


North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

June 2024

It's been a while since we have listed special holidays and celebrations. Below are some of those found on the internet:

June 1—National Pen Pal Day
—National Say Something Nice Day (we need this day EVERY day!) 



June 1
World Reef Awareness Day

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—Global Day of Parents
June 2—National Cancer Survivors Day
—Leave the Office Early Day
—American Indian Citizenship Day

—National "Bubba" Day
June 3—Jefferson Davis' Birthday
June 4—National Hug Your Cat Day!
June 7—National Chocolate Ice-Cream Day!

IT'S HUG YOUR CAT DAY!



And...National Donut Day

June 13—National Weed Your Garden Day
June 14—Flag Day and...Army Birthday
June 15—World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 16—Father's Day
—International Day of the African Child
June 17—National Eat your Vegetables Day
June 19—International Picnic Day
—Juneteenth
—World Sauntering Day
June 20—World Refugee Day
—Summer Solstice
June 21—National Selfie Day
—International Yoga Day
—Take a Road Trip Day
June 22—World Rainforest Day
—National Onion Ring Day



June 23—National Hydration Day
—National Let It Go Day!
—National Pink Day
June 25—Battle of the Little Bighorn
—Korean War
June 27—National Handshake Day
—National Bingo Day
—National HIV Testing Day



—National PTSD Day
—National Sunglasses Day

June 28—National Insurance Awareness Day
—Tau Day
June 29—Hug Holiday
—International Mud Day
June 30—World Social Media Day
—International Asteroid Day
—National Meteor Watch Day

Found at <https://www.calendarr.com/United-states/calendar-june-2024/>.

Each month, there are many days designated for various reasons. Some are humorous, some serious but they all mean something to someone.

What's your favorite local, national or world day?

Whatever it is, let's all try to be kind each and every day. Provide compassion and understanding to each other. Not anger or hate. We do not know what someone else is dealing with...it could be the best day of their life, or the worst.

Find the time to reach out to a long-lost friend, family member or whoever.

Find some time to share some happiness! Life is too short for bad days!



"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

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month

*Below are some tips for
humans and our four-legged*

family members and friends.

Each year, the number of ticks increases and so do the diseases associated with them. Make sure you, your family, and your employees take as many precautions as possible to avoid tick-borne disease.

Ticks are more prevalent in tall grass... but they are everywhere... in the lawn, on pavement, on beaches... they are relentless.

If you are gardening, in tall or remote areas, or hiking, be sure to cover up as much as you can. Keep your pants tucked into your socks or boots. Wear long sleeves if possible. Perform tick checks every couple of hours.

Wear a tick repellent containing DEET. The higher the percentage, the less often you will need to reapply. Permethrin is approved in applications only for treating clothing and gear. For a more natural approach, essential oils like eucalyptus, thyme, citronella, and clove oils can help.

Try to remove ticks from your clothing, person or pet before going in the house. Try using sticky tape. Simply roll the tape over your person or pet to catch those pesky ticks before they attach.

When you head indoors, take off your clothing and immediately put it in the dryer to kill any ticks that may be lingering. They cannot compete with the high heat.

Perform another tick check.

Early and proper removal will help avoid tick-borne disease.

Did you remove a tick? Want to know if it is carrying Lyme or other tick-borne disease? It can take up to two weeks to perform blood tests that will allow you to determine if you have a tick-borne disease.

Watch for signs. Only 50 percent of all tick bites will present a bullseye for Lyme Disease. Feeling tired? Flu-like symptoms? Achy joints? Get tested. Early diagnosis is extremely important. Lyme Disease and other tick-borne diseases can wreak havoc the longer it goes without diagnosis.

We are entering summer, the tick's favorite season. Be vigilant and stay safe!

Lyme Disease and Pets found at <https://www.bayarealyme.org/about-lyme/lyme-disease-pets/>

Yes, your dog and (much less likely) cat can get Lyme disease if bitten by a tick carrying the Lyme bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Horses and cattle can get the disease too. While many mammals are invulnerable to

the bacteria, these family animals often play both host to and victim of Lyme disease.* Check your pets as often as you would family members. Check daily if you live in an area infested with ticks.

*Studies have shown that dogs in regions where Lyme is endemic are highly likely to test positive for the antibodies (indicating exposure to Lyme) without manifesting symptoms.

How to Protect Your Pets

Tick-check and wash. Pets who roam freely in the woods are more likely to pick up ticks. Be sure to perform daily tick checks and remove any and all ticks. Washing your pet frequently can help remove ticks you can't see.

Minimize exposure. Fencing systems can help confine a pet in an area where the animal is less likely to pick up ticks or where other tick control measures have been implemented. Do not allow your pet to roam freely in tick-infested areas.

Vaccinate. There are Lyme vaccinations available for animals. Check with your vet. Vaccination early (prior to tick exposure) will provide better protection. But vaccination even after treatment can help reduce future infection. Be sure to use the right medication for your animal. DO NOT use a dog vaccine or tick repellent intended for dogs on a cat.

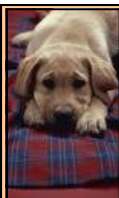
Lyme Disease in Dogs

Lyme disease in dogs most commonly manifests by a sudden onset of lameness and inflammation of the joints. Some dogs will experience other symptoms including weakness, lethargy, loss of appetite and weight, or fever. Lameness is generally temporary and abates once treated with antibiotics, however, in some cases, it can become more severe or even chronic.

Lyme can also cause more serious or even fatal conditions in dogs such as kidney, nervous system, or heart problems (acute cardiac syndrome is known to be caused by Lyme, but is rare). Symptoms that may indicate a more serious condition include: vomiting, diarrhea, extreme lack of appetite or weight loss, increased urination and thirst, fluid buildup (e.g., a swollen belly, legs, or lymph nodes), difficulty breathing, sensitivity to touch, or a stiff walk with arched back. Be sure to contact your veterinarian if your dog is experiencing any of these symptoms.



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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



Last month North Little Rock Emergency responders from the North Little Rock Fire Department, Police Department and Office of Emergency Services / 911 were recognized during a Public Safety Awards Ceremony. The following North Little Rock employees received awards:

North Little Rock Fire Department

Chief's Award	Lieutenant Mathew Kolb
Firefighter of the Year	Lieutenant Mike Davis
Apprenticeship Firefighter of the Year	Firefighter Kyle Myers
	Firefighter Adam Hoffman

North Little Rock Emergency Services

Directors Award	Gary (Bud) Gray
	Deputy Director
Merit Award	Karen Rollins
	Public Safety Administrative Coordinator
Team Achievement Award	Emergency Services Communications Training Officers

North Little Rock Police Department

Chief's Award	Officer 1st Class Mark Wright
Leadership Award	Sergeant Philip Evans
Life-Saving Award	Officer Roderick Quinn
	Detective Michael Gibbons
	Detective Codey Brown
	Officer Alex Baker
Team Achievement Award	NLRPD Training Unit
	Represented by Lieutenant Steve Chamness
	Officer 1st Class Vincent Thornton
CHI St. Vincent Special Award Presentation	Officer 1st Class Shay Cobbs
NLRPD Purple Heart	Officer 1st Class Vincent Thornton



Special thanks to all of the sponsors and our wonderful city employees. Photos by Rusty Gartrell North Little Rock Police Department. More photos on page 7.



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

Senior Center—9,586 members visited with 500 being the highest one-day total, 101 new members. Volunteer hours: 710.

Sanitation—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 3,093 tons (6,186,000 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 108 loads (3,174.00 cubic yards) of green waste. 226 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 18 inspections, 15 re-inspections and issued 6 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued in March. Recycling tonnage was 113.09

Traffic Services—Barricade Permits—88, AR One Call—65, Signs/Post replaced—45, City Vehicles marked with logo—3. Set up Speed Trailer at 13140 Smarty Jones Drive. Message Board out for Prescription Drug Takeback event.

Police—property crime remains higher overall. Breaking and entering and vehicle thefts have shown an increase in the past month. Reminder LOCK doors to your home, storage building and vehicles! If you have an alarm, be sure you arm it! **DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE!!!** This includes handbags, wallets, credit cards, guns, etc. Two pre-certified officers were hired in April. Current number of officers 178.

Fire—1,112 incidents, 644 Rescue & EMS, 185 Good Intent Calls, 128 Service Calls, 73 False Alarm, 31 Fire. 3,809 Fire Training hours. 167 Building Surveys.

Emergency Services/911—Incoming calls: 4,705—non-911 calls, 5,911—911 calls, 543—abandoned 911 calls.

Planning—Inspections: 219 HVAC, 315 Plumbing, 345 Electrical, 181 Building inspections. 11 sign permits, 1 banner permit, 10 demolition permits, 18 new single-family permits—average \$145,359, 62 residential remodel permits—average \$15,895, 1 residential addition permits—\$80,000, 0 new commercial permits, 8 commercial remodel permits—average \$1,522,923, 0 new multi-family permit.

Code Enforcement—assigned calls—162, initiated calls 867, citations—1, violation notices—904, vehicles tagged—69, vehicles towed—0, lots posted—257, signs removed—8, structures inspected—33, rental inspections—18, food service inspections—11, search warrants—0, structures condemned—2, houses demolished by city—8, houses demolished by owner—10, vacant lots cleaned—187, lots with structures cleaned—43, vacant houses secured—8, tires removed—8.

Parks and Recreation—200 people watched the 2024 Eclipse from the Burns Park Soccer Complex. NLR Elite Cheer Starz ended the season with 1st place at the World Spirit Association VIP Championships, Threapeutic Recre-

ation hosted a game night for adults and their families at North Heights, Glenview staff and Aspire children celebrated Earth Day with a scavenger hunt picking up litter. Golf hosted Home for Healing Tournament. Tennis Center hosted multiple tournaments. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 1,237 visitors—groups: Mountain View Elementary School Bentor AR (126) Pottsville School (14), Little Rock Adventist Academy (9) Guy Perkins School (39), Summit Utilities Legal and Records Team (15), Mountain Home Christian Academy (10). Overnight stays: Troop 4025 Evansville, IN (17), Birthday/Overnight from Arkadelphia, AR (25). Special events: USS Razorback Reunion (7 crew members plus family (50), Burial at sea (Submarine Veteran of USS Razorback Crew Member, 2024 Eclipse event (25).

Animal Services—

Incoming:

Dog 189/ytd 690
Cat 82/ytd 287
Other 1/ytd 7

Adopted:

Dog 65/ytd 238
Cat 47/ytd 146
Other 1/ytd 6

Reclaim:

Dog 43/ytd 120
Cat 2/ytd 5
Other 0/ytd 0

Euthanized:

Dog 78/ytd 328
Cat 22/ytd 114
Other 0/ytd 2

Service calls: 504/ytd/2,067

Citations: 28/ytd 169

Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 46/ytd 190



NLR Electric—

Customers: 40,015

Revenue: \$6,629,841

Peak Demand: 130,412 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: none.



North Little Rock City offices will be closed Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in observance of Juneteenth Day. Sanitation pickup will be **delayed one day the remainder of the week**
(Monday's pickup Tuesday and so on...)

Monthly Financial Report—April 2024

Revenues

Miscellaneous	\$ 1,441,749
Licenses & Permits	\$ 295,455
Property Tax	\$ 805,791
Intergovernmental	\$ 171,187
Franchise Fees	\$ 261,761
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 5,282,864
Charges for Services	\$ 205,721
Fines & Fees	\$ 149,890
Interest Income	\$ 116,213
Net Transfers	(\$ 495,239)
Total	\$ 8,235,393

Expenditures

Administration	\$ 153,609
Animal Shelter	\$ 77,309
Special Appropriations	\$ 473,855
City Clerk	\$ 37,721
Emergency Services/911	\$ 205,216
Finance	\$ 163,768
Fire	\$1,437,295
Health	\$ 10,737
Legal	\$ 71,676
1st Court	\$ 54,561
2nd Court	\$ 42,644
Human Resources	\$ 80,808
Planning	\$ 90,854
Police	\$2,336,683
Code Enforcement	\$ 115,670
Public Works	\$ 70,471
Neighborhood Services	\$ 33,120
Sanitation	\$ 568,255
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 112,403
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 93,979
Communications	\$ 43,124
Fit 2 Live	\$ 9,221
Total	\$6,282,977

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Most dogs exposed to Lyme never become ill. They will host the bacteria, and may also host other tick-borne diseases such as ehrlichiosis and babesiosis, without ever showing any clinical reaction at all. Lyme disease is always more difficult to treat as the duration of the infection lengthens, so early diagnosis and treatment are key.

There is evidence that Lyme disease is more common among younger dogs than mature dogs and that certain species are more vulnerable than others (retrievers for example).

Treatment

There are several antibiotics available to treat Lyme disease in dogs. The typical course is four weeks and typically the condition is resolved without further complications or additional treatment required. In some cases, as in humans, the symptoms do not cease after treatment and your dog may continue to experience pain or lameness. Speak with your vet.

Prevention

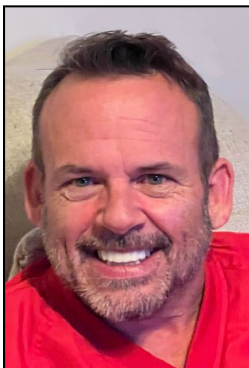


The best course is always prevention.

Watch where they wander. Avoid allowing your dog (or other pets) to roam in tick-infested environments or habitats where Lyme is common. When walking or hiking, keep your pet on a leash in the middle of the trail and avoid wandering into brushy or wooded areas.

Tick check. Be sure to groom and bathe your dog regularly, checking for ticks both by sight and by feel.

Consider repellent and/or vaccines. There are several tick repellent sprays, collars, and topical products that can be used to kill or keep ticks away. There are also Lyme vaccines available for dogs. Note: According to the CDC, the Lyme vaccines do NOT protect against other tick-borne diseases such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever or babesia. Speak with your veterinarian about your options.



Obituary for Ryan Hartwick

Fellow North Little Rock City employee Ryan Hartwick passed away Wednesday May 22, 2024.

Ryan was the Facilities Manager at the North Little Rock Electric Department where he had worked for 14 years.

Survivors include his father, Terry C. Hartwick; daughter Alyssa Hartwick; sister Tammy McCormick (Scott) all of Brooklet, Georgia, and brother, Derrell Hartwick of North Little Rock. He leaves behind many family members and friends in both North Little Rock and Brooklet, Georgia.

A celebration of life was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled at AEDDinc.org.

Juneteenth Day

Wednesday, June 19th City Offices will be closed to recognize Juneteenth Day. Early celebrations date back to 1866 and often centered around a food festival.

The holiday was recognized as a Federal Holiday by President Joe Biden in 2021. North Little Rock Mayor Terry Hartwick and the North Little Rock City Council added it to the North Little Rock Employee handbook in 2023.



Sunday, June 16 is Father's Day. Be sure to reach out to your dad, step-dad, grand-dad or anyone who has been a stand-in for your dad and let them know how much you appreciate them.



Others donate materials and tools.

In the following article found at <https://www.discountmags.com/magazine/pen-world-april-2024-digital-m/in-this-issue/>



rVVgMvOe1714123521326, Michael Ognibene, an Air Force Veteran in residence at the Arkansas State Veterans Home in North Little Rock said he didn't want to make any pens. It was suggested he could give them away as Christmas gifts, when he replied "I don't give Christmas presents."

Ognibene initially pictured a stack of pen parts, many of them plastic, that needed to be assembled factory style: repetitious and mind numbing. But he was hooked the minute he reluctantly navigated his wheelchair into the workshop and saw lathes, local and exotic wood pen blanks, presses, brass parts, and unique finished pieces. That was two (2) years ago. Since then, Ognibene has made more than 100 pens, including the 35 he gave to his daughter to give her coworkers at Christmas.

Wood Turning Therapy Pens

Last month, North Little Rock Mayor Terry C. Hartwick visited the North Little Rock Veterans Home to learn more about the services they provide and visit with residents.

While visiting he learned about a therapeutic program being offered to residents who want to participate.

Veterans Affairs (VA) across the country have started a pen turning activity. Volunteers (also veterans) help residents (short and long-term) learn the skill. Thousands of pens have been made and have led to residents purchasing their own lathe when they return home. In Arkansas the programs success is a result of pen-turners from across the state who donated their time.



The story above is one of many. Turning wooden pens has turned into a meaningful pastime and created camaraderie. The program in Arkansas began in 2015 with one donated lathe; one recreational therapist, Alyssa Welch; one volunteer, Ken Leslie; and one willing Veteran.

To read more, visit the link referenced above or call 501-683-1406 (Arkansas State Veterans Home).

Collection of Large Amounts of Yard Waste, Bulk Items and Garbage

The City of North Little Rock provides services to collect and dispose of yard waste, reasonable amount of bulk items and household garbage. The City **DOES NOT** collect **tree trunks, limbs and/or brush cut by a professional tree service or any other contractor or person** other than the resident or owner of the property.

Quantities of bulky items exceeding two (2) cubits yards will be assessed a pickup fee based on the actual cost to the City to collect and dispose of the waste. The property owner must pay the required fee or otherwise dispose of the items

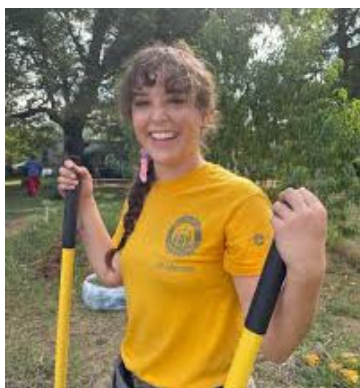


by the end of the third business day following notice. Failure of any property owner or tenant to arrange a pick-up by North Little Rock Sanitation Department or have the items removed by the end of the third day after notice is a violation that shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for each subsequent day.

For additional information, please call the North Little Rock Sanitation Department at 501-371-8340.



North Little Rock Community Garden Director Anna Sawyer Begins New Agricultural Adventure



In a message addressed to “esteemed gardeners, advocates, partners and friends—NLR Community Garden Director Anna Sawyer announced she would be leaving to pursue a new and exciting opportunity in the Pacific Northwest working in organic community-supported agriculture. Her last day with the city was May 3.

Anna spent close to 4 years working within the local food system of Central Arkansas.

She said “it has truly been an honor to work with and learn from you all over the years. I have been privileged to be welcomed into a community that passionately works to address food insecurity, agricultural education, environmental protection, and neighborhood resilience, and for this I thank you. Our collaborations have created incredible food-based experiences for thousands of constituents, and I am eager to see you all continue the good work of connecting folks with the tools and resources to develop a sustainable and supportive food system!”



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

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



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 1 permitted door to door solicitors representing Exceed Marketing Inc Visionary Associates on behalf of AT&T.**

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 other 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 June 2024.**



June 3—7 recycle

June 10—14 no pickup

June 17—21, recycle

June 24—28 no pickup

June Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>
ROSS, DEBI	Council Member	23	THUROW, JOELY	Planning	16
DANIELS, ROBERT	Electric	22	ROBINSON, LAURIE	Police	14
PETTIT, LEONARD	Electric	25	BERRYMAN, SEAN	Police	29
WOODWARD, GREGORY	Electric	4	ADKINS, GIOVANNA	Police	24
BOLDEN, CHARLES	Electric	12	BLEVINS, MICHAEL	Police	5
GRAY, EVELYN	Electric	20	LACY, DENISE	Police	28
WEBB, PETRA	Electric	1	CHRISMAN, JASON	Police	12
MORAGNE, NAKISHA	Electric	8	BRANCH, ROBERT	Police	30
STEWART , VEDA	Electric	23	COBURN, JEFFREY	Police	10
SMITH, BRIAN	Electric	1	WOMACK, JENIFER	Police	28
OSBON, NATHAN	Electric	26	MORAGNE, BRITTANY	Police	27
DOWDY, JEREMY	Electric	29	COLLINS, JERRY	Police	21
GOLDEN, RACHEL	Electric	7	BRYANT, JAMES	Police	25
CAZORT, WILLIAM	OES/911	6	PEACH, MATTHEW	Police	17
WILLIAMS, RACHEL	OES/911	17	ANDERSON, MATTHEW	Police	8
HARPER, SHELIA	Finance	23	COFFMAN, NATHANIEL	Police	29
IVEY, KEITH	Finance	3	WILLIAMS, WILLIAM	Police	30
BONNER, AMANDA	Finance	21	STANLEY, MICHAEL	Police	18
WEED, MICHAEL	Finance	25	VELIZ PONCE, ANTHONY	Police	9
DELLORTO, DANIEL	Fire	4	REESE, GLEN	Code Enforcement	23
COLEMAN, MARK	Fire	23	SCOTT, DANIEL	Neighborhood Srv	16
IRBY, TODD	Fire	8	BREEDLOVE JR, CONDOROUS	Sanitation	10
COMBS, JEFFREY	Fire	21	HAWKINS, JERRY	Sanitation	15
HILL, BRYAN	Fire	11	HATTER, ALAN	Sanitation	22
COOK, MICHAEL	Fire	9	WILLIAMS, LYNN	Sanitation	6
MATHIS, MICHAEL	Fire	24	HOPSON, BILLY	Sanitation	25
JONES, DAVID	Fire	27	LAMBERT, DONNA	Sanitation	21
ASHLEY, DANIEL	Fire	5	JOHNSON, MARCUS	Sanitation	8
PLATT, COREY	Fire	15	BRYANT, HOLLY	Street	22
HOLLEY, CHRISTOPHER	Fire	24	WAID JR, TOMMY	Street	17
WEBB, SHANNON	Fire	24	RUSSELL, SUSAN	Senior Center	15
FREE, ERICK	Fire	27	MUNNS, RANDALL	Parks Maint	26
DOERPINGHAUS, ALAN	Fire	10	BRYANT, MICHAEL	Parks Maint	1
KECK, BRANDON	Fire	22	EOFF, DONALD	Parks Maint	23
LONG, CHRISTOPHER	Fire	1	MEANS, WILLIAM	Parks Maint	9
GOODMAN, JACOB	Fire	23	WORRELL, TINA	Parks Recreation	3
NORRIS, GARY	Planning	17	CORAN, ERIC	IT	27
SPENCER, SHAWN	Planning	19	MCCOY, DYLAN	IT	22

June Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
REESE, GLEN	Code Enforcement	14	HOLLAND, JENIFER	Parks Recreation	11
KITTA, JON	Code Enforcement	1	JOHNSON, KEITH	Parks Recreation	5
RICE, CHARLES	Code Enforcement	1	HALE, JOHN	Planning	10
KEATHLEY, ROBERT	Code Enforcement	3	DRONE, PHYLLIS	Police	12
KUYKENDALL, ROBERT	Electric	16	BRECKON, JOHN	Police	5
HANKINS, THOMAS	Electric	14	SORRELLS, KARL	Police	28
WALLIS, DANA	Electric	14	WRIGHT, MARK	Police	23
RIGGIN, RONALD	Electric	33	MILLER, MICHAEL	Police	28
ALLEN, CHAD	Electric	30	DUKES, DON	Police	28
HAMMONDS, TIMOTHY	Electric	2	MONTGOMERY, SAMUEL	Police	17
WILSON, RICHARD	Electric	8	MESSER, RONALD	Police	27
STEPHENS, JESSICA	Electric	14	BLANKENSHIP, GREGORY	Police	26
LOR, KIMBERLY	Electric	12	DORRELL II, DENNIS	Police	26
RAGLAND, MATTHEW	Electric	2	NORMAN, THOMAS	Police	26
FAUBION, EDWIN	Fire	27	WIGGINS, MARK	Police	27
EVANS, BENJAMIN	Fire	24	HELTON, CARMEN	Police	25
MAYFIELD, MATTHEW	Fire	13	TIMS, LONNELL	Police	21
ASHLEY, DANIEL	Fire	13	BRANCH, ROBERT	Police	20
USSERY, BRANDON	Fire	6	BOODY, JAY	Police	26
COLTER, TYLER	Fire	7	CHAMNESS, STEVEN	Police	22
SMITH, BRODY	Fire	7	BROWN, CODY	Police	17
KEHLER, CHASE	Fire	2	O'KELLEY, CLINTON	Police	21
MADDEN, CHARLES	Fire	2	TEMPLE, JOHN	Police	7
MCDONNELL, JULIA	HR	22	BENNETT, BRANDON	Police	17
RABUN, STEVE	IT	29	SIMS, BRADLEY	Police	20
ALURAIKY, YASSIN	IT	7	GANGLUFF, PHILLIP	Police	7
MCCOY, BRADY	IT	5	SINGLETON JR, STEVEN	Police	2
HOGAN, RICK	Legal	2	HOOPER, DOMINIC	Police	2
ROLLINS, KAREN	OES/911	21	LEWIS, CHARLES	Police	2
WHITAKER, HALEY	OES/911	1	COMMONS, LILLIE	Police	3
MCCOY, CODY	OES/911	1	LOGAN, ANTHONY	Sanitation	24
BRAGGS, TIMOTHY	OES/911	1	JONES SR, HENRY	Street	2
MCNAUGHTON, DUSTIN	Parks Golf	10	CARR, GRALYN	Street	7
FARMER, TOMMY	Parks Maint	1	ROBERTSON, WILLIAM	Vehicle Maint	34
MAHAN, TELINA	Parks Maint	8	ARMSTRONG, DAVID	Vehicle Maint	27
SMITH, PAMELA	Parks Recreation	32	NELSEN, GEOFFREY	Vehicle Maint	1

Oops! Krstal Duckery, North Little Rock Electric Department has been with the city 17 years! (Not 7). Congrats to her and keep up the good work.

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)*

The City of North Little Rock provides services to collect and dispose of yard waste, reasonable amounts of bulk items and household garbage. **The City of North Little Rock does NOT collect tree trunks, limbs and brush cut by a professional tree service or any other contractor or person** other than the resident or owner of the property.



To verify if a business has a current business license, please call the North Little Rock City Clerk's Office at 501-975-8617.

Ask any person you are considering to work on your property to provide a current (2024) business license. Any person doing business in the city is required to hold and produce a copy if requested. You should also ask to see their insurance bond which could cover any damage the individual may cause on or to your property. Otherwise, you (the property owner) could be held liable for injury or damages (example: contractor cuts down a tree which falls on your utility line—you could be responsible for the cost of the repairs).

If the individual holds a **state contractors license** of any kind you can verify it by contacting the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board at 501-372-4667 or visit their website at <http://aclb2.arkansas.gov/clbsearch.php> where you can search by name, ID number or License Number under *Find A Licensed Contractor*. The individual should be able to provide a current copy of the same.

If you find yourself in a situation with an excess amount of tree, brush, etc. left behind by a contractor or exceeding two cubic yards, you may be assessed a fee for the pickup and disposal of the debris. For additional information, please call the **North Little Rock Sanitation Department** at 501-371-8340.

Be proactive and ask the questions above before any work is performed on your property.



North Little Rock Public Library System's

2024 Summer Library Adventure!

The NLR Libraries' Summer Library Adventure is open to all ages. This year's theme is all about exploration! Track your journey with our adventure map, collect stickers, and earn badges by reading, visiting museums, watching films, creating art, cooking, and more! Sign up in person or by phone starting June 3 to receive limited-edition totes and bottles upon registration.



Summer Library Adventure Kick-Off! Saturday, June 8 | 10 AM to 2 PM at Argenta Plaza

Bring the whole family to enjoy performances, games, giveaways, food, and more. This year we are celebrating the adventures we can find all around us. Together with many local organizations and businesses, you can explore all that Central Arkansas has to offer. Discover native animals, learn how to care for our environment, meet some new furry friends, watch musical and dance performances, and start your summer off right! Register for Summer Library Adventure and get a free tote, water bottle, and adventure map for all your library adventures. Supplies are limited.

All Aboard for Adventure!

Model Trains at Laman Library

Friday, June 7 & Saturday, June 8 | 9 AM to 5 PM

The Crooked Rails Model Train Club will be with us to help kick off Summer Library Adventure 2024!



June Featured Summer Library Adventure Events:

- June 5 - Cooking with Kids at 1 PM at Laman (Best for ages 5-12)
- June 6 - After Hours Salsa Dancing at 6 PM at Argenta. Registration required. (For ages 19+)
- June 10 - Tommy Terrific at 10 AM at Laman (Good for kids of all ages)
- June 10 to 12 - Babysitter's Training Camp at 11 AM to 2 PM at Laman. Registration required. (For ages 13-18)
- June 11 - Arkansas Circus Arts at 10 AM at Laman (Good for kids of all ages)
- June 13 - Argenta After Hours Murder Mystery Night at 6 PM at Argenta (Must be 21 or older)
- June 15 - How to Clean Up Your Community with Keep NLR Beautiful at 10 AM at Laman (Good for all ages)
- June 18 - Campfire Stories with Craig O'Neill at 10 AM at Laman (Good for kids of all ages)
- June 21- Mocktails and Masterpieces at 6 PM at Argenta (Best for ages 19+)
- June 25 - Momandpop at 10 AM at Laman (Good for kids of all ages)
- June 26 - Marty Boone Balloon Man at 11 AM at Argenta (Good for kids of all ages)
- June 27 - Family Book Club at 4 PM at Laman (Good for all ages)
- June 27 - Camp Rock 1 & 2 Movie Night with Rover at 2:30 PM at Davis Apartments (Good for all ages)
- June 29 - Intro to Geocaching at 11 AM at Laman (Good for all ages)





Camp Laman: Day Camps

June 10-13 @ 1 PM & July 22-25 @ 11 AM

Avoid the "summer slide" by picking one of our two awesome sessions for your kiddo to enjoy—we want everyone to join the fun! While they're busy, guardians can explore options at Laman Adults and The Studio @ Laman.



Register here

We'll keep the snacks and drinks flowing, plus a cool prize for program completion. Don't forget their water bottle for refills! First eight in each age group snag their preferred session, confirmed by May 31. If you don't receive a confirmation email by May 31, you're on the waitlist.

For the little ones, there's Kindergarten Camp (Ages 4-5) to prep for school. Reading Camp (Ages 6-8) is perfect for book lovers, and Tween Society (Ages 9-12) introduces them to arts and culture.

Bridge 2 Success Summer Free Food Programs

Argenta Library:

From June 3 to August 14, all ages can pick up a free breakfast from 9:30 to 10:30 AM and a free lunch from 12 to 1 PM.

Laman Library:

From June 3 to July 31, ages 2 to 18 can pick up a free lunch from 12 to 1 PM.



Scan the QR code to explore our events calendar for more Summer Library Adventure events for all ages!



Staff Birthdays:

- June 4 - Shan F.
- June 12 - Darlene. C.
- June 29 - Drienne T.

Work Anniversaries:

- 1 year - Bekah S.
- 1 year - Twyla T.
- 1 year - Jill W.
- 3 years - Tammie E.
- 3 years - Kevin N.
- 7 years - Jennie P.
- 9 years - Robin C.
- 9 years - Stacy P.
- 21 years - Janet R.
- 32 years - Craig G.



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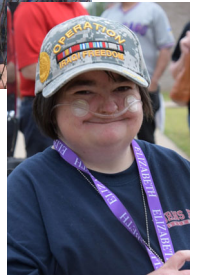
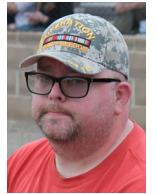
Opening Night for Burns Park Athletic Association

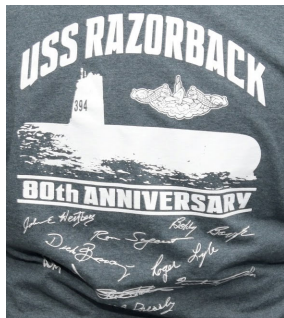
North Little Rock Mayor Terry C. Hartwick joined coaches, players and family members of all ages at their opening games in Burns Park.

The Colors were presented by the National Guard and the North Little Rock High School Choir sang the National Anthem.

Mayor Hartwick welcomed all of the teams and their families. He also found time to provide a few pep talks before the games commenced.

Mrs. Mona Lawson who had been with the park over 20 years was remembered for her contributions and the 2024 Spring Season was dedicated on her behalf. On the sleeve of every jersey was a heart with baseball seams and Mona written across the heart. Her son Billy Lawson, who still works the concessions was also present.





North Little Rock Annual Police Memorial Ceremony



Friday, May 10, 2024, North Little Rock Police Officers, staff, retired officers, city officials and many others gathered outside the North Little Rock Justice Center for a ceremony honoring the following North Little Rock Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty:

Frank Neighbors—April 18, 1890—November 22, 1929

Jerrell P. Vaughan—February 14, 1941—April 16, 1963

Jerry C. Davis—July 16, 1955—January 7, 1982

Ralph “Mac” McMoran—March 14, 1940—April 23, 2008

J. L. “Buck” Dancy—April 10, 1958—December 2, 2020



Posting of the Colors by the NLRPD Color Guard
The National Anthem performed by New Life Church members Kristi Myers, Jade Moore and Kim Hull.

Invocation by NLRP Chaplain Tina Frost

Welcome by Sergeant Carmen Helton

Words of Reflection by Captain Ronald Messer

“*Standing Tall*” a poem written by Steve Smith

was read by Lieutenant Jason Woodward

Proclamation presented by North Little Rock

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

Roll Call—Sergeant Carmen Helton

Laying of the Wreath—Chief Patrick Thessing

Amazing Grace—Arkansas Game and Fish

Pipe and Drum Guard

Firing of the Volleys—NLRPD Honor Guard

Taps—Bill Spainhole and Dick Niven

Retiring of the Colors—NLRPD Color Guard



“Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13



SCAMS SURROUNDING PULASKI COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ON THE RISE

(PULASKI, ARK.) – Scammers continue to use ever-evolving tactics to prey on Pulaski County residents. Government entities, including the Pulaski County Clerk's office, have been used to take advantage of residents through scams to collect or extort money.

These scammers resort to alarming tactics, such as impersonating Pulaski County Sheriff's Office members or U.S. Marshals. They use this guise to demand immediate payment of fines, preying on the fear of jail time.

In a recent case, an individual was told there was a warrant for their arrest. The scammer also shared the telephone number of the Clerk's Office to make the potential victim believe the call was legitimate. They were instructed to bring \$7,500 in cash and meet outside the Pulaski County Courthouse. Someone would then come to their car to accept the fine.

Our office has continued to receive several disturbing calls from residents who have been targeted by jury summons scams. These scams are designed to trick people into giving away their personal information and paying a fine. The scammers typically threaten to arrest individuals if the fine is not paid.

Here are a few tips for handling these calls and guarding against scams:

- If you get a suspiciously strange call from any government entity, hang up. Government employees won't call to demand money or account information.
- Never disclose or verify your personal or financial information to an unsolicited caller.
- Don't wire money or send money using a reloadable card. Never pay someone who calls you, even if the name or number on the caller ID looks legitimate.
- If you feel pressured to act immediately, hang up. That's a sign of a scam.

If you or anyone you know gets a suspicious call that claims to be from the Pulaski County Clerk's Office, it's important to be cautious and alert. Our office will never call you and ask for money. We strongly encourage you to contact our office directly at 501-340-8500.



A groundbreaking was recently held at the North Little Rock Animal Shelter to kickoff an upcoming renovation and expansion.

The current shelter, built in 1961, is located at 1 Championship Drive in Burns Park. The addition/renovation project will add 900 square feet to the existing structure, and provide two entrances, one for animal control and shelter and another entrance for animal adoptions. The animal adoption area will include a party room which can be rented. The entire facility will see new flooring and fresh paint. Estimated completion date for the project is November 2024.

