

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

May 2024

4th Annual Pulaski County Fair—North Little Rock Riverfront Park May 17—27, 2024



We are thrilled to announce the return of the Pulaski County Fair presented by Oaklawn Hot Springs for its 4th annual event at the North Little Rock Riverfront Park, situated along the picturesque banks of the Arkansas River. The fair is set to take place from May 17-27, 2024, offering nine days of fun, food, and entertainment for the whole family.

FAIR HOURS:

Weekdays: 5 pm - 10 pm (Closed Monday, 5/20 & Tuesday, 5/21)

Weekends: 12 pm - 11 pm

Memorial Day: 12 pm - 8 pm

Admission to the park is \$5 for adults, while children 10 and under can enter for free.

WRISTBANDS AND RIDE TICKETS:

Admission to the park is \$5 for adults, while children 10 and under can enter for free. Visitors can enjoy unlimited rides with an all-day wristband for \$30 or purchase single-ride tickets for \$1 each (rides require 3-7 tickets, depending on the ride). \$22 wristbands can be pre-purchased at North Little Rock Tourism at 600 Main St Suite 100, North Little Rock until Friday, May 17 at 4 p.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

The 2024 Pulaski County Fair features P.B.J. Happee Days Shows carnival midway, over 20 various thrilling rides, entertaining games, petting zoo, novelty vendors, mouth-watering food options, live music on our main stage, a new BMX sporting feature, a new beer tent with live music, and adult beverages.

MAIN STAGE LINEUP:

KIDS NIGHT - Thurs 5/23: mömandpöp

BLUES NIGHT - Fri 5/24: John Calvin Brewer

COUNTRY NIGHT - Sat 5/25: Eli Adams

HISPANIC TRIBUTE - Sun 5/26: Guayuver'z Musical

MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE - Mon 5/27: Cliff & Susan

BEER TENT ACOUSTIC ACTS:

Friday, May 17 - Joe Darr - 6-10 PM

Saturday, May 18 - Jacob Yarbrough - 5-9 PM

Sunday, May 19, Amber Violet - 5-9 PM

Thursday, May 23 - Joe Darr - 6-9 PM

Friday, May 24 - Joe Darr - 6-10 PM

Saturday, May 25 - Joey Fanstar - 5-9 PM

Sunday, May 26 - Joey Barrett - 5-9 PM

A portion of the fair's proceeds will be donated to North Little Rock Parks & Recreation, supporting their ongoing mission to provide exceptional recreational opportunities and services for the community.



"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

Do Dogs and Cats Grieve?

Found at petmd.com/care/do-dogs-and-cats-grieve

As pet parents, we will all experience the heartbreak of losing a beloved companion. After such a loss, people often work through personal grief by taking comfort in memories, photos, and physical reminders of the pet that we so dearly loved.

While we understand that death is an inevitable part of life, do pets also make this connection? How do dogs and cats understand and react to death? Do they grieve when they lose a beloved person or another pet in their family?

Do Dogs and Cats Grieve Their Loved Ones?

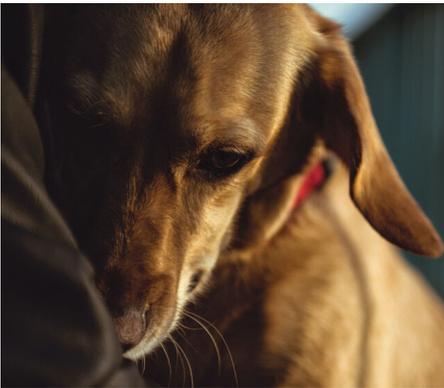
While it is unlikely that pets grasp the concept of their human companion being gone forever, there is definite evidence to suggest that they grieve the loss. This is shown through behavioral changes after a pet experiences a loss, likely in response to missing the company of their companion and the change in their shared daily routine.

You may have personally witnessed or heard stories about dogs that are closely bonded to their owners, or military and law enforcement dogs, that have shown behavioral changes consistent with grief and depression after a loss.

There have been numerous photographs and videos of dogs waiting patiently by the front door, sitting at the end of the driveway, and even resting near their owner's gravesites that have been shared as proof that these animals miss their owners or handlers and are grieving their loss. Cats can also show signs of grief, and although you don't see as many media representations, there is plenty of evidence.

Signs of Grief in Pets

Several surveys and studies have revealed some common signs of grieving in cats and dogs.



Researchers in New Zealand reported in 2016 that dogs and cats exhibit signs of stress and grief over the loss of their canine and feline companions, and their behaviors were similar to those of young children who grieved the loss of a family member:

Behavioral Change	Percentage of Dogs Involved	Percentage of Cats Involved
More demanding of attention	35	40
Being clingy or needy	26	22
Seeking less affection from pet parents	10	15
Seeking out the deceased's favorite spot	30	36
Increased duration sleep	34	20
Decreased amount eaten	35	21
Slower eating	31	12
Increased frequency of vocalizations	27	43
Increased volume of vocalizations	19	32

How Long Does Grief Last in Pets?

Just like with humans, there is no finite period for grief, as every animal responds differently to a loss. Many experts suggest that animal grief will run its course in weeks to months, but studies of other species of animals recognized grief in closely bonded wild animal communities that lasted for years.

How Does Our Grief Affect Them?

A 2019 study from Duke University reported elevated cortisol levels in the hair of humans who indicated they were suffering from significant stressors in their lives. The study also found that pets living with humans under stressful conditions had elevated cortisol levels in their fur, suggesting that pets do sense our emotions and may exhibit similar physical stress responses.

This can certainly translate to stress brought on by grief or loss, so it's safe to say that your pet is also affected when you are grieving a loss.

How to Help Grieving Pets

After the death of a pet, there are several ways you can help other pets during their time of grieving:

- Stick to daily routines. Maintain a consistent mealtime schedule and continue any daily walks or other outdoor activities as well as playtime.
- Offer extra attention and affection to help pets recover emotionally from the loss of their friend.

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Need a new
addition to your
family?
Call 501-791-8577
...we've got the
perfect companion
for you!

Our shelter is full of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in need of a forever home. Please consider adopting a shelter pet for your next pet.

**Please Don't Litter
Spay or Neuter
Your Critter**



Don't shop! Please adopt!



North Little Rock Fire Department



May is Wildfire Awareness Month

The information below was included in an article found on the FEMA website.

As the hotter, drier weather of summer approaches, the risk of wildfire increases. FEMA encourages you to make sure your home and your family are prepared for wildfires.

The United States Fire Administration promotes simple ways to prevent a fire from affecting your home and community, including:

- Reduce amount of flammable materials and brush that can burn around your home by removing pine needles, dry leaves or other highly flammable materials.
- Protect your roof: Trim branches that overhang your home and remove any leaves, needles, and sticks from your roof and gutters.
- Move wood piles and small propane tanks away from your (and your neighbor's) home, 30 feet or more is best.
- Embers from a burning fire can get under an unprotected porch or through vents. To prevent this, install a wire mesh screen with openings no larger than 1/8th inch.

Be prepared in case you need to evacuate:

- Keep important documents in a fireproof safe, on a USB drive, or store password protected documents online.
- Check your home insurance to make sure your policy protects your current home value and includes wildfires.
- Give yourself time and evacuate early if possible. If you can't leave, designate a room that can be closed off from outside air in case air conditions become hazardous.
- Make your household emergency plan and go-it. When making plans, don't forget the needs of



pets. Make sure that you know more than one way out of your neighborhood.

- Sign up to receive emergency alerts and notices for your community.
- Ready.gov offers vital safety tips on what to do before, during, and after a wildfire.

Another important thing to consider is buying flood insurance. After a wildfire, flood risk increases due to the inability of charred vegetation and soil to absorb water. Rainstorms after a wildfire lead to increased runoff down slopes and into channels, streams, and rivers. Flooding after fire can be fast, severe, and include mudflows as runoff picks up debris, ash, and sediment from the burn scar. Flood insurance can protect property owners from catastrophic financial impacts of flooding following a wildfire.

Wildfires can develop and spread quickly, leaving little time to get somewhere safe. Know what to do to keep yourself, your family, and your pets safe and take steps now to protect your future.



Following the 2024 Eclipse event downtown a flower pot by City Hall was found to have a fire smoldering in the bottom.

Thank you to the NLR Fire Department crew who arrived to put out the fire and clean off the sidewalk! You guys rock!

About the Department—The overall goal of the North Little Rock Fire Department is to prevent the loss of life and property to residents that are entrusted to our care, through direct intervention and preventative education. This is to be accomplished while ensuring the health and safety of our firefighters and maintaining the highest degree of professionalism within our department. The Fire Department is committed to the pursuit of its mission primarily through prevention and education. When incidents do occur, we provide emergency and non-emergency responses to/and mitigation of fire, medical emergencies, hazardous material incidents, technical rescues, and any natural, man-made or other situation that may arise.



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

Senior Center—9,264 members visited with 483 being the highest one-day total, 117 new members. Trips included 46th Annual Wye Mountain Daffodil

Festival, US Marshal Museum in Fort Smith, Golden Corral, Mount Magazine and Skycrest Restaurant, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, Beanbag Baseball and Chair Volleyball away games, Greenbrier Flea Markets and Ropers, Crater of Diamonds and BBQ, Greers Ferry Fish Hatchery and Peggy Sue's Café and lastly Sam Walton's Five and Dime Walmart Museum followed by lunch. Hays Center members are signing up for a trip to Niagara Falls later this year. An Alaskan Cruise is being planned for 2025. 721 volunteer hours.

Sanitation—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 2,368.55 tons (4,737,100 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 115 loads (3,272.00 cubic yards) of green waste. Leaf crews picked up 18 loads (577.72 cubic yards). 548 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 12 inspections, 10 re-inspections and issued 3 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued in March. Recycling tonnage was 189.50

Traffic Services—Barricade Permits—70, AR One Call—52, Signs/Post replaced—66, City Vehicles marked with logo—2. Stealth Radar set up at 4505 Rogers Street and 7500 North Hills Boulevard.

Police—Violent crimes continued to decrease. Property crimes continue to show an increase. Breaking and Entering, credit card fraud and vehicle thefts are down. Joint Police Academy continued. Department hosted the Deputy Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Tanya Bradsher for a town hall meeting with veterans who work as first responders. Department has 177 officers with several in pre-certification process.

Fire—1,130 incidents, 682 Rescue & EMS, 173 Good Intent Call, 140 Service Calls, 75 False Alarm, 40 Fire. 3,915 Fire Training hours. 185 Building Surveys.

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

Planning—805 inspections: 149 HVAC, 213 Plumbing, 280 Electrical, 183 Building inspections. 4 sign permits, 1 banner permit, 9 demolition permits, 10 new single-family permits—average \$167,070, 62 residential remodel permits—average \$19,532, 0 residential addition permits, 10 new commercial permits—average \$535,617, 8 commercial remodel permits—average \$146,470, 8 new multi-family permit, 42 new multi-family units, preliminary single family lots—0.

Code Enforcement—assigned calls—74, initiated calls 572, citations—6, violation notices—520, vehicles tagged—

149, vehicles towed—5, lots posted—208, signs removed—11, structures inspected—35, rental inspections—16, food service inspections—3, search warrants—0, structures condemned—8, houses demolished by city—5, houses demolished by owner—8, vacant lots cleaned—0, lots with structures cleaned—0, vacant houses secured—6, tires removed—225.

Parks and Recreation—staff hosted 7 Easter Egg Hunts. North Heights Gymnastics Coach Darrell Leatherman retired. Golf hosted US Kids tour. Tennis had USTA Spring Team Tennis Leagues and tournaments underway. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 1,617 visitors—groups: Scout Group Pack 274 (38), Cub Scout Group (18), Lead Hill School (20), American Heritage Group (17), Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) (33)—overnight: Troup 338 Cordova, TN (14), Troop 0010 Hot Springs (5), Troop 999 (8) Troop 261, Bartlett, TN (23) and Virtual Academy (20)—1 Special Event—Submarine Veteran Burial at Sea (30).

Animal Services—

Incoming:

Dog 155/ytd 501
Cat 109/ytd 205
Other 0/ytd 6

Adopted:

Dog 54/ytd 173
Cat 33/ytd 90
Other 0/ytd 5

Reclaim:

Dog 21/ytd 77
Cat 3/ytd 3
Other 0/ytd 0

Euthanized:

Dog 82/ytd 250
Cat 67/ytd 92
Other 0/ytd 2
Service calls: 616/ytd/1,563
Citations: 62/ytd 141

Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 48/ytd 144



NLR Electric—

Customers: 40,014
Revenue: \$6,440,967
Peak Demand: 102,301 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: 3/15/24 9:09 broken cross arm, wire down—1,494 customers without power 1 hour 54 minutes. customers out 11 minutes.

North Little Rock City offices will be closed Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day. Sanitation pickup will be delayed one day all week (Monday's pickup Tuesday and so on...)

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

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- Try calming aids such as music therapy or diffusers and calming collars.
- Nutritional supplements such as probiotics for dogs may also help alleviate your pet's anxiety.
- Provide new, mentally stimulating toys and chews for dogs. For cats, you can offer new cat trees, interactive toys, or access to a safe outdoor enclosure.

If your pet begins to show behaviors such as house soiling, destruction of toys or furniture, or excessive vocalizing and whining, it is important not to punish or discipline them. This will only teach them to fear you and may increase their anxiety and make these behaviors worse.

Talk to your vet or ask for a recommendation for a behaviorist in these cases. Pets with more severe behavioral changes may also benefit from antidepressant medications.

The amount of time that a dog or cat grieves will vary individually, but eventually they do recover and will usually fall back into their daily routines at some point.

However, if your pet continues to decline physically or emotionally, consult with your veterinary team to be sure there's no underlying medical condition that's causing symptoms that you initially thought were related to grief.

Cats in particular should be closely monitored if they stop eating, as prolonged anorexia in cats can quickly develop into a life-threatening condition known as hepatic lipidosis.

Will My Pets Be Upset if I Get Another Pet Soon After a Death?

Another consideration is finding the appropriate time to bring a new pet into your home after a loss. This will depend on your feelings and also the temperament and adaptability of your other pets.

Bringing a new pet into the home too soon may cause increased stress and anxiety if your existing pets have not had time to process the absence of the companion that has died. This will inevitably disrupt the normal daily routine while the new pet becomes acclimated to their new surroundings. This increase in stress may result in some temporary undesirable behaviors, including house soiling or destruction of toys, bedding, or other household items.

For dogs, a good compromise may be to schedule playdates with other dogs that they have already met and like. You could also plan regular trips to a dog park to allow them to interact with other dogs, which might benefit them both physically and emotionally.

Cats may benefit from an increase in cuddling or physical affection from you as a means of distraction from the absence of their companion.



Obituary—**Shelley Taylor Smith**—daughter of North Little Rock History Commission Director Sandra Taylor Smith and her husband Danny passed away March 24, 2024.

Shelley was loved by many and known for her creativity, loving kindness and her unique zeal for life. She inspired many with her musings and encouraged everyone to be the best they could be.

Shelley was a talented artist who spent the majority of her time drawing and creating. She loved to dance, play the piano and mastered the skill to whittle a stick into art.

She will be missed by her many friends and family.



Now is a great time to adopt your next furry family member from a local shelter or humane society. Many are overflowing with kittens, puppies and adult cats and dogs of all ages. All are looking for a fur-ever home.

Anytime of year is the right time to spay and neuter your pets.

If you're not ready to adopt, consider being a foster parent. Reach out to your local shelter or humane society for more information.



Safety Cited in Necessary Burn in North Little Rock's Burns Park North Little Rock, Arkansas



Last month a prescribed burn in North Little Rock's Burns Park was held on March 29, 2024. The burn was planned and recommended by the Arkansas Forestry Commission, Central Arkansas Master Naturalists, The Nature Conservancy, and the North Little Rock Fire Department. Preparation for the burn began around 9:00 am and the burn went through the afternoon.

Visitors to the Park were prohibited from entering certain areas of the park during the burn period. Residents and visitors in central Arkansas may have smelled and seen smoke coming from the park. The date was selected for its wind direction and speed to help ensure the smoke would rise up and away with minimal, temporary impact to the area.

- ◇ Burn: 37 acres north of Joe K Poch Road
- ◇ Roads closed: Joe K Poch Road between the Hospitality House and Funland Drive.
- ◇ Areas closed: north of Joe K Poch Road across from the tennis center
- ◇ There was residual smoke and embers visible throughout the night following the burn which were monitored
- ◇ Areas affected by the smoke included Levy neighborhoods and other areas near Burns Park
- ◇ The burn helped reduce fire fuel and improve wildlife habitat
- ◇ People were encouraged to close their windows and those with serious respiratory were asked to consider remaining indoors
- ◇ Staff monitored the burn area throughout the night
- ◇ Officials from the Parks and Recreation Department were on-hand within Burns Park to answer questions from the public and to help direct traffic around the burn area.



Left: North Little Rock resident and former North Little Rock Tree Board Member Burt Turner briefs crews who assisted in the burn.

Above: crews go into the area of the burn.

For more information about prescribed burns visit: https://mip.agri.arkansas.gov/agtools/Forestry/Fire_Info?do:showPBurns.



Super Good and Super Easy weekend Brown/Cookie!

This one is a great way to use items usually found in the pantry. If you are counting calories or points, this recipe is NOT for you! But if you want a quick easy sweet treat read on!

- Ingredients:
- 1 box chocolate brownie mix
 - 1 package Peanut Butter Cookie mix
 - 1/4 container cake icing
 - Chocolate chips

You will also need eggs, vegetable cooking oil and water. Preheat oven to 375°.

Grease the bottom of a 8 x 8 inch or 9 x 9 inch baking pan. (If you want more of a flat cookie shape, use an oblong cake pan. You may need to reduce the cooking time.)

Mix brownie mix in a bowl according to package instructions. Spread in bottom of pan.

Mix peanut butter cookie mix according to package instructions. Pinch off bits and drop over brownie mix until all dough is in pan. Mash down slightly. Sprinkle as many

chocolate chips on the top as you want. (If you have peanut butter chips, those would be good too!)

Bake for 38 minutes. Do the ole toothpick test. If it's still gooey/wet, bake for 10 more minutes. Cover the top with foil to prevent additional browning. Try the tooth pick test again. If it isn't gooey, remove from the oven and onto a cooling rack. I covered and sealed mine with foil to keep the heat inside (also kept it soft and gooey!).

Melt your store bought icing (I nuked mine for 15 seconds then stirred with a whisk. Drizzle over the top in a pattern. (Note: if you do it while the brownie/cookie is hot the icing will run across the top (see photo left).

If your creation turns out like mine it will be moist, sweet and delicious!

If you really don't care about the calories...serve with a couple of scoops of ice cream!



North Little Rock Tree Board members celebrated Arbor Day last month by planting



two Bartlett Pear Trees on city property at the Baring Cross Community Garden. They were joined by Community Garden staff and others.



Great North Little Rock Cleanup Saturday, May 4, 2024

Hosted by Keep North Little Rock Beautiful

Cleanup is from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For information or to sign up call 501-350-8775, visit facebook.com/KNLRB or knlrg.org.

You can also email green@knlrg.org.

Cleanup will be followed by a Pizza celebration for participants at the John Irving Pavilion on Funland Drive in Burns Park.





**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: **4/4/2024**
Expires: **7/1/2024**



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 May 2024.

April 29—May 3, no pickup
May 6—10 recycle
May 13—17 no pickup
May 20—24, recycle
May 27—31 no pickup



May Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date
KOLB, MATTHEW	Fire	1	DOUGAN, SHANE	Fire	17
HAMILTON, BRANTON	Police	1	HAWKINS, JOHN	Fire	17
ALLEN, KAREN	Electric	2	BROOKS III, SAM	Street	17
ZONNER, GREGORY	AIMM	3	LANKFORD, STEVEN	Fire	18
WOODWARD, JASON	Police	4	LEWIS, CHARLES	Police	18
WALKER, NICHOLAS	Fire	5	HUTCHCRAFT, SHARA	Communications	18
CUNNINGHAM, JENNIE	Parks Recreation	6	KABAT, ANITA	Animal Shelter	19
BLACK, BILLIE	Planning	7	GARTRELL, RUSTY	Police	19
HARRIS, CHARLES	Street	7	GOTELL, ISAAC	Parks Maint	19
BRAGGS, TIMOTHY	OES/911	8	JAMES, JUSTIN	Electric	20
FERRY, CHRISTINE	Electric	8	DAVIS JR, CHARLES	Fire	20
SARTIN, KENNETH	Fire	8	SHOSHONE, RICKY	Fire	20
WALKER, SEAN	Fire	8	DESIDERIO, ANTHONY	Fire	20
HAYDEN, DEMARIO	Fire	8	KULESA, LOGAN	Police	20
PATE, TONY	Parks Recreation	8	HUBBARD, STEVEN	Street	20
ELMS JR, DOUGLAS	Fire	9	DOUGLAS, SUSAN	Electric	21
DAUGHERTY, JERRI	Police	9	TIMS, LONNELL	Police	21
COBBS, SHANA	Police	10	DONLEY, DANIELLE	Police	21
ALLEN, GREGORY	Vehicle Maint	11	HOLLEY, MICHAEL	Fire	22
BARBER, JOHN	IT	11	CALVERT, DAVID	Police	22
HARRIS, JOHN	Electric	12	MEDFORD, DUSTIN	Police	25
SANTUCCI, ALEXANDER	Police	12	KOVACH, KRISTOPHER	Electric	26
GARRETT, PATRICK	Police	13	CHASTAIN , TAYLOR	Electric	26
KINKAID, BRYAN	Police	13	PATTERSON, SHELBY	OES/911	28
COOPER, AMY	Police	13	DILLON, KATHRYN	Vehicle Maint	28
BOWERS, JOSHUA	Planning	14	DUCKERY, KRASTAL	Electric	29
BROWN, JIMMY	Parks Maint	14	JOHNSON, MYEEKEDRA	HR	29
POST, HEATH	Parks Maint	14	SORRELLS, KARL	Police	29
PHIFER, LAFRANCIS	Parks Recreation	14	AUSTIN, DARREN	Parks Maint	29
HOLLAND, JENIFER	Parks Recreation	15	ROSS, RICHARD	Code Enforcement	30
HAMMONDS, TIMOTHY	Electric	16	POWELL, TOMMY	Parks Golf	30

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)*

May Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
TARKINGTON, SANDRA	Electric	17	KING, ERICA	OES/911	7
MELTON, DAVID	Electric	15	CHAPERON, BRITTANY	OES/911	4
USSERY, EBBIE	Electric	35	STRONG, DARIAN	OES/911	6
WILLIAMS, LINDA	Electric	17	RALSTON, JOSEPH	Parks Golf	10
HEAD, CLARK	Electric	5	BELL JR, ODELL	Parks Maint	2
COLLINS, CHRISTOPHER	Electric	10	MEANS, WILLIAM	Parks Maint	2
DUCKERY, KRASTAL	Electric	7	HALE, RASHARD	Parks Maint	2
MARKHAM, APRIL	Electric	8	RHODES, JASON	Parks Maint	12
RATTAY, MATTHEW	Electric	2	GOTELL, ISAAC	Parks Maint	2
JOHNSON, ANDREW	Electric	12	PENNINGTON, FREDRICK	Parks Maint	2
DERRICK, ZACHERY	Electric	1	CANADY, CASEY	Parks Maint	2
FUNDERBURG, CODY	Electric	9	LEWIS, JOSHUA	Parks Maint	8
ALMON, WARREN	Fire	30	LARRY, WILLIAM	Parks Maint	5
HOFFMAN, ADAM	Fire	2	WORRELL, TINA	Parks Recreation	21
WARD, REBECCA	Fire	1	CUNNINGHAM, JENNIE	Parks Recreation	29
DESIDERIO, ANTHONY	Fire	1	PHIFER, LAFRANCIS	Parks Recreation	1
RAMSEY, ERIC	Fire	1	BEARD, FLOYD	Parks Recreation	6
MYERS, KYLE	Fire	2	MODDRELL, LINDA	Police	7
DOERPINGHAUS, ALAN	Fire	1	SCOTT, JEFFREY	Police	3
DONNERSON, KENDALL	Fire	1	WAYMIRE, KEITH	Police	3
ETHERINGTON, ANDREW	Fire	2	NEWBERRY, DAWN	Police	3
LEHMAN, JUSTIN	Fire	1	ALANIZ, KAREN	Police	2
CHRISTIAN, ZACHARY	Fire	1	MCEUEN, ELLISA	Police	13
PETTIT, DYLAN	Fire	1	GATES, COLLIN	Police	3
MANN, DAVID	Fire	1	WELCH, DUSTIN	Public Works	2
BRICKLEY, TRENT	Fire	1	NEWTON, VINCENT	Sanitation	5
RAMIREZ, KATHERYN	IT	5	HARRIS, CHARLES	Street	13
HOLMAN, AARON	IT	5	INGRAM, TERRENCE	Street	3
YIELDING, CHRISTINA	Legal	24	DRUMMOND, YARKIEVEN	Street	3
COOPER, BEAU	Neighborhood Srv	3	BROCK, KENNY	Vehicle Maint	32
ANDERSON, CYNTHIA	OES/911	2			



North Little Rock City Employees participated in the Central AR Heart Walk April 27, 2024 (see photo left).

North Little Rock Fit 2 Live hosted an Employee Biggest Loser Challenge.
 1st—Bobbie Burks
 2nd—Shay Reagan
 3rd—Captain Jon Miller
 Congratulations to all NLR Employees for putting your health FIRST!
 For information call 501-975-8628.







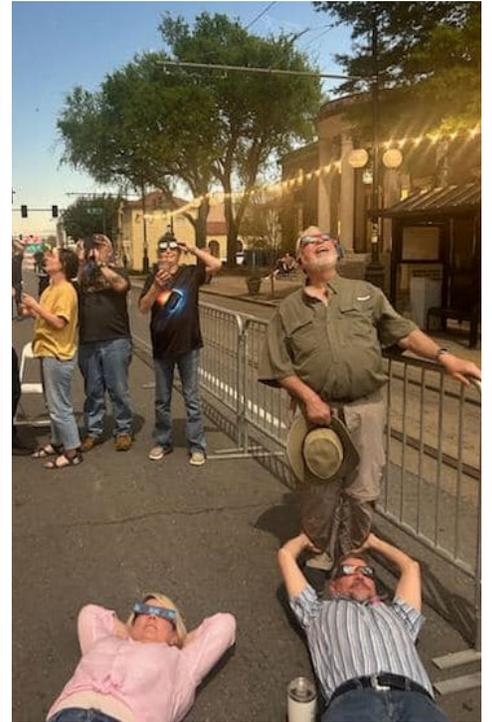




Here are a few pics from April 8 taken by Facebook family and friends.



Here are a few 2024 Total Eclipse photos taken by family and friends on Facebook. We hope you all enjoyed the Eclipse and time together wherever you were as much as we did here in North Little Rock!



2024 Total Eclipse!



The 2024 Arkansas Eclipse is now behind us... so what do we do with the Eclipse glasses?

You can send your leftover Eclipse glasses to:
Eclipse Glasses USA, LLC
PO Box 50571
Provo, UT 84605
They will recycle them for the August 2024 Eclipse in Chile/ Argentina area.

The North Little Rock City Clerk's Office will have a box available in City Hall (300 Main Street, North Little Rock) if you want to drop off your glasses. In May, we will mail them to be used in August!

Recycle the frames of your glasses
You can also recycle the cardboard frame of your glasses by removing the lenses.

