



April 8, 2024 is near...

and unless you've been living off the grid, you know we are about to experience a once in a lifetime event!

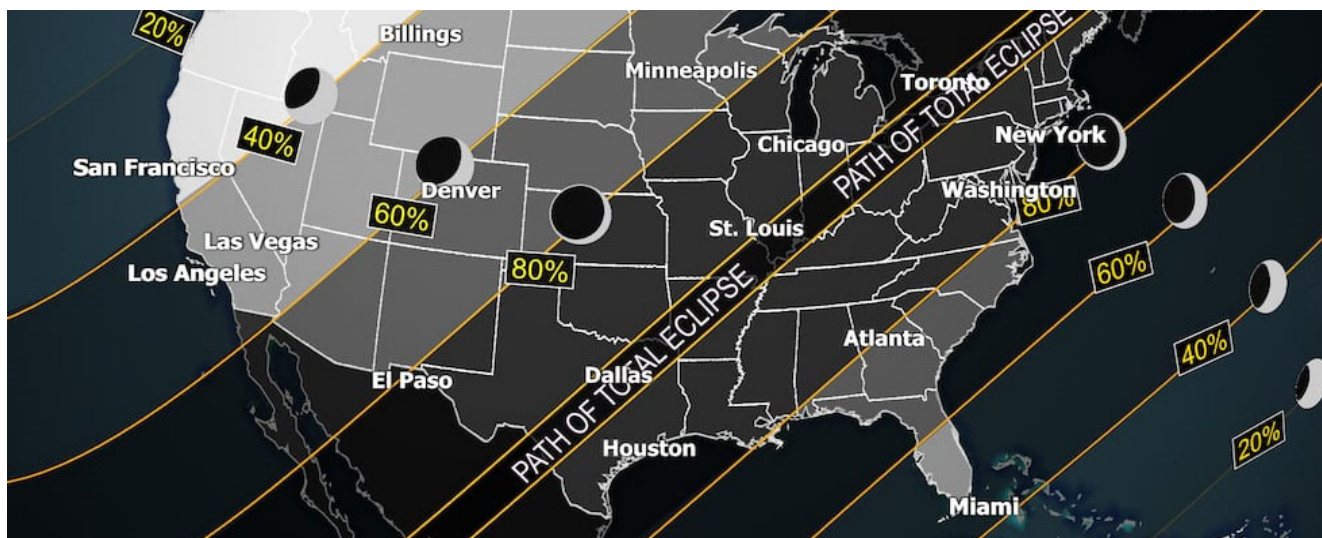
Information herein was found at various sites on the internet.

Will it get dark during the eclipse? Not everyone will get a great view of the so-called Great American Eclipse of 2024. Only certain areas of 14 states will be in the "path of totality"—the narrow zone where the Sun will be 100% darkened by the Moon. Those areas (including parts of Arkansas) will experience total darkness for nearly 4 minutes during daylight hours.

Why is the April 2024 eclipse a big deal?

Totality can last twice as long as in 2017, depending on the observer's location. It's also set to be the longest totality on land for over a decade, so expect eclipse-chasers from around the world to visit the path of totality!

Will solar eclipses ever end? Likely in about 650 million years: earth's final total solar eclipse will happen in less than a billion years. The Moon will be too far away from Earth to completely block the Sun after that.



How do you plan to record the event for your family memories?

If you have the opportunity to experience the event with your children, parents, friends, coworkers or whoever, consider setting up a camera and recording the expressions on their faces. This Great 2024 Solar Eclipse is an opportunity for people far and wide to experience something wonderful and totally out of their control. Be sure to encourage your friends and family to stop and enjoy the moment. It will be a memory that will stay with us all for the rest of our time!

This month's *Where's Mel* prize is a **Total Solar Eclipse T-shirt size XL**. The first caller to tell us where you found him hiding will win! Only call if you want the Tee!




"Where's Mel"? Be the first person to call 501-975-8617 and tell us where you found Mel hiding and win!



**North Little Rock
Animal Services**
For more information
call 501-791-8577

Pets Are Family

By: Adrienne Anderson,
MA, DVM

The article below referenced dogs,
but should also include cats and
other pets.



If you feel like your pets are family, you are not alone! And science is beginning to show you're right to feel this way.

- Dogs are considered family because they act as support, are

companions, perform actual jobs to help people or the community, and provide protection. The many roles they play have similar qualities to some family members, so many people view them this way.

- Some people consider dogs to be family. For others, they play a valuable role but may be viewed differently depending on culture, bond, etc.

- Studies have shown that dogs think we are family, and their relationships with us bear a remarkable resemblance to the parent-infant attachment bond.

- It is difficult to say for sure if dogs really love their owners, but we certainly believe it. It is clear that dogs modify their behavior to bond with humans and gain trust and relationships. They also show selective bonding, which may be interpreted as a type of love to many people

The Human-Animal Bond

The human-animal bond is extremely strong, and dogs play a critical role in human individual and community health. Pets are family: 95% of pet owners consider their pet a part of the family and 98% of pet owners report at least one specific health benefit from their pet.

Additionally, new research suggests dogs likely play a beneficial role in social and emotional development in children.

Scientific research has documented several benefits that people get out of the human-animal bond:

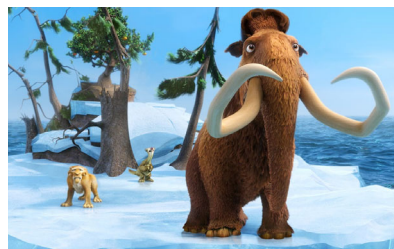
- decreased blood pressure
- reduced anxiety
- enhanced feelings of well-being

And according to a study by Bayer, people living with dogs are 15% less likely to die from heart disease.

In exchange, humans provide basic needs such as food, shelter, water, well-being, and companionship to pets.

Were Pets Always Family?

The human-animal bond has changed, developed, and evolved over more than 15,000 years. The initial inter-connection was based on a working relationship in which animals provided specific day-to-day services and protection from threats. In times of war, some also were documented to provide emotional support in addition to their role as protectors and mascots.



The role of pets has broadened extensively over time to include many different positions as workers and companions. The connection humans have to their animals is intense and rooted deeply in history. As human roles have changed, so too have the roles of pets and how humans rely on, relate to, and depend on them on so many levels.

So ... Are Dogs Family?

For many of us, dogs are family. And science is backing that up. One study reads, "Cumulating evidence suggests that the relationship between companion dogs and their human caregivers bears a remarkable resemblance to the parent-infant attachment bond."

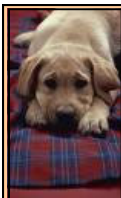
Dogs can read human facial expressions and are extremely effective at following gaze to facilitate choosing items and completing tasks. This is remarkably similar to the way infants respond to their caregivers and dogs use this social information to improve bonding.

In a way, this can be considered similar to a family member or friend. As the study says, "Dogs seem to observe humans closely, form behavioral rules from this and apply them to new contexts."

Also, it is critical to understand that not all people interact with dogs in the same way and that not all dogs are truly companion animals. However, for those dogs that do play this role at home, "Dogs pay more attention to the actions of their caregivers than to the actions of other familiar humans."

Household companion dogs selectively bond closely to humans, attend to their needs, and sometimes make sacrifices for their caregivers. Both data and many people's human experience suggest that there are similarities between family relationships and those held between human and dog.

"Pets are humanizing. They remind us we have an obligation and responsibility to preserve and nurture and care for all life." – James Cromwell



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Your Critter



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North Little Rock Fire Department



Lighting Fire Safety At Home

For some people thunderstorms and lightning can be scary and it is easy to see why. According to the National Weather Service, lightning can be as hot as 50,000 degrees. Five times hotter than the surface of the sun. A typical lightning flash is about 300 million Volts and about 30,000 Amps.

With lightning comes the danger of house fires. In most cases for an ignition source to start a fire it must heat the fuel sufficiently to put off vapors that exceed the material's ignition temperature. If the ignition source is only slightly hotter than the fuel, it can take hours for the fuel to get hot enough to catch fire. The hotter the ignition source the faster the fuel will ignite. Lightning is so hot it will heat up fuel such as the wood in a building to its ignition temperature before the lightning bolt is gone. If your house is hit by lightning, it will most likely suffer at least some fire damage.

House fires caused by lightning usually start in the roof or attic. Once the electricity hits a conductive path such as the house's wiring, it will follow this path to the ground. Electricity from a lightning bolt can arc from one conductor to another that is not touching it.

This overcurrent is so high it may burn up the electrical wiring and can cause a fire anywhere along the path. Even lightning strikes to a utility pole serving a house can send dangerous power surge to the house's wiring.

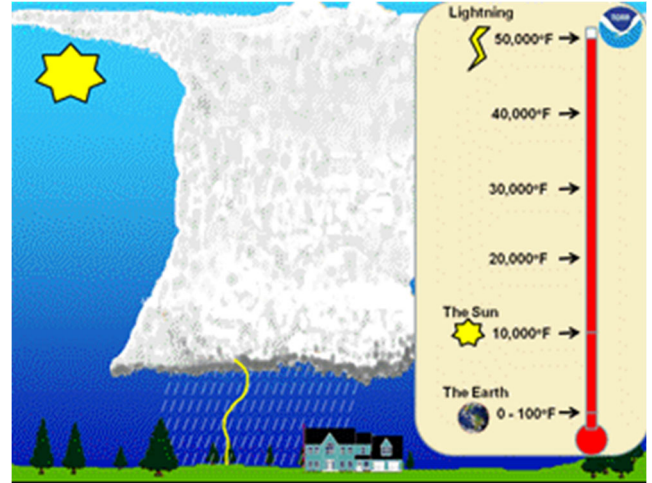
A fire caused by lightning may not be apparent immediately as the fire usually starts in the attic or inside the walls.

Here are several precautions you can take to protect yourself at home during a lightning storm:

- Make sure you have working smoke detectors in every room where people sleep and on every level of your home. In newer homes, these will be connected to the house's wiring. The detectors should also have a battery backup. Make sure the batteries are good in case the house's power is interrupted.
- Do not touch metal window or door frames any more than necessary. Do not remain standing in the doorway or near windows.
- Avoid contact with the house's wiring. Do not use a landline phone. Instead, use a cell phone. The house's wiring is a conductive path lightning will take to ground.
- Do not use plumbing any more than necessary. Do not take a bath. The house's plumbing is a conductive path lightning will follow.
- Whole house surge devices are available. They protect expensive appliances such as refrigerators in addition to computers and other electronics.
- Lightning protection systems allow the energy of a lightning bolt to flow safely into the ground. These include lightning rods installed on top of the house that will attract the lightning and allow the electricity to flow into the ground thru properly bonded cables connected to grounding rods.

If your house is struck by lightning, you should consider contacting an electrician. They can inspect your house for damage to the electrical system that could be a fire hazard.

Chief Warren Almon
Fire Marshal
North Little Rock Fire Department



Ricky Cranford, North Little Rock Fire Captain promoted to Battalion Chief

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 Hazmat Technician. In 2005, Cranford was promoted to Lieutenant. In 2015, he was promoted to Captain and selected to serve as the Fire Department Administrative Staff Captain.

Chief Cranford is the first black firefighter promoted to Battalion Chief in the North Little Rock.





Mayor Terry C. Hartwick holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects, and accomplishments.

Senior Center—9,198 members visited with 484 being the highest one-day total. 104 new members. Trips included Barnhill in Jacksonville, Cotton Shed Vintage Market in Bryant, Bean Bag Baseball and Volleyball away-games. 728 volunteer hours.

Sanitation—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 2,401.12 tons (4,802,240 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 91 loads (2,570.00 cubic yards) of green waste. Leaf crews picked up 89 loads (3,023.56 cubic yards). 548 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 10 inspections, 4 re-inspections and issued 4 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued in February.

Traffic Services—Barricade Permits—90, AR One Call—72, Signs/Post replaced—87, City Vehicles marked with logo—3.

Police—Violent crimes continued to decrease. Property crimes continue to rise with a significant increase in credit card fraud—theft from vehicle reports show the two items taken most often are weapons and credit cards. Most items are taken from UNLOCKED vehicles. Joint Police Academy completed 8th week. New pre-certified officers Anthony Parsons.

Fire—1,132 incidents, 696 Rescue & EMS, 172 Good Intent Call, 123 Service Calls, 58 False Alarm, 68 Fire. 5,115 Fire Training hours. 169 Building Surveys. Department held retirement, promotion and swearing-in ceremony. Retired: Battalion Chief Al Cerrato, Captain Perry Tackett, and Lieutenant Mark Mahan. 3 new firefighters: Richard Herring, Ashley Meyer and Michael Marra. 6 promotions: Matthew Hunt, Tanner Ramsey and Matt Mathchett to Lieutenant, David Kirkendoll and Steve Lankford promoted to Captain. Captain Ricky Cranford was promoted to Battalion Chief.

Emergency Services/911—Incoming calls: 4,520—non-911 calls, 5,400—911 calls, 492—abandoned 911 calls.

Planning—1,048 inspections, covered over 5,796 miles within city. 119 HVAC, 324 Plumbing, 397 Electrical, 208 Building inspections. 10 sign permits, 2 banner permits, 9 demolition permits, 27 new single-family permits—average \$137,347, 53 residential remodel permits—average \$16,804, 2 residential addition permits, 2 new commercial permits—average \$7,600,000, 7 commercial remodel permits—average \$1,949,949, 0 new multi-family permit, 0 new multi-family units, preliminary single family lots—0.

Code Enforcement—assigned calls—83, initiated calls 337, citations—2, violation notices—347, vehicles tagged—82, vehicles towed—1, lots posted—11, signs removed—3, structures inspected—42, rental inspections—22, food service inspections—20, search warrants—2, structures con-

demned—4, houses demolished by city—3, houses demolished by owner—5, vacant lots cleaned—5, lots with structures cleaned—1, vacant houses secured—12, tires removed—182.

Parks and Recreation—Arts and Culture programs held Annual Black History Program. Elite Cheer Starz competed in Hot Springs and Little Rock, Team Shimmer Starz won 1st Place for their division. Team Sapphirez won 1st Place at the Arkansas Classic. NLR Community Center has open play for pickleball Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 632 visitors—groups included Falcon Jet (8), Sub Vet Group (15), 4 overnights: Troop 1905 (20), Boy Scout Troop 334 Memphis, TN (25), Scout Troop 437 Osceola, MO (30) and Scout Troop 442 Wylie, TX (34).

Animal Services—Incoming:

Dog 204/ytd 346
Cat 52/ytd 96
Other 2/ytd 6

Adopted:

Dog 68/ytd 119
Cat 33/ytd 66
Other 0/ytd 5

Reclaim:

Dog 27/ytd 56
Cat 0/ytd 0
Other 0/ytd 0

Euthanized:

Dog 92/ytd 168
Cat 16/ytd 25
Other 2/ytd 2
Service calls: 538/ytd/947
Citations: 29/ytd 79

Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 50/ytd 96



Hi! We're Donald and Mickey and we're adopted! Thank you to our momma and daddy who made us their fur-babies!

Please ADOPT your next fur-baby from an Animal Shelter or Rescue

NLR Electric—

Customers: 40,081
Revenue: \$8,321,112
Peak Demand: 111,250 kW
Territory: 60 square miles
RS (Residential Solar) Net Meter Customers: 384 (55 pending)
Total RS solar panel capacity: 2,484.2 kW
Average RS solar panel capacity: 7.57 kW
Residents with solar arrays larger than 10 kW: 67
Total capacity of customer-owned solar: 5,389.6 kW
Major outages: 2/28/24
11:50 pole fell over at 4524 Burrow Drive—1,236 customers out 11 minutes.



Did you know NLR Linemen have to climb poles with gear that weighs around 50 lbs? Thank you NLR Electric for all you do!

Monthly Financial Report—February 2024

Revenues

Miscellaneous	\$ 51,396
Licenses & Permits	\$ 784,179
Property Tax	\$ 481,332
Intergovernmental	\$ 105,679
Franchise Fees	\$ 361,294
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 6,202,002
Charges for Services	\$ 196,954
Fines & Fees	\$ 142,943
Interest Income	\$ 116,557
Net Transfers	(\$ 726,217)
Total	\$ 7,716,117

Expenditures

Administration	\$ 668,936
Animal Shelter	\$ 89,559
Special Appropriations	\$ 1,687,913
City Clerk	\$ 38,699
Emergency Services/911	\$ 212,024
Finance	\$ 139,040
Fire	\$ 1,457,703
Health	\$ 6,882
Legal	\$ 69,192
1st Court	\$ 55,804
2nd Court	\$ 39,249
Human Resources	\$ 70,822
Planning	\$ 87,342
Police	\$ 2,287,656
Code Enforcement	\$ 104,513
Public Works	\$ 47,383
Neighborhood Services	\$ 32,743
Sanitation	\$ 589,559
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 122,767
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 78,763
Communications	\$ 16,941
Fit 2 Live	\$ 8,601
Total	\$ 7,912,090

Release Clutter, Gain Peace

Found at americanlifestylemag.com

There is often an uncanny parallel between the state of our minds and the state of our spaces. It's almost as if releasing material items also releases stale-emotions and patterns that no longer serve us. Decluttering can create a sense of order and calm, reducing stress levels and boosting well-being.

Improved focus and productivity

Clutter can be very visually overstimulating, creating a distracting environment. Some people may even experience sensory overload if they are in spaces that are disorganized and crowded with physical objects. When the mess is reduced, the stimulation lessens, allowing room for focus and concentration.

Better sleep

There's nothing like crawling into a bed that's been made with freshly washed sheets and surveying a clean and tidy bedroom. Clutter can disrupt sleep by making it difficult to relax your mind, but clearing it encourages a peaceful night's slumber.

2023 Economic Development Projects in North Little Rock

Last month NLR Chamber members recognized projects which created over \$100 million of capital investment and nearly 500 new jobs in the city. Those businesses are:

Federal Metal—

\$17.9 million investment—40 new jobs with an average salary of \$49,282

Safe Foods Expansion—

New 55,000 square foot packaging facility and warehouse that will allow Safe Food to manufacture 19 additional product lines for PSSI that they will use to protect consumers from foodborne illness—expansion created 20 new jobs

Lowe's Distribution Center—

1.2 million square foot bulk distribution warehouse on 115 acres—300 new jobs

Manhattan Road and Bridge—

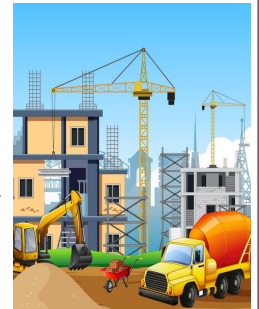
Road construction firm with offices across the state was awarded \$87.3 million widening project by the AR Department of Transportation for the west end of I-630.

Other projects completed in 2023

- 7 Brew—(Maumelle Boulevard)
- 7 Brew—(John F. Kennedy Boulevard)
- Draft & Table
- Burns Park Fire Station
- Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center updates
- Pickleball Courts (Burns Park)
- Pella Windows and Door Expansion
- McCain Boulevard Landscaping
- Ol' Barts
- Renown Music
- Glamour Nails
- Chipotle
- Faulkner Lake Road
- (new) NLR City Services Building
- Whataburger
- Dormitories at Shorter College

Future projects include

- Dollar General Distribution Center
- (new) Central Fire Station
- CFS Technologies
- Fire Station #11
- Funky Stretch Pizza
- Maly's Entertainment District
- Baptist Health Family Clinic—Rose City
- Argenta Tempo Hotel
- Resorts at Rockwater (apartments)
- Ace Glass and Recycling
- NLR Electric Solar Farm
- Hale Trailer and Brake



Reduced allergy symptoms

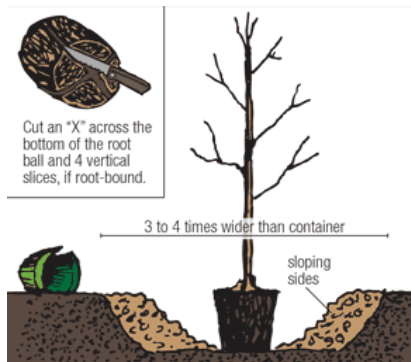
Unsurprisingly, messy spaces can harbor dust, mold, and other allergens. If you are sensitive to them, a good decluttering and cleaning can make a world of difference by helping you breathe better. After all, the less stuff you have, the fewer surfaces there are for dust to settle on and nooks for mold to grow in.



How to Plant Containerized Trees

Trees from nurseries are often potted in a container. These instructions are for planting containerized trees.
Found at arborday.org

1. Dig a hole the same depth of the container and 3 to 4 times wider than the container. The hole should have sloping sides like a saucer to allow for proper root growth.
2. Lay the tree on its side and carefully remove the tree from the container, keeping the soil around the roots intact. It helps to tap the outside of the container to loosen the edge. Carefully slide the tree from the container. Don't yank the tree out of the container as this can separate the roots from the tree.



3. Sometimes containerized trees become root-bound or the roots look like they're about to circle the root ball. If your tree is like this, cut an X across the bottom of the root ball and four vertical slices along the sides of the root ball with a sharp knife.

4. Set the tree in the middle of the hole. Avoid planting the tree too deep. If the root collar sits below the top of the hole, compact some soil under the tree so that the root flare at the base of the trunk is slightly above ground level. Using some soil, secure the tree in a straight position, then fill and firmly pack the hole with the original soil, making sure there aren't any air pockets. Keep backfilling until the soil is just below the root collar.

5. Create a water-holding basin around the hole and give the tree a good watering. After the water has soaked in, spread protective mulch 2-4 inches deep in a 3-foot diameter area around the base of the tree, but not touching the trunk.
 6. The soil and mulch around your trees should be kept moist but not soggy. During dry weather, generously water the tree every 7 to 10 days during the first year. Water slowly at the dripline.
 7. Remove any tags and labels from the tree as these will affect the tree as it grows. You may need to prune any broken or dead branches. (Please refer to arborday.org pruning guide for directions.)
- For step by step videos and more planting information go to arborday.org/HowToPlant.



Fertilizer? DO NOT use fertilizer, potting soil, or chemicals on your newly planted trees. Such products will kill your young trees.

Watering: Keeping your trees watered is important during their first year. Keep the soil and mulch moist but not soggy. In dry weather, you should water generously every 7 to 10 days. The water should soak into the soil and mulch. Avoid watering so much that you see standing water.

Looking for an inexpensive fun way to celebrate the upcoming 2024 Solar Eclipse? How about making some Solar Cookies!

Here are a couple of suggestions:

Buy a pouch of Sugar Cookie Mix OR Refrigerated Sugar Cookie dough and prepare according to instructions. Once your cookies are baked, set aside to cool.

Next take a container of (store-bought) Vanilla Frosting. Put 1/2 of it in a microwavable bowl. Stir in yellow food coloring until blended. Microwave uncovered on High 10 to 15 seconds or until warmed and thinner consistency.

Take half of the cookies, and working with one cookie at a time, dip halfway into the warmed frosting; gently shake off the excess. Place on cooling rack placed over a cookie sheet or waxed paper (for drips).

Cool until icing is set (you can refrigerate to speed up setting).

Follow the coloring instructions above but substitute with black food coloring, heat and dip the other half of your cookie!

Easy peasy!





NLR Parks and Recreation
CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Half Time Entertainment!

NLR CHEER STARZ and
Elite Cheer Starz





What's been happening at NLR Recreation Centers? A LOT!
 Here are a few pictures (thank you Jeff Caplinger, NLR Communication/Parks & Rec) of kiddos having a ball playing basketball and participating in cheer!



INFORMATION GUIDE FOR TORNADO SAFETY



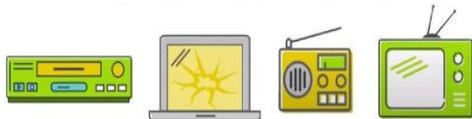
WHY DO YOU HEAR TORNADO SIRENS?

- North Little Rock tests tornado sirens every Wednesday at noon unless there's severe weather.
- These outdoor warning systems are meant to alert people outside of potential danger.
- The sirens may not be heard well inside buildings. – During tests, an automated voice announces it's a test, followed by a siren and another voice confirming the test's completion.
- In a real Tornado Warning, only the siren wail is activated.
- The city has strategically placed sirens throughout, and they sound when the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning within a geographical boundary.
- The geographical boundary includes a five-mile radius outside the city limits.
- This prepares citizens for potential tornadoes approaching the city.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK EMERGENCY SERVICES

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FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DROP-OFF COLLECTION



SIMMONS BANK ARENA PARKING LOT
7 A.M. - 2 P.M.
TUES. APRIL 2ND & WED. APRIL 3RD

Spring is here along with the birds and the bees! And so are door to door sales (solicitors/peddlers)

Many companies will try to reach new customers by going door-to-door. This isn't something new. However, many cities and towns require door-to-door sales persons to have a city issued permit.

In North Little Rock, any person going door-to-door is required to fill out an application with the City Clerk and provide an Arkansas State Police Background check, a \$1,000 bond, passport size photo and copy of their current driver's license. The packet is then sent to the NLR Police Chief for approval. If approved the City Clerk will prepare a city-issued ID which the individual must wear at all times while going door-to-door.

North Little Rock **DOES NOT HONOR** solicitors permits issued by other cities.

A person found going door-to-door without an approved and current NLR permit will be issued a citation and assigned a court appearance date. The individual will also be subject to a fine and court costs.

If someone comes to your door, you do not have to talk to them. If you do and they do not have a permit, please call 501-975-8617 and provide the location and description of the person. Our office will either come out or send a police officer to check credentials and issue a citation. If after business hours please call 911.



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: 1/2/2024
Expires: **4/3/2024**



EXAMPLE

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

To see a **list of issued permits**, visit the city website at nlr.ar.gov, then click City Departments and scroll down to City Clerk and Treasurer. Look for the dark box and click on Current Door to Door Peddlers.

To see an **individual ID/Permit**, click on the person's name. All licensed door-to-door peddlers are **required to have the ID issued by the City Clerk's Office with them at all times.**

****Currently, we have 3 permitted door to door solicitors. 2 with Edward Jones and 1 with the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette.**

All persons doing business **of any kind** within the city limits of North Little Rock are required to have a Business/Privilege License. This includes home-based such as lawn care or internet sales.

****If a business operates 1 day into the new year, it is required to obtain a business license at the full fee.****

All 2023 NLR Business Licenses expired December 31, 2023. A grace period is allowed for renewals in 2024. A 25% penalty will be applied to any invoices paid after April 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the North Little Rock City Clerk's Office at 501-975-8617.

North Little Rock History Commission



If you or a loved one have items you think might have a historic value to our city, please consider donating them to the North Little Rock History Commission. Accepted items will be maintained in their archives.

For more information, call 501-371-0755 or email nlrhistory@comcast.net.

North Little Rock Tourism wants to help promote your upcoming events! Visit www.NorthLittleRock.org or call Stephanie Slagle (Director of Marketing) at stephanie@northlittlerock.org or 501.404.0378 to submit your events.

If someone does business **within our city limits**, they are required to have a city business license. If you operate **out of your home you are required to have a business license.** If you **operate a mobile business** you are required to have a business license.

Insured and Bonded. Make sure you do your homework on anyone you are thinking about doing business with. Check to see if the person working for you has a state license (if required) city license (required), and insurance bond (to cover any damages that may occur on your property).

ALL PERSONS DOING BUSINESS OF ANY KIND IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CITY BUSINESS LICENSE

Below is a list of a few new questions...

Q&A...I have a business license in Conway? No, you don't. The City of Conway and a few others around the state do not require a business/privilege license. You may obtain a business license from any city or town within the state that does require a business license and it should be honored by others cities.

Q&A...If my business is physically located in North Little Rock, can I get a business license in Sherwood instead? You could, however, if you have a brick and mortar location in North Little Rock you will have to get a North Little Rock Business License as well.

Q&A...I want to make and sell my crafts online, do I need a license? Yes. You are creating a product to sell for profit. A License is required.

Q&A...Can I have a yard/carport/garage sale at my home? Yes, one is permitted per quarter (or every 3 months). More than that is considered a business and requires zoning and a license.

What happens if I do business without a license? You will be **issued a citation and have to appear in court.** You are then **subject to a fine and any court costs** associated with the same. **Failure to appear could result in a warrant and revocation of your driver's license.**

If you want to check to see if a business is licensed with us, please call 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 nlr.ar.gov, then click on the Elected Officials tab, followed by City Council then scroll to upcoming City Council Agenda.

City Offices located at 700 West 29th

Construction and Building Services Mary Beth Bowman	501-975-8881
Finance, Ember Strange	501-975-8802
Fit 2 Live, LaKaisha Shelby	501-442-7406
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	501-975-8855
Legal, Amy Fields, City Attorney	501-975-3755
Planning, Shawn Spencer	501-975-8835

City Council Members

Ward 1	Debi Ross	501-753-0733
	Nathan Hamilton	501-952-7679
Ward 2	Linda Robinson	501-945-8820
	Maurice Taylor	501-690-6444
Ward 3	Steve Baxter	501-804-0928
	Ron Harris	501-758-2877
Ward 4	Charlie Hight	501-758-8396
	Vince Insalaco III	501-951-0786

**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 Terry C. Hartwick	501-975-8601
City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey	501-975-8617
City Attorney Amy Fields	501-975-3755
Dist Court Judge Randy Morley	501-791-8562
Dist Court Judge Paula Juels Jones	501-791-8559

Telephone Numbers for City Hall

Mayor's Office.....	501-975-8601
Terry C. Hartwick	
City Clerk & Treasurer.....	501-975-8617
Diane Whitbey	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Shara Hutchcraft	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Revenue Enforcement.....	501-975-8612
Officer Jim Scott	
Special Projects/DEI.....	501-975-3737
Arnessa Bennett	

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling schedule for the month of April 2024.

April 1—5 no pickup
April 8—12 recycle
April 15-19 no pickup
April 22—26, recycle
April 29—May 3, no pickup



April Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date
CANTRELL, PAUL	Police	3	MILLER, JON	Fire	14
COTTON, DENISHA	Parks Recreation	3	PETTIT, DYLAN	Fire	14
PLATT, MELANIE	Fire	4	TUSTISON, STACY	IT	15
DAVIDSON, BRANDON	Police	4	RODGERS, DAVID	Sanitation	16
HUGHES, ROBERT	Electric	6	MORRIS, LEVERNE	Sanitation	16
SAUERWIN, JOSHUA	Sanitation	6	JONES, RAGAN	Electric	18
SHUMPERT, JAMES	Parks Maint	6	GASTON, DALTON	Fire	18
BURKS, BOBBIE	Electric	7	ONEAL, STEPHEN	Parks Maint	19
MADISON, JOSEPH	Police	7	BLANKENSHIP, WILLIAM	Planning	21
RAMIREZ, KATHERYN	IT	7	PIERCE, ALANA	Fire	22
WEBB, MORRIS	Electric	8	DONNERSON, KENDALL	Fire	22
GANGLUFF, PHILLIP	Police	8	EVANS, PHILIP	Police	22
GILL JR, SAMUEL	Parks Maint	8	SAWYER, ANNA	Neighborhood Srv	22
HOCKENBERRY, JEFFREY	IT	8	NEWBERRY, DAWN	Police	23
HAMBY, WILLIAM	Police	9	HARRIS RAY, CHRISTOPHER	Electric	24
PRATER, SHANE	Electric	10	JONES, JONATHAN	Code Enforcement	25
BUCHANAN, JERMAREON	Electric	10	DEVINE, DEIDRA	Traffic	25
LYON, JOHN	Police	10	OLSEN, CATHERINE	Police	26
JURISIC, DAMIAN	Police	11	WILLIAMS, KENNETH	Sanitation	26
BAKER, ALEXANDER	Police	11	ALLEN, BRANDON	Electric	27
SANDERS JR, FREDDIE	Parks Maint	11	OLIVER, BRETT	Fire	27
HOFFMAN, ADAM	Fire	12	HOUSE, JACOB	Police	27
BREEDLOVE, TAYLOR	Police	12	MCNEIL, KYLE	Electric	28
HENDERSON, STEPHEN	Parks Maint	12	ETHERINGTON, ANDREW	Fire	28
GARNER, ALAN	Fire	13	LOOPER, CODY	Police	28
BRECKON, JOHN	Police	13	HUTCHISON, COLTON	Electric	29

Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by Human Resources the prior year (i.e. 2024 was provided in 2023). So if an employee name is on the list that has retired or resigned, please disregard. Also, typos happen! Please let me know if a name is spelled wrong and a correction will be included next month! For employees who leave the city and come back in a different capacity or department, your length of service may change as well. Example, I worked in the Mayor's Office 10 years, then was elected City Clerk. I have been in the City Clerk's Office 23 years. My total service with the city is 33 years.

*If this scenario applies to you, please **email me at least one month before the month of your anniversary month** so I can include your total service to the City of NLR! Diane (Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov)*

April Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
CHASTAIN, STACIA	Admin	3	COX, JOSHUA	Fire	20
SCHWEIGER, CASEY	Animal Shelter	3	RAY, ERIC	Fire	5
ISBELL, MALEKE	Animal Shelter	1	MITSunAGA, MICHAEL	Fire	9
NOLAND, BAILEY	Comm Dev	3	BUTLER, CLINT	Fire	14
BROOKS, JESSICA	OES/911	1	JONES, JUSTIN	Fire	8
DAVENPORT, JOSHUA	OES/911	5	HILL, JANET	1st Court	34
HUNTER, JUDY	Electric	10	BOWEN, CHRISTINA	1st Court	1
BURKS, BOBBIE	Electric	13	WILLIS, CRYSTAL	1st Court	12
BOLDEN, CHARLES	Electric	28	COLEMAN, JERMAINE	HR	5
MORAGNE, NAKISHA	Electric	24	FISHER, JULIE	HR	12
BARTLETT, JAMES	Electric	13	NELSON, MICHAEL	Police	31
OSBON, NATHAN	Electric	6	LATINA, THOMAS	Police	2
SMITH, MICHAEL	Electric	6	TUBBS, MARK	Police	32
DEEMS, TAYLOR	Electric	9	WOODWARD, JASON	Police	26
GOODSON, BLAINE	Electric	2	MILBY, WILLIAM	Police	5
DRIGGERS, LINDA	Finance	6	MERZ, CARISSA	Police	11
WORLEY, ANITA	Finance	1	WILLIAMS, ADAM	Police	7
IRBY, TODD	Fire	26	WARD, PATRICK	Police	5
CRANFORD, RICKY	Fire	28	MORAGNE, BRITTANY	Police	2
BROWN, GREGORY	Fire	25	BRUCKS, SAMUEL	Police	5
FORTSON, STEPHEN	Fire	23	SANTUCCI, ALEXANDER	Police	7
ADAMS, LAITH	Fire	27	ROSS, RICHARD	Code Enforcement	9
THOMPSON, MICHAEL	Fire	26	HATTER, ALAN	Sanitation	3
OAKLEY, BRIAN	Fire	25	GARDNER, ANTHONY	Sanitation	3
KOLB, JAMES	Fire	26	HUBBARD, STEVEN	Street	14
HOLLEY, MICHAEL	Fire	29	MOORE III, FREDERICK	Street	28
KNOERNSCHILD, JASON	Fire	24	JOHNSON, JOHNNY	Street	7
MAHAN, TIMOTHY	Fire	22	STEELE, JASON	Street	3
KNIFE, JASON	Fire	22	TOATLEY, DEDRICK	Street	2
POOLE, DENNIS	Fire	20	ROUGELY, BRYAN	Street	11
NASH, GREGORY	Fire	22	BRYANT, HOLLY	Street	5
BRYSON, ROBERT	Fire	25	RICHARDSON, LESLIE	Traffic	19
DAVIS, WILLIAM	Fire	23	WALKER, KENNETH	Traffic	4
SIMPSON, KYLE	Fire	25	BROWN, JIMMY	Parks Maint	5
HOOPS, HEATH	Fire	27	BROOKS, CHARLES	Parks Maint	23
ROE, JASON	Fire	20	EOFF, DONALD	Parks Maint	21
BURKS, JOSH	Fire	20	HARRIS, NATHANIEL	Parks Maint	1
GARRETT, MICHAEL	Fire	20	CONKLIN, KEVIN	Parks Maint	2
HILL, BRYAN	Fire	23	PATE, TONY	Parks Recreation	17
SCHRADER, DUDLEY	Fire	24	MURPHY, CLIFFORD	Parks Golf	6
MORENO, CHRISTOPHER	Fire	22			

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GET READY FOR THE TOTAL ECLIPSE AND EARTH DAY AT YOUR

NLR Public Libraries!

Prepare for April with our Total Solar Eclipse Readiness events and Earth Day celebrations! Your North Little Rock Public Library System's April calendar is packed with fun activities to mark these special occasions. Discover these events and more at NLRlibrary.org.

Featured events and dates:

- **Solar Eclipse Survival Kits: Family Evening - Wednesday, April 3 from 3:30 - 5 PM at Argenta Library**
 - This event includes the proper use of eclipse glasses for kids and adults, along with some to take home. A speaker to explain all the old myths surrounding the Total Solar Eclipse and crafts for kids.
- **Eclipse Readiness Night @ Laman - Thursday, April 4 from 5 - 6:30 PM at Laman Library**
 - Our rare opportunity to experience a total solar eclipse is coming soon! Get your FREE solar eclipse glasses and enjoy a library full of eclipse-themed experiences for all ages - story time, trivia, art class, and more!
- **Argenta After Hours: Salsa Dancing - Thursday, April 4 from 6 - 8:30 PM at Argenta Library**
 - Learn basic Salsa steps and enjoy dancing with a date, friends, or someone new. This program is great for beginners and dance-lovers alike. Registration required at programs.nlrlibrary.org/event/10370541.
- **North Little Rock Public Library System will be closed on Monday, April 8 for the Total Solar Eclipse.**
- **Earth Day Giveaways - Monday, April 22 at 10 AM and 3:30 PM at Argenta Library**
 - Throughout the day we will have staff available to share about our seed library. During the event, we will have stations for visitors to make pollinator seed bombs and bird feeders - great for all ages.
- **Earth Day Celebrations for Kids - Monday, April 22 at 10:30 AM and 4 PM at Argenta Library**
 - Stories, designing flowerpots, planting flowers, and flower crafts are just a few of the hands-on experiences kids will enjoy. Join us at 10:30 AM for Baby-Time Earth Day stories and flower planting or at 4 PM for flowerpot designing and plantings.
- **Seed Paper Making - Monday, April 22 at 5 PM at Laman Library**
 - Join us in The Studio for an Earth Day Celebration project. We are going to use up scraps to make brand new handmade paper sheets and balls. Write a message and plant it or toss the ball in your garden to watch nature grow where ever it lands.



Free Solar Eclipse Glasses

at your North Little Rock Public Library System



Find our full calendar at the QR code or visit programs.nlrlibrary.org/events!

Staff Birthdays:

- April 1 - Beverly P.
- April 2 - Robert R.
- April 28 - Abbie K.



NLRlibrary.org

William F. Laman Public Library
2801 Orange Street, NLR, AR 72114
501-759-1720

Argenta Public Library
420 Main Street, NLR, AR 72114
501-687-1061

@NLRlibraries





Last month, the former North Little Rock City Services Building was demolished to make room for something new and exciting in our downtown area!

To the left, the former City Attorney's Office Building was also demolished which resulted in the uncovering of a wonderful piece of our city! (See picture page 15)



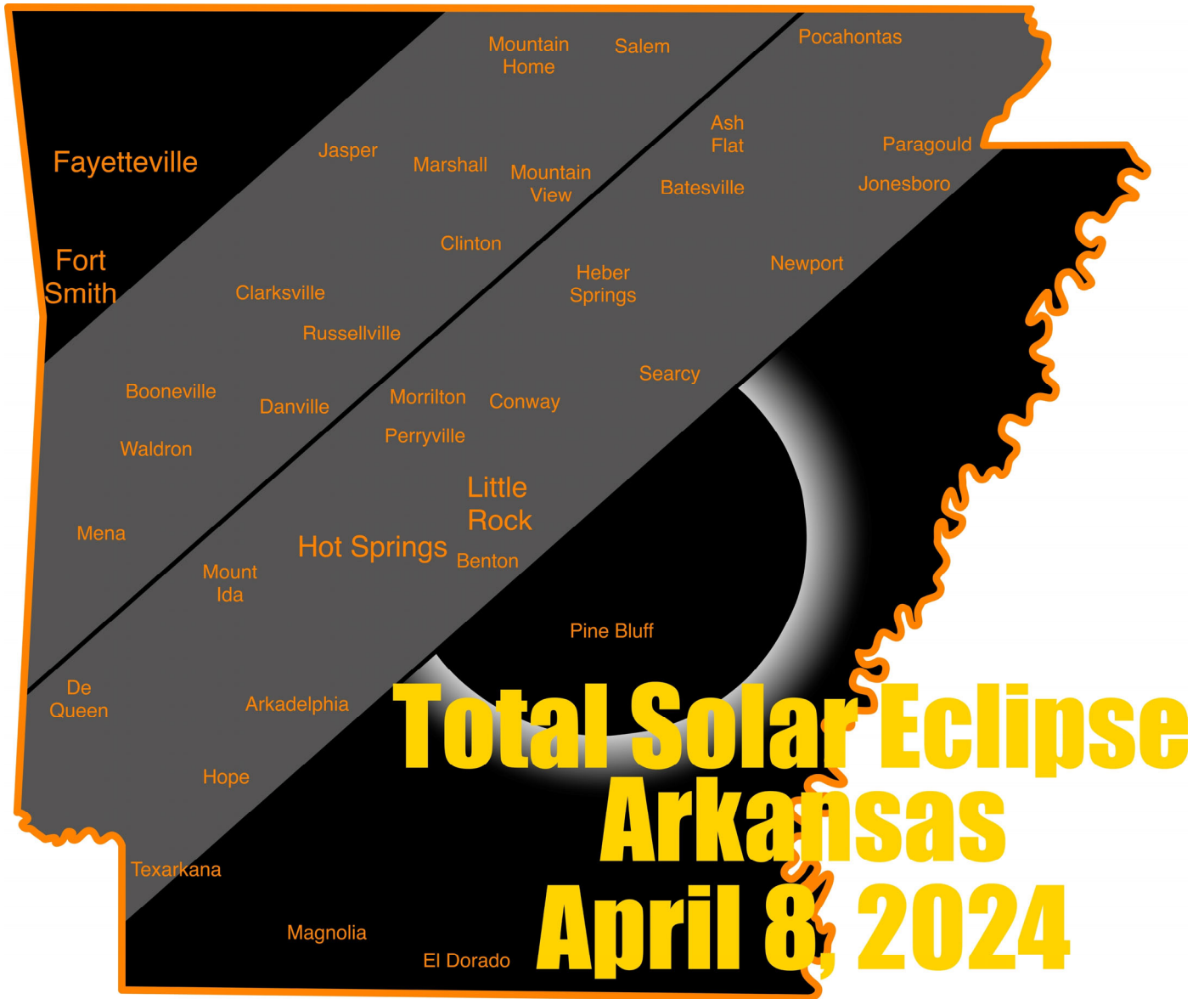


Last month, the advertisement was discovered during the demolition of the former North Little Rock City Attorney's Office (116 Main Street, North Little Rock).



Earlier this year runners (and walkers) of all ages took part in the River Trail 15K. Left and below are a few of the photos of the brave runners...including North Little Rock Council Member Steve Baxter!





Get your official
NLR The Great American Eclipse
 Tie-Dye Tee Shirt
 for only \$25.00!
 and/or
 Matching Eclipse Viewing Glasses
 Only \$1.00 a pair
While supplies last!

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MOON BLOCK PARTY

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ARGENTA PLAZA
510 MAIN STREET, NORTH LITTLE ROCK

SATURDAY,
APRIL 6

Silent Disco
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.



SUNDAY, APRIL
7

Mayday by
Midnight
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.



MONDAY, APRIL
8

The Six Piece
Suits
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.



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For more information
about the 2024 eclipse in
North Little Rock, visit
northlittlerock.org.



April 6—8: Moon Block Party At Argenta Plaza

North Little Rock
Tourism will host a free three-
day Moon Block Party to cele-
brate the 2024 Total Solar
Eclipse at Argenta
Plaza, at 510 Main Street in
North Little Rock Saturday, April
6, 2024 - Monday, April 8,
2024.

“By offering a weekend of ac-
tivity, we hope to entice visitors
to come early before the eclipse
on Monday, April 8, to help mini-
mize traffic the day of as well as
support our local economy,”
said Erica Warden, Director of
Market Development for North
Little Rock Tourism. “The con-
cept for the plaza is for it to be a
hub, a gathering place with food
and entertainment all weekend.”



Need some Eclipse swag to
remember this once in a lifetime
event (for some of us anyway!)?
Visit the North Little Rock Wel-
come Center at 600 Main
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ters for Total Solar Eclipse 2024
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We have everything from cof-
fee mugs that show the eclipse
when you add hot liquid to cool
tie-dyed tees!

Spend \$10 or more prior to
April 8 and receive an additional
four (4) FREE eclipse glasses!

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Shop ahead!

Observe safety

Learn and be present

Adapt and adjust

Reduce travel

Visit [https://northlittlerock.org/
april-6-april-8-moon-block-party-
at-argenta-plaza/](https://northlittlerock.org/april-6-april-8-moon-block-party-at-argenta-plaza/) for the full
meaning of S.O.L.A.R!