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I encourage you to take time this holiday season to enjoy your family and friends. North Little Rock's Christmas wish came true earlier this year when we broke ground for the new Baptist Health clinic in Rose City. Our firefighters will move into a new station in Burns Park in 2023 with two new additional stations to follow. The new training tower for our firefighters, located at the North Little Rock Airport, is also a great benefit to our city. Our sanitation department is diligently working hard to remove leaves in our city and will begin using the new, side-loading sanitation trucks with your new garbage containers the week of December 12. We have many wonderful departments that make up this great city. Thanks for everything you do. Remember the reason for the season! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Terry C. Hartwick
Mayor Terry C. Hartwick



Sergeant Carmen Helton, Public Information Officer for the North Little Rock Police Department is pictured with three young ladies during 2022 National Night Out. The three pictured asked Sergeant Helton if they could have their picture taken with her because, "they want to be a policewoman like Sergeant Helton when they grow up."

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New *Leaders*

Mayor Terry Hartwick recently appointed Ryan Wilson, General Manager of the North Little Rock Electric Department and Adam Tindall, Director of the North Little Rock Animal Shelter. Mayor Hartwick shared, “Both Ryan and Adam are experienced in their respective fields and will work hard to provide the best service to our residents.”

Adam Tindall returns to the North Little Rock Animal Shelter as the Director with 16 years of experience in the field as an Animal Control Officer and a Supervisor at both the North Little Rock and Sherwood Animal Shelters. Tindall will be an asset through his understanding of the working balance of both the enforcement arm and the educational aspect; both are necessary and part of the process of running an animal shelter. Tindall plans to increase the visibility and frequency of the Mobile Adoption Unit in the community as well as the voucher program to pay for animals to be spayed and neutered.

Ryan Wilson has been serving as the Interim General Manager of North Little Rock Electric since July 2022. Wilson has been with North Little Rock Electric since 2016 when he joined the City as Compliance Administrator and then Interim Director of Power Supply. Wilson, a mechanical engineer, plans to look for opportunities to add renewables to the portfolio and the City’s footprint such as solar power. 



Adam Tindall, the newly appointed Director of the North Little Rock Animal Shelter, is pictured with Sarah Carr, with Friends of Animals at a Mobile Adoption Event held at Hounds Lounge in North Little Rock. Hounds Lounge is one of many partnerships the North Little Rock Animal Shelter has with businesses in our city.

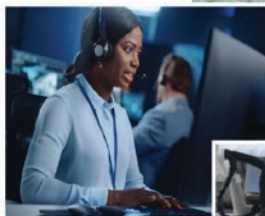


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BURNS PARK FIRE STATION 8

The new fire station in Burns Park (Station 8) is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2023. The City of North Little Rock will announce the grand opening date after the first of the year. The 9,876 square foot, rustic design accommodates the outdoor flavor of Burns Park. The location of the new station will provide a faster response time by firefighters due to its easy accessibility to Interstate 40 as it runs second on calls from Maumelle and Levy. The station was built with funds generated when North Little Rock approved the 2017 sales tax.



Student Winners in the Firefighter Challenge

Each elementary school in the North Little Rock School District held a separate competition for fifth grade boys and fifth grade girls to qualify to participate in the student-level competition at the recent Firefighter Challenge. All fifth grade school-level winners competed on a course at the event. Ridge Road Elementary was represented by the fastest boy, Danny Smith, and Essence Shepherd proudly represented Seventh Street Elementary School as the fastest girl. Danny and Essence, along with their principals, Matthew How and Marques Collins, were introduced at a recent City Council meeting by North Little Rock Fire Department Captain Dustin Free. The students are pictured with Mayor Hartwick, Captain Free, and their principals.



The City recently purchased this piece of land at the corner of 13th and Main Streets in North Little Rock to build a new Central Fire Station. Demolition will begin in early 2023 on the existing structure followed by construction of a 21,000 square foot station to replace the existing station built in 1962. The new station is scheduled to be completed in 2024. Residents and businesses in Mid-City, Dark Hollow and other parts of the city are excited about the new station.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING TOWER

The four-story tower was built in a modular format with fourteen new, 8' x 40' shipping containers. This modular design will allow the North Little Rock Fire Department to replace any of the containers in the event the structure is damaged during live fire training. The first three floors were constructed with a center breezeway that replicates typical modern apartment construction. Additionally, those three floors feature constructed burn rooms and forcible entry props. Other features of the building include a vertical ventilation prop, an overhead door forcible entry prop, confined space rescue area, and high angle rescue anchor points. The training structure will be an asset not only to the North Little Rock Fire Department, but will allow us to host training with neighboring departments that are our mutual aid partners. In addition it will be available to be used as a training site for the North Little Rock Police Department.



The City of North Little Rock has purchased 96-gallon garbage containers and new automated side-loading sanitation trucks for all single-family residences in our city.

We are pleased to provide this NEW service.

- The new garbage containers are being delivered to North Little Rock residents now! **Please be patient as it will take time to distribute containers throughout the city.**
- **THE CITY WILL BEGIN USING THE NEW CONTAINERS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12.** Residents should not use the new container until their regularly scheduled day of pickup during that week.
- The container is the **property of the City of North Little Rock** and should remain at the residence if you move.
- The new container should be placed at the curb on your **normal collection day during the week of December 12.**



How to use the new garbage container:



- Place on a flat surface, close to the street.
- Place at least 3 feet from anything: other containers, utility poles, mailboxes, overhead wires, tree limbs, vehicles, gas meters, above ground water valves, etc.
- Place the opening toward the street, and the handle toward the residence.
- Place ALL garbage inside the container, loose or bagged.

Questions or requests should be emailed to:
nlrsanitation@nlr.ar.gov
or call 501-906-6327



Questions and Answers:

What should I do with my old trash can?

Residents can: 1) Keep your old can for storage, or 2) Place your old can on the street the week of December 12 labeled "PLEASE REMOVE". The city will pick up your old can.

Who do I contact if my new container is damaged?

Call the NLR Sanitation at 501-906-6327 to schedule a repair.

Can I get an additional container?

Due to supply chain issues, additional containers will not be available until 2023.

What if I only have one bag of trash?

All garbage must be placed in the new container, either bagged or loose for pickup.

What about residents that only have street parking?

Residents should make arrangements on the day of pickup as they have done with Waste Management pickup.

Will sanitation workers lose their jobs? What will they do?

NO! NLR Sanitation workers will be assisting the new side-loader trucks and also collecting debris throughout the city.

What other cities have this service?

Little Rock, Sherwood, Maumelle, Jacksonville and Wrightsville.

Can I get a smaller container?

Due to supply chain issues, additional containers will not be available until 2023.

Leaf Pickup

**The City will keep you
posted on Facebook
with weekly updates.**



**Please contact NLR Sanitation with questions:
501-906-6327 or [nlrsanitation@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:nlr sanitation@nlr.ar.gov)**

Community Centers





Patio on Park Hill



Renata Partin Gann is pictured with Stacy Reynolds, Owner of Blue Yoga Nyla & Licensed Yoga Therapist.



Clay Rogers, Director of the NLR Airport is pictured with his wife Nicole, daughter Jo Jo and son Julian.



Mel, a longtime volunteer for Friends of Animals in North Little Rock is pictured at Patio in Park Hill where seven animals were adopted through the Mobile Adoption Unit.




Scott Shellabarger, Board of Directors, Vice Chair, Saint Joseph Center of Arkansas and Sandy DeCoursey, Executive Director.

Jump Start update

Jump Start is an economic development project funded by a competitive grant program through Metroplan using money from the Department of Transportation. The Park Hill Jump Start Project is underway and scheduled to be completed in June 2023.

Jump Start, a holistic approach to economic development, encompasses not only physical improvements to the infrastructure but also emphasizes mixed-use residential and commercial development. A major consideration when creating the Jump Start Project was the participants desire to increase walkability. A large number of public meetings were held over several years and input was solicited from Park Hill business owners and residents.

Park Hill requires new buildings to be built closer to the street with parking behind and a wider sidewalk separated from the roadway by a green space. An example is Kavanaugh Boulevard in Hillcrest/Heights in Little Rock, adding residences on top of the business buildings and a greenspace protecting the sidewalk from the street. Park Hill's plan calls for closing some driveways. Safely walking along the streets will be enhanced with wider sidewalks and slowing traffic to acceptable speeds which is a major concern of residents. The traffic medians in Park Hill will be maintained as required by the Arkansas Department of Transportation.

Jump Start plans are available online on the City of North Little Rock's website: nlr.ar.gov/jumpstart. 



Lorrie Grant-Eubanks, Owner and operator, A Different Stroke of Art: "Unwind and find your creative side"

Christmas in North Little Rock: Mayor's Tree Lighting



Progress in Ward 2

BAPTIST/NLR HEALTH CLINIC



Demolition and ground work for the new health clinic in Rose City located at the corner of Arkansas State Highway 165 and 70 has been completed. Over 4,500 tons of debris was removed from the site and construction will begin on the estimated 6,500 square foot facility in early 2023. Baptist Health will staff the clinic with modern equipment to serve residents.

FAULKNER LAKE ROAD



The drainage and road improvements to mitigate flooding on Faulkner Lake Road are progressing nicely. The project began several months ago and is scheduled to be completed in early May 2023.

911

Dispatchers Needed




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Maumelle, North Little Rock, and Sherwood **911 Centers** to Consolidate

In 2019, the state of Arkansas made the decision to upgrade the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), also known as 911 Centers, to the next generation of 911. In order to reduce the cost of providing next generation 911 throughout the state, the legislature made the decision to reduce the number of PSAPs. Pulaski County currently has six PSAPs. Pulaski County will reduce the number of PSAPs to three by January 2025. To accomplish this, North Little Rock, Maumelle, and Sherwood are considering consolidating their PSAPs to a single PSAP to be operated by North Little Rock. North Little Rock is working to secure funding for the consolidated center from several sources. Pulaski County, Jacksonville, and Little Rock are working on plans to complete the consolidation for the remaining PSAPs in Pulaski County. 

FAITH & BLUE

The North Little Rock Police Department recently partnered with local churches to host four community centered events for the National Faith & Blue Weekend. Faith & Blue was launched to facilitate safer, stronger, more just and unified communities by directly enabling local partnerships among law enforcement professionals, residents, businesses and community groups through the connections of local faith-based organizations. The initiative aims to re-calibrate police-community relations through activities that are organized jointly by faith-based and law enforcement agencies.



Thanks to North Little Rock's First Baptist Church, First Assembly of God, Park Hill Baptist Church and Full Counsel Metro Church for their support and involvement in the FIRST-EVER Faith and Blue held in North Little Rock. Law enforcement entities and faith-based groups are key pillars of a local community, and when we all work together, neighborhoods thrive. 🏠



Bishop Silas Johnson, Full Counsel Metro Church; Chief Patrick Thessing, NLR Police Department; Lieutenant Ron Messer, NLR Police Department and Pastor Eric Crowder all participated in the Community Forum held at Full Counsel Metro Church during Faith & Blue Weekend.

Unsheltered Outreach Fair



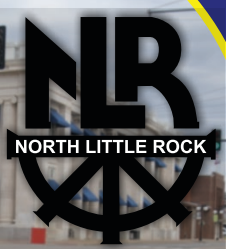
Officer Jhailan Rathey, Director of the Unsheltered Community Outreach, is pictured with Annette Ireland and Mark Currey from the University of Arkansas at Medical Sciences (UAMS), Department of Family and Preventative Medicine at the North Little Rock Unsheltered Outreach Fair. Over 300 from the unsheltered community attended the event along with numerous volunteers and 27 vendors that offered services. Over 450 meals were shared, 80 blankets, 100 pair of winter boots, 150 toiletry kits, 200 pair of sock, 76 haircuts, and 82 people received both a flu and COVID-19 vaccination. Thanks to everyone in our city that made this event a success. If you have items you would like to donate to our unsheltered community, please contact Officer Jhailan Rathey at [nlrunsheltered@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:nlr.unsheltered@nlr.ar.gov) or 501-975-8780.

National Night Out



Eleven communities across our city recently participated in National Night Out. Residents enjoyed food trucks, activities for children, cookouts, music, fun and fellowship with community members, Mayor Hartwick and the North Little Rock Police Department. “Give Crime a Going Away Party” allowed neighborhoods across our city to host events to encourage neighbors to meet each other as well as our police officers.

MUNICIPAL IDENTIFICATION CARD



Municipal Identification Card

A reference for residents in North Little Rock

The North Little Rock Municipal Identification Card (NLRMID) was established to bring all of North Little Rock's residents together as one community. The NLRMID is a unique photo identification card which connects residents to municipal services, incorporates them into the local economy, increases public safety, and provides them with a sense of belonging to the City of North Little Rock.

Who can apply for a North Little Rock Municipal ID Card?

Any person who lives in the City of North Little Rock who is 14 years of age or older is eligible to apply. In order to receive a NLRMID, the applicant must prove their Identity and Residency in the City of North Little Rock as listed in the Applicant Documentation Guide online at nlr.ar.gov/IDCard.

Where can I get a North Little Rock Municipal ID Card?

Applications will be accepted by appointment only and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at Seis Puentes Resource Center located at 4202-A Camp Robinson Road in North Little Rock. You can make an appointment online at nlr.ar.gov/IDCard.

How much does the North Little Rock Municipal ID Card cost?

The NLRMID costs \$15.00, which must be paid by money order. We do not accept cash.

Which documents do I need to apply?

To apply, you must provide proof of Identity and Residency in the City of North Little Rock. The Applicant Documentation Guide provides the full list of acceptable documents at nlr.ar.gov/IDCard.

Who accepts the Municipal ID Card?

All City of North Little Rock Departments will accept the NLRMID. In addition, a list of financial institutions and other partners that accept the NLRMID can be found on our website at nlr.ar.gov/IDCard.

What can I NOT do with my North Little Rock Municipal ID Card?

The NLRMID is not a federal or state identification. For example, it is not a driver's license, nor can it be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco, or to vote.

Is my information secure?

North Little Rock established a program based on the best practices of other cities that have implemented municipal identification card programs. The NLRMID is a secure card. The City of North Little Rock and Seis Puentes will take every precaution to protect each applicant's data.

For more information, please contact Seis Puentes at 501-246-5188.



nlr.ar.gov/IDCard



Check out our NLR LIBRARIES



Emily Rozario at the Argenta Library started a successful Baby Story and Play Time this fall. Parents are encouraged to join every Monday at 10:30 a.m.



Children of all ages had fun painting and decorating pumpkins for the Halloween season at Laman Library's Children Department.



Peggy Morris teaches two popular quilting classes in the Laman Library Makerspace every month.

Community Gardens

The Veterans' Trail Garden, supported by the American Fellowship of Churches, joined the North Little Rock Community Garden Program in the fall of 2021. The garden is led by a neighborhood veteran, Larry Westmoreland, with the goal of teaching children and veterans the importance of environmental conservation. In just a year's time the gardeners have built an on-site greenhouse, planted fruit trees, and harvested many leafy green vegetables.

This year, Mr. Larry and his trusted group of volunteers focused their efforts on outreach and connection. They worked with children from Raisingmen Lawncare to source a free lawnmower in exchange for cutting grass.



A Grapefruit tree grown in North Little Rock will be used as an educational tool.

In September, representatives of the Veterans' Trail Garden attended the local Seed and Plant Swap where they were able to donate several trees to the Hilary Clinton Children's Library and the Children's Hospital Community Garden. A Grapefruit tree that was nurtured in North Little Rock will now be used as an educational tool for students in Pulaski County! The garden group is currently working with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) to save and relocate trees from a projected construction zone.

The Veterans' Trail Garden is one of many gardens in the City of North Little Rock. If you are interested in connecting with a garden in your neighborhood, please scan the QR code! If you are interested in starting a community garden, please email ASawyer@nlr.ar.gov and NLRNeighborhoodServ@nlr.ar.gov. 



Mr. Larry Westmoreland and Raisingmen Lawncare



North Little Rock Garden Map

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