life, Arkansas Garden City, and North Little Rock Academy Alternative Learning Environment school.

SPRING 2026 FUNDING APPLICATION

DUE ON DECEMBER 15, 2025

NEW GARDENS ELIGIBLE UP TO \$1,500

RETURNING GARDENS ELIGIBLE UP TO \$5,000



Point your camera phone here!

STEP 1: Scan the QR Code to review the application located at the bottom of our website: nlr.ar.gov/communitygardens

STEP 2: Complete application and compile all required documents.

STEP 3: Submit everything to NLRNeighborhoodServ@nlr.ar.gov

For assistance with your application, contact RKelly@nlr.ar.gov or NLRNeighborhoodServ@nlr.ar.gov

501-351-0184



Garden Spotlight: Iris Park Community Garden

One of our longest standing gardens, Iris Park Community Garden, located at 903 W. 45th St., continues to flourish and evolve as a beloved anchor in the North Little Rock community. This year, the garden celebrated a major milestone with the addition of four new raised beds, which expands opportunities for local families to grow their own food. They also added a dedicated pollinator area, thoughtfully planted to support native bees and butterflies, strengthening the garden's role as a haven not just for people but for the environment as well.



Ms. Jennifer showing off her scarlet runner beans



Ms. Judy and Ms. Jennifer tending to their gardens



Community Plot

VOLUNTEER

in North Little Rock

WE NEED YOU!

We recruit citizens to participate in our city to maintain a strong volunteer workforce and provide training for those who wish to volunteer in the City of North Little Rock.



Scan this code to complete a volunteer application and start volunteering today!



For more information:

Angela Wirt, Manager of Mayor's Volunteer Services
awirt@nlr.ar.gov or 501-516-0911



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BURNS PARK TENNIS CENTER

JUNIOR TENNIS

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INDOOR COURTS PROVIDED

LEVEL 1: Technical-based classes

LEVEL 2: Rallying -based classes

RED BALL GROUP LESSONS

KIDS AGES 4-7 MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 4:00-5:00 PM

ORANGE BALL GROUP LESSONS

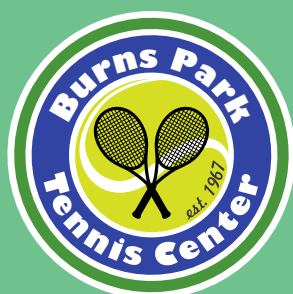
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YELLOW BALL GROUP LESSONS

KIDS AGES 11-18

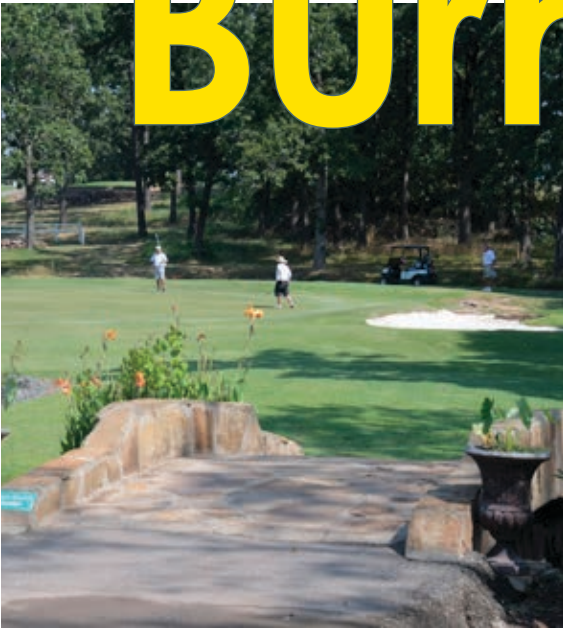
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LEVEL 2 YELLOW MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 4:30-6:00 PM



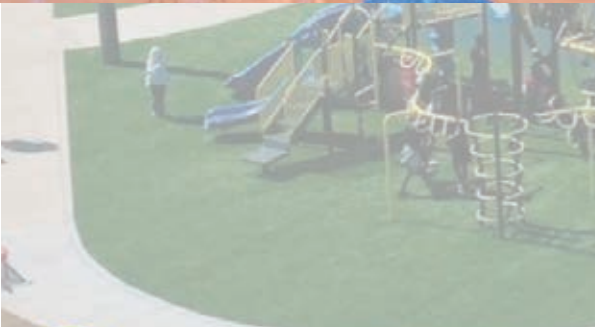
ANY **QUESTIONS** CONTACT
501-791-8585 OR VISIT
BURNSPARKTENNIS.COM

Burns Park



GOLF COURSE

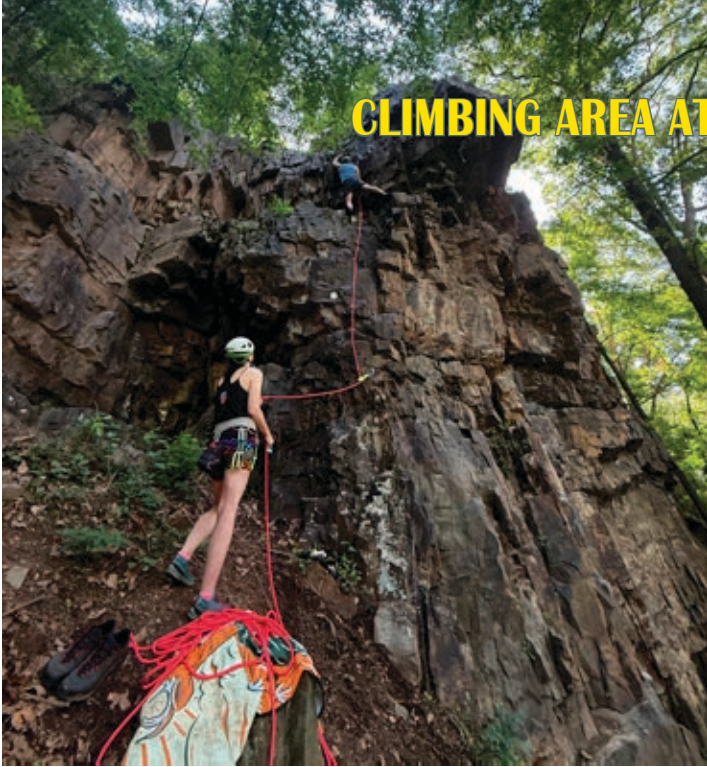
Check the City of North Little Rock website, nlr.ar.gov, for the NEW FALL HOURS.



BURNS PARK

Funland & Splashpad

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CLIMBING AREA AT BIG ROCK QUARRY



EQUESTRIAN TRAILS



Burns Park Archery Range



The Archery Range has received an upgrade, making the range more ADA accessible with paved and covered shooting lines, paved access to targets, arrow and bow holders, and benches. The range offers targets at 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 yards. Additionally, the range will offer swappable standard targets and 3-D targets at certain times throughout the week. The range is free to use and is open year-round, Sunday through Saturday, from sunrise to sunset. ♿

Party at the Animal Shelter




The Bryan family celebrated their seven-year-old daughter, Sawyer's, birthday recently at the North Little Rock Animal Shelter. Sawyer's birthday is the very first birthday party held in the newly remodeled party room. If you're interested in booking a birthday party, please call the North Little Rock Animal Shelter at 501-791-8577. 🎂




Baptist Health Family Clinic Rose City



Baptist Health Family Clinic Rose City offers accessible healthcare to North Little Rock residents of all ages. Services include primary and pediatric care, preventive health services, women's health care, family medicine, and support for managing chronic conditions. Most insurance plans are accepted, including Medicaid and Medicare. The clinic is located at 4200 East Washington Avenue in North Little Rock. Hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please call 501-534-1300 to make an appointment. 

You are invited to attend the

DEDICATION CEREMONY



Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center
401 Pershing Boulevard, North Little Rock

Friday, October 10, 2025
11:00 am

ARGENTA PARKLET



The Argenta Parklets recently received a Citation Award for Public Good in the Fay Jones School's 2024 Alumni Design Awards competition. Kyle Heflin, a 2015 graduate with AMR Architects in Little Rock, designed the parklet. Photo credit: Rett Peek.

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