

The City of North Little Rock has a workforce of around 1,000 employees. These employees work to provide services that keep our city running: Police, Fire, Emergency Services, Electric Utility, Animal Control, Sanitation, Street, Traffic Control, Community Development and Fair Housing, Courts, Economic Development, Engineer, Finance/Purchasing, History, Libraries, Neighborhood Services, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, IT. We also have elected officials (Mayor, City Clerk/Treasurer, City Attorney, District Court Judges and their staff, and last but not least, City Council Members representing four (4) wards in our city).

Our employees come from all kinds of backgrounds and experiences. These things add to the effectiveness of our team members at all levels. As with any company, we take the health and wellness of our employees seriously. Last month, our Human Resources Department provided female employees an opportunity to attend a session during their lunch hour where a group of professionals (RNs) provided information focused on women's health. The discussion focused on stress and the affect it can have on the body. One of the handouts was about practicing gratitude during stressful times. Below is information that might be helpful for all of us.

Here are some of the highlights.

**Stress.** It happens to all of us at one time or another. Let's face it, we live in a stress-filled world. So what can we do to make it better?

**Put positive emotions, like gratitude to work.** How can gratitude help? Stress is often a combination of worry or negativity which can leave you feeling tired and hopeless. Instead of letting those feelings rule your day, think about what you are grateful for. Try to shift your daily thoughts to positive things (think of the glass is half full saying).

**Eating things that are good for you.** So we've heard "*you are what you eat*", but is it true? The body needs healthy food and exercise to thrive. Just like your vehicle, your body needs the proper fuel and tune ups!

**Positive thoughts.** With positive thoughts and feelings, your body can release "feel good" hormones which can lead to feeling happy and less stressed. Try picking one day a week to not complain about anything. Spend time with positive people. Say thank you! Post positive images and sayings on social media (who knows, what inspired you may inspire someone else).

**Sleep.** We ALL need a good night's sleep which gives the body time to reset itself. When you lay down to rest, think about something positive that happened during the day so your last thoughts of the day will be good ones!

**How stress can affect your health.** Stress affects your **immune system**—people who are under a lot of stress are twice as likely to catch a cold, flu and other viruses. **Mental health and emotional issues** can be related to your health—your body produces chemicals that affect how your brain works. People who are stressed may have trouble with focus, concentrating, tired, irritable. **Weight gain or loss** may be stress related as well. Some folks will 'stress eat' meaning the go on a junk food binge or just eat foods that are bad for them. Stress often leads to over eating which can lead to weight gain. **Diabetes**—stress can affect your glucose levels which can bring on symptoms or make diabetes worse.

**Coping with outside influences.** These days, news broadcasts and social media are a 24-7. Yes it keeps you informed, but it can also contribute to your stress. If you only watch the news for the weather, that's fine. Put a limit on the time you allow yourself to check news and social media. Make an effort to balance bad news with something positive. Avoid negative people, which may sound hard if it is a good friend or family member, but if it is ongoing negativity, it can affect you. Spend some time outdoors—this can help both your physical and mental health. (*But if you stay awhile, be sure to apply sunscreen!*) Enjoy nature and all of the wonderful things it has to offer. Take some time to stop and smell the roses or walk barefoot through the grass!

**Mindfulness.** Even if you don't practice mindfulness such as yoga or meditation there are things you can do. Take a break and go for a walk around the block, try not to think about your worries but focus on what you see, hear, smell and feel. Try taking a few minutes out of each day to sit back, close your eyes and clear your mind...it really does work!

**Talk about it.** Use your support groups: family—significant other, coworkers, church family, friends when you need someone to vent to.



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



**Puppy and Kitten Season...Is there such a thing?**

The answer is yes.

Every Spring animal shelters and rescues experience a challenging situation known as "Puppy and Kitten Season" where the number of puppies and kittens far exceed the number of homes available. Each season shelter employees, volunteers and fosters work tirelessly to care for litters that would otherwise be euthanized.

This time of year means shelters across the state are full or over capacity. There are ways you can help...

- Volunteer a few hours a week—pets need to go for walks, have some cuddle time, or even a kind word (volunteering isn't just good for the animals, but for the people too!)
- Make a donation

Donations can be financial (to North Little Rock Friends of Animals), time (volunteer), materials (blankets, towels, etc.), canned / dry food / treats, and toys

- Don't SHOP for your next fur baby! Adopt from a local shelter or rescue
- Spay or neuter your dogs and cats.

For more information on how you can make a difference for a puppy or kitten, or an older dog or cat, or even a senior pet, call 501-791-8577.



*Fur babies leave paw prints on your heart*



*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



## Things You Should Know Before Buying a Battery Powered Yard Tool

Found at <https://www.familyhandyman.com/>

By Rick Muscoplat

There are some things you should know before buying battery-powered yard tools. The tool's design, from the type of electric motor to the size of the battery, affects not only its price, but its operation.

### Simplicity

Battery-powered yard tools can do the same job as many electric and gas-powered yard tools while eliminating extension cord wrangling and gas, oil and annual tune ups. They're not only powerful enough, but the batteries last long enough for the most common yard tasks. Plus, battery-powered yard tools are far more reliable than any gasoline engine. Just plug in a fresh battery, press the start button and you're off and running.

### Understanding Electric Motor Power Usage

You'll find battery-powered yard tools with 18-, 24-, 36-, 40-, 56- and even 80-volt batteries. You may think that a higher voltage battery automatically translates to more power. That's true in some cases, but not always. In fact, a well-designed tool with a 40-volt battery can match the power of an 80-volt tool, so you can't rely on battery voltage alone to judge a tool's suitability.

The true measure of a battery-powered yard tool's efficiency is its wattage. To calculate wattage simply multiply volts times amps. Here's how that applies to battery-powered yard tools. If you think of volts as pressure (psi) and amps as volume (gallons), then multiplying volts (pressure) times amps (volume) gives you the number of "gallons" at a set pressure (volts). So a tool with a higher wattage rating uses more power than a comparable tool with a lower wattage rating.

### Understanding Battery Capacity

The electrical storage capacity of a battery is rated in amp-hours. An amp-hour rating gives you an idea how long a battery can continuously output a set number of amps. A 5-amp-hour battery, for example, will discharge 5 amps continuously for one hour. If you run the yard tool at a higher speed or higher load that draws more than 5 amps, the battery will discharge faster.

But a battery's amp-hour rating alone doesn't give you an indication of how much total power the tool can deliver. That's why you also need to compare the battery's watt-hour rating (volts x amp-hours). Some manufacturers list the watt-hour rating, but many don't. Here's an example of two similarly sized batteries based on amp-hours.

The 40-volt Toro PowerPlex T90 battery has a 2.5 amp-hour 90 watt-hour rating. Another manufacturer provides an 18-volt 2.0 amp-hour battery with a 36 watt-hour rating. Even though the batteries have similar amp-hour ratings (2.0 and 2.5), their watt-hour ratings are very different (90 versus 36). If you're comparing batteries, make sure you compare watt-hour ratings instead of just amp-hours.

### Protect Your Batteries From Extreme Heat and Cold

High heat and freezing temperatures can dramatically reduce battery life and replacement yard tool batteries are expensive! To get maximum life out of your battery, avoid leaving it in a hot garage, in the sun or in your car on a hot day. Store the battery indoors in the winter. Leaving a battery in a discharged state for long periods also reduces its life, so keep it charged. Finally, avoid repeated discharge/recharge cycles in a short period of time.

### Safety

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration always keep the work area dry, unplug tools when not in use, and use proper protective equipment like gloves, safety glasses, and hearing protection. Avoid using tools in damp or wet conditions, and ensure extension cords are properly maintained and free from damage.

Make sure there are no bystanders, children, or pets within a 50-foot radius. Wear eye and ear protection equipment when operating power tools. Wear protective clothing. Long pants, closed-toe shoes, and gloves are recommended.

Always remember power tools have blades, and moving parts that can hurt you or those around you if not handled properly!

**Unrelated reminder...**when working outdoors, be sure to use insect repellent to keep away mosquitoes and other flying insects. And ALWAYS apply sunscreen BEFORE you head outdoors for a day in the yard or garden!





Mayor Terry C. Hartwick holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects, and accomplishments. **March 2025**

**Senior Center**—975 volunteer hours and 4 new applications. Annual volunteer appreciation luncheon May 9.

**Finance**— City sales tax down from last year by .7%. County tax up 4.2%. Retail tax down 2.6%.

**Sanitation**—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 2,095.81 tons (4,191,620 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 130 loads (3,611.80 cubic yards) of green waste. Leaf crews collected 48 loads (1,558.08 cubic yards) 347 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 25 inspections, 13 re-inspections and issued 4 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued. Recycling tonnage report not provided. Units 50 & 51 (Street Dept) picked up 287 bags of trash, other units picked up 392 bags of trash, along with car parts, boxes, buckets, etc. Plus 1 truck load of debris.

**Traffic Services**—Barricade Permits—59, AR One Call—43, Signs/Post replaced—55, City Vehicles marked with logo—7. Speed study W 44th and Augusta.

**Police**—violent and property crimes down 21% and 22%. Officer Pat Garrett retired with 28 years of service. 62 applicants which include 10 pre-certified officers. Chief Thessing attended Leadership Summit and advised NLRPD is doing well and staying progressive and relevant in the current policing environment.

**Fire**—1,315 incidents, 733 Rescue & EMS, 216 Good Intent Calls, 182 Service Calls, 66 False Alarm, 62 Fire. 5,285 Fire Training hours. 179 Building Surveys.

**Emergency Services/911**—Incoming calls: 4,994—non-911 calls, 4,951—911 calls, 472—abandoned 911 calls.

**Planning**—sign permits—8, banner permits—0, demolition permits—4, 7 commercial remodel — average \$72,857, 4 new commercial—average \$3,051,224, 7 commercial additions—\$72,857. Issued 19 new single family residence permits—average \$151,482, 50 residential remodel—average \$13,864, 4 residential additions—average \$54,350, 0 new multi-family units.

**Code Enforcement**—assigned calls—76, initiated calls 336, citations—10, violation notices—383, vehicles tagged—65 vehicles towed—0, lots posted—70, signs removed—0, structures inspected—38, rental inspections—15, food service inspections—28, search warrants—3, structures condemned—1, houses demolished by city—2, houses demolished by owner—2, vacant lots cleaned/mowed—1, lots with structures cleaned/mowed—0, vacant houses secured—6, tires removed—117.

**Parks and Recreation**—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 1,303 visitors. 1 overnight—Sea Cadets and

friends—Fort Smith, AR (4), St. Paul Lutheran School, Fort Worth, TX (16) USSVI Razorback Base St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Teacher Workshop (22). Practice use and games on various fields: Soccer (10 / 51), Youth Baseball (17 / 0), Softball (9/0), Senior Baseball (18/4), Disc Golf (0), Stone Links Cricket (0). Events for March included: 2D Sports Baseball Tournament, Death by 5K, Kidd Entertainment/NLRSA Softball Tournament, Time to Paddy 5K—10K and Half Marathon. Multiple Tennis Tournaments and matches, Pickleball—3 Leagues using 7 courts 3 time a week. 1 Championship (tournament) and Special event held on courts in April.

**Animal Services—  
Incoming:**

Dog 145/ytd 373  
Cat 81/ytd 161  
Other 1\*/ytd 11  
\*Potbellied pig

**Adopted:**

Dog 51/ytd 122  
Cat 80/ytd 150  
Other 0/ytd 9

**Reclaim:**

Dog 41/ytd 72  
Cat 0/ytd 2  
Other 0/ytd 1

**Euthanized:**

Dog 58/ytd 167  
Cat 6/ytd 8  
Other 0/ytd 0

Service calls: 566/ytd/1,330

Citations: 20/ytd 51

Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 25/ytd 87



**NLR Electric—**

Customers: 40,838

Revenue: \$7,251,948

Peak Demand: 121,154 kW

Territory: 60 square miles

RS (Residential Solar) Net Meter Customers: 383

Total RS solar panel capacity: 2,842.83 kW

Average RS solar panel capacity: 7.44 kW

Residents with solar arrays larger than 10 kW: 74

Total capacity of customer-owned solar: 6,096 kW

Major outages: 3-29-25 tree on line at 904 Glendale—1,099 customers out 51 minutes. 3-31-25 lightning strike near substation—McCain—1,015 customers out 64 minutes.



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**Revenue Expenditure Report—Unaudited**  
*Month Ending 3-31-2025*

**Revenues**

Miscellaneous	\$ 85,036
Licenses & Permits	\$ 382,580
Property Tax	\$ 380,312
Intergovernmental	\$ 148,580
Franchise Fees	\$ 320,754
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 4,872,319
Charges for Services	\$ 286,767
Fines & Fees	\$ 217,967
Interest Income	\$ 24,031
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,718,345</b>

**Expenditures**

Administration	\$ 192,073
Animal Shelter	\$ 99,871
Special Appropriations	\$ 521,894
City Clerk	\$ 44,377
Emergency Services/911	\$ 245,123
Finance	\$ 108,892
Fire	\$ 1,589,641
Health	\$ 8,062
Legal	\$ 67,436
1st Court	\$ 56,539
2nd Court	\$ 43,432
Human Resources	\$ 77,697
Planning	\$ 92,982
Police	\$ 2,424,438
Code Enforcement	\$ 93,025
Engineering	\$ 88,746
Neighborhood Services	\$ 49,186
Sanitation	\$ 484,211
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 112,415
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 67,089
Communications	\$ 79,342
Fit 2 Live	\$ 225
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,545,695</b>

**Is Gardening Good For Your Health?**

We did a web search and got the following AI Overview

**YES!** Gardening is generally good for your health, offering benefits for both physical and mental well-being. Gardening involves physical activity, which can improve cardiovascular health, muscle strength, and flexibility. Additionally, it can reduce stress, improve mood, and even boost the immune system.

**Physical Health:**

- **Physical Activity:** Gardening activities like digging, planting, and weeding are a form of exercise that can burn calories and improve cardiovascular health.
- **Strength Training:** Gardening involves strength training for arms, legs and core muscles.
- **Vitamin D:** Spending time outdoors in the sun allows your body to produce vitamin D, which is important for bone health and immune function.
- **Immune System:** Exposure to soil can introduce beneficial microbes that can strengthen the immune system.
- **Balance and Dexterity:** Gardening can improve balance and fine motor skills.
- **Stress Reduction:** Gardening can help lower stress, blood pressure, and even alleviate symptoms of anxiety and depression.

**Mental Health:**

- **Stress Reduction:** Spending time in nature and working in a garden can reduce stress and anxiety.
- **Mood Improvement:** Gardening can promote feelings of well-being and happiness.
- **Cognitive Function:** Gardening can stimulate the brain, potentially reducing the risk of cognitive decline.
- **Sense of Purpose and Accomplishment:** Gardening can provide a sense of meaning and purpose, which can be particularly beneficial for older adults.
- **Social Connection:** Gardening can be a social activity, especially in community gardens, providing opportunities for connection and shared learning.

**Now you know the benefits of gardening, how do you get started?**

Consider starting a small container garden. Find a suitable spot (preferably with sun). Select a container that's the appropriate size for the plants you choose, considering both the plant's mature size and the amount of soil it needs (read the seed packet or tag on the container to get an idea of mature size. Make sure the container has adequate drainage holes to prevent waterlogging.

Use a high-quality potting mix, not garden soil, as potting mix is lighter and provides better drainage. Consider using a piece of broken clay pot to cover the drainage hole to prevent soil from draining out, but make sure water can still drain.

When choosing your plants, chose those with similar light and water requirements to ensure they thrive together in the same container. Consider starting with easy-to-grow options like herbs (basil, mint, parsley) or vegetables (lettuce, peas). Think about plants that offer different textures and colors to create a visually interesting display.

With proper care, your small container garden can thrive and provide a beautiful and productive addition to your space. Experiment with different plant combinations and containers designs to create your own unique garden!





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**Senior Center**—975 volunteer hours 2663. Trips included: Dondies White River Princess, Professor Bowl, Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, Bobby's Café and Searcy for Bingo and catfish.

**Finance**— City sales tax down from last year by 12%. County tax was lower by 4.4%. Retail tax down 6.4%.

**Traffic Services**—Barricade Permits—118, AR One Call—43, Signs/Post replaced—55, City Vehicles marked with logo—7.

**Police**—increase in aggravated assaults which caused a 38% increase in violent crimes, violent crime overall down 18%. Property crimes up 6% from pervious month (reminder—lock your vehicles and do not leave valuables in you vehicles...if you must, make sure they are out of site. Part time Cold Case Officer Chick Peckat retired (for the 2nd time from NLRPD).

**Fire**—1,297 incidents, 675 Rescue & EMS, 232 Good Intent Calls, 151 Service Calls, 81 False Alarm, 58 Fire, 14 Severe weather/natural disaster. 4,679 Fire Training hours. 170 Building Surveys.

**Emergency Services/911**—Incoming calls: 6,376—non-911 calls, 6,396—911 calls, 527—abandoned 911 calls.

**Planning**—sign permits—4, banner permits—0, demolition permits—4, 6 commercial remodel — average \$139,149, 2 new commercial—average \$4,700,000, 6 commercial additions—\$139,149. Issued 12 new single family residence permits—average \$150,435, 62 residential remodel—average \$14,429, 3 residential additions—average \$0, 6 new multi-family units (159 units)—\$14,310,000.

**Code Enforcement**—assigned calls—89, initiated calls 896, citations—6, violation notices—1,149, vehicles tagged—49 vehicles towed—2, lots posted—169, signs removed—0, structures inspected—48, rental inspections—20, food service inspections—25, search warrants—0, structures condemned—5, houses demolished by city—0, houses demolished by owner—0, vacant lots cleaned/mowed—310, lots with structures cleaned/mowed—95, vacant houses secured—6, tires removed—30.

**Parks and Recreation**—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 701 visitors. 9 groups: St. Joseph School from Fayetteville, AR (53), Genoa Central High School (22), Chambers Health and Rehabilitation (5), Baptist Preparatory School (32), Christian Academy (14). ASPire Spring session featured outdoor activities (nature walks, outdoor games, crafts, playground and gym activities and chess. Citywide Easter Egg Hunt in Burns Park has over 1,000 participants. Glenview, Sherman Park and Rose City Community Centers also held Easter Egg Hunts with high attendance. Golf hosted the BUZZ Spring Tournament, Golf Week Amateur Tour and Abundant Life. Wednesday Hot

Dog Scramble setting participation records with over 100 players playing 9 holes every Wednesday. Soccer, Youth Baseball, Softball (including senior) - all fields had multiple practice games, games and tournaments. Facilities rentals- 50 Pavilions, 14 Hospitality House, Idlewild 3, Stone Links 6 and River House 4. Burns Park Tennis had several matches and tournaments: ITT matches, UCA Vs Opp, Razorback Junior Tennis Tournament and SAA Conference Tournament. Pickleball leagues going strong with 3 leagues using 7 courts every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night. Lessons are provided by 2 Pickleball Pros.

**Animal Services**—

**Incoming:**

Dog 169/ytd 542  
Cat 113/ytd 274  
Other 11/ytd 22

\*Potbellied pig

**Adopted:**

Dog 48/ytd 170  
Cat 90/ytd 240  
Other 11/ytd 20

**Reclaim:**

Dog 31/ytd 103  
Cat 1/ytd 3  
Other 0/ytd 1

**Euthanized:**

Dog 67/ytd 234  
Cat 4/ytd 12  
Other 0/ytd 0

Service calls: 553/ytd/1,883

Citations: 41/ytd 92

Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 30/ytd 117

**NLR Electric**—

Customers: 40,870

Revenue: \$7,017,608

Peak Demand: 121,154 kW

Territory: 60 square miles

RS (Residential Solar) Net Meter Customers: 391

Total RS solar panel capacity: 2,925 kW

Average RS solar panel capacity: 7.48 kW

Residents with solar arrays larger than 10 kW: 65

Total capacity of customer-owned solar: 6,096 kW

Major outages:

4-3-25 vegetation—1,241 customers—out 47 minutes

4-3-25 lightening near substation—1,014 customers—out 1 hour 40 minutes

4-5-25 system wide outage/wind—storms—11,697 customers out between 3 hours and 3 days

4-6-25 car hit light pole (53rd & Allen)—2,129 customers out 2 hours 2 minutes

4-6-25 broke pole (Highway 107 & Club Road)—5,925 customers out 3 hours 19 minutes

4-22-25 contractor accident (1200 Willow)—1,661 customers out 49 minutes.

**Mayor's Youth Council**—volunteer at the Grove—choice based food pantry and low cost thrift store (there are only two in the state).

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**Revenue Expenditure Report—Unaudited**  
*Month Ending 4-30-2025*

**Revenues**

Miscellaneous	\$ 51,564
Licenses & Permits	\$ 261,428
Property Tax	\$ 880,857
Intergovernmental	\$ (55,733)
Franchise Fees	\$ 261,821
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 4,774,527
Charges for Services	\$ 260,372
Fines & Fees	\$ 168,359
Interest Income	\$ 190,037
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,793,233</b>

**Expenditures**

Administration	\$ 186,308
Animal Shelter	\$ 83,025
Special Appropriations	\$1,763,455
City Clerk	\$ 50,990
Emergency Services/911	\$ 251,257
Finance	\$ 114,025
Fire	\$1,393,529
Health	\$ 12,048
Legal	\$ 70,651
1st Court	\$ 57,398
2nd Court	\$ 44,191
Human Resources	\$ 80,765
Planning	\$ 95,063
Police	\$2,148,698
Code Enforcement	\$ 98,153
Engineering	\$ 51,314
Neighborhood Services	\$ 38,394
Sanitation	\$ 536,125
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 101,579
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 85,527
Communications	\$ 22,510
Fit 2 Live	\$ 2,089
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,287,092</b>



**Obituary for Retired North Little Rock Police Captain Ronald Dean Burks**

Ronnie Burks passed away May 7, 2025. He is survived by his junior high school sweet heart and loving wife of 50 years, Brenda Carter Burks, son Matt Burks (Elisha), daughter Whitney Plummer (Adam), grandsons Braxton and Cannon Burks, younger brothers Randy (Lorraine) and Ricky Burks (Yvette), step siblings, Brian Bentley, Clint Harper (Julie), Cindy Cecil (Cliff) , Karen Grayson (Larry) and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ronnie is proceeded in death by his father, Ronald L. Burks and stepmother Bernice, and mother, Dorothy Harper and step- father, Clinton.

Ronnie graduated from North Little Rock High School in 1974, where he played nose-guard on the 1972 State Champion Wildcat football team and was named Who's Who in American high school football.

Ronnie dedicated 44 years of his life to protecting and serving his community. He joined the North Little Rock Police Department as a cadet in 1974. After becoming an officer, he worked his way up to the rank of Captain before retiring in 1998. Ronnie was then selected as Chief of the Arkansas State Highway Police where he served until his retirement in 2019. Ronnie was a member of the International Association of Police Chiefs and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Ronnie was inspired by the courage, dedication, and enthusiasm of the athletes of the Special Olympics and because of his work, leadership and fundraising efforts for the organization, he was inducted into Special Olympics Hall of Fame.

Ronnie loved to play golf and achieved his first hole in one last year and would attribute his good luck to the fact he was an avid recycler. He was always up for new adventures and challenges and loved traveling with his wife Brenda. Ronnie loved and appreciated his family and friends deeply, and treasured time with his grandsons.

Memorials may be made to Special Olympics of Arkansas or St. Jude.

**City of North Little Rock Names New Training and Development Manager for Employees**

We are excited to welcome David Baxter, a seasoned Professional Development Trainer, to the Human Resources Department as the new Training, Development, and Special Projects Manager. David Baxter is an accomplished public speaker with over 20 years of experience empowering individuals and teams to grow their skills, confidence, and career potential. Specializing in wellness/ fitness, customer service, conflict management, communication, leadership, and team dynamics, he has designed and delivered high-impact training programs across municipal, corporate, nonprofit, and educational sectors. Baxter will develop customized learning experiences that foster professional growth, enhance workplace culture, and align with strategic organizational goals. Known for an engaging and practical facilitation style, Baxter creates inclusive learning environments that inspire active participation and real-world application.

Before (returning) to the city, Baxter spent 18 years in Law Enforcement, with 12 of those years at the City of North Little Rock Police Department. After leaving the North Little Rock Police Department, he spent 11 years with the Arkansas Municipal League, and most recently, he was a federal contractor for the United States Department of Justice. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and a Master of Arts in Communication and Leadership. However, he will be the first to tell anyone that the mentoring from veteran officers, experiences with the public, training, and education he received while serving as a police officer for the City of North Little Rock are the real foundation of his educational background. When not leading workshops or coaching professionals, he enjoys the outdoors, staying in shape, and watching his grandkids play sports.

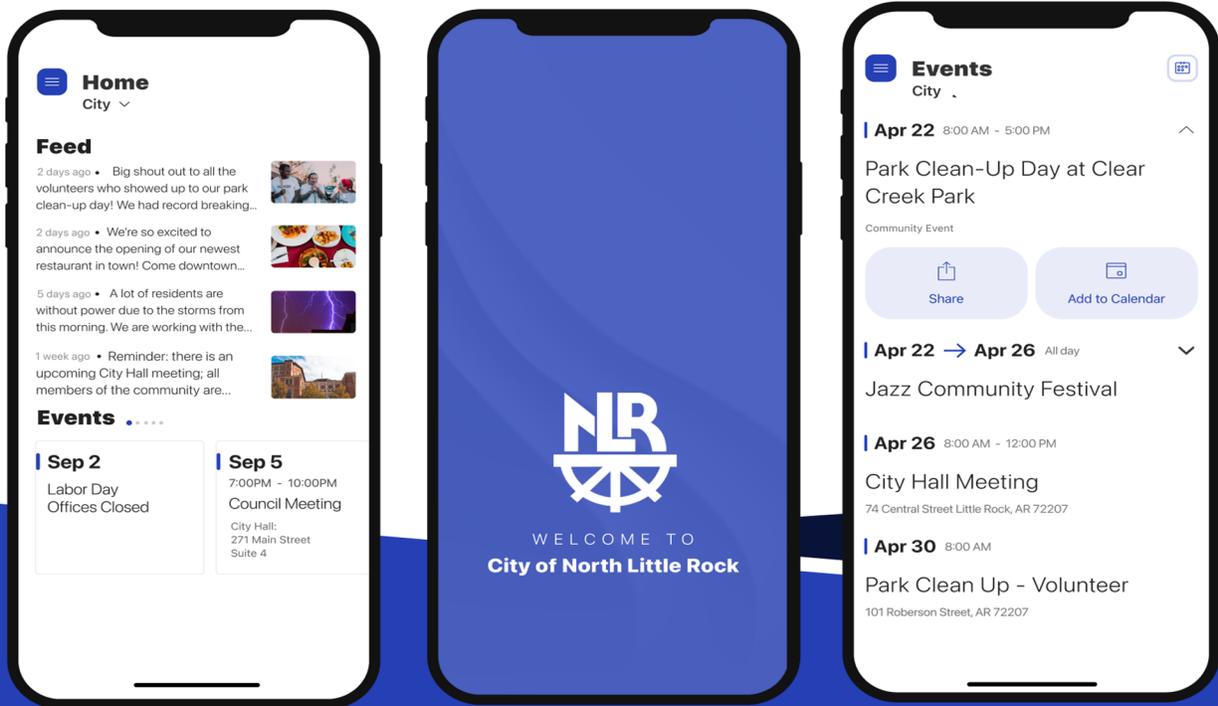


# City of North Little Rock unveils new cell phone application!

North Little Rock Communication Director Shara Hutchcraft provided information at the May 27, 2025 City Council meeting regarding the city's new app. To get the app on your phone, take a picture of the QR code below and follow the steps to download it! For more information, reach out to Shara at [shutchcraft@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:shutchcraft@nlr.ar.gov).

## It's everything City of North Little Rock, in your pocket.

-  News
-  Events
-  Documents
-  Staff
-  Notifications



Download the **City of North Little Rock** app from the iOS App Store or Android Play Store and enable Notifications.

## Stay Hydrated this Summer!

The long, hot days of Summer are just around the corner! Be sure you know the signs of dehydration and be sure to keep yourself, your family, your coworkers, your pets...well what the heck...EVERY body hydrated this summer.

**WTR Energy**

# THIRSTY?

**Then You're Already Dehydrated!**

**75%** of Americans are chronically dehydrated

**Know the Warning Signs:**

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Trouble concentrating
- Dry mouth
- Fatigue
- Dark urine (see chart below)
- Muscle cramps
- Constipation

**HYDRATE FOR LIFE**

- Energizes Muscles
- Keeps Skin Looking Youthful
- Helps Keep Off Unwanted Weight
- Flushes Harmful Toxins
- Helps You Be More Alert
- Improves Digestion and Reduces Bloating

**H<sub>2</sub>O GOAL = 8-12 cups of water per day (64-96 oz.)**

*Drink Based on a Schedule, Not by Thirst Alone*

**PRE-HYDRATE**  
Drink before you are thirsty

- When you wake
- On your drive to work
- Before each meal
- At desk/ In the field
- Before bed

**CHOOSE WATER**  
Avoid caffeine and sugar

**Rethink Your Drink**  
Water is convenient, inexpensive and calorie-free! Other drinks may hydrate but may also provide unwanted calories, chemicals and sugar

Water (Refillable bottle)	Regular Soda	Coffee Drink	Energy Drink
20 oz.	20 oz.	20 oz.	1 can = 8 oz.
0 calories	140 calories	190 calories	108 calories
0 sugar	10 teaspoons of sugar (40 grams)	10 teaspoons of sugar (40 grams)	7 teaspoons of sugar (27 grams)

**AIM TO BE CLEAR**  
Drink water throughout the day—more when you sweat

**How Hydrated Are You?**  
The clearer your urine the better

Optimal | Well Hydrated | Dehydrated (You need to drink more) | Seek Medical Aid

**Hydrated** | **Dehydrated**

Torrential rainfall hit Arkansas in April of this year resulting in widespread flooding, wind

damage,  
electrical  
outages  
and  
more.





To all of the families who visited one of our city parks properties for Easter Egg hunts...  
**THANK YOU!!!!**



**EASTER EGGS HUNTS:**  
Proof your child can find things when they really want to.





**Peddlers Permit  
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**  
Issued: 3/3/2025  
Expires: 7/3/2025



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](http://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 no licensed door to door solicitors in the city as of May 29, 2025.**

***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 2024 NLR Business Licenses expired December 31, 2024. **A that have not renewed are now past due. A 25% penalty will be applied to any invoices paid after April 2, 2025. The penalty will increase for 50% of the total due on and after July 1, 2025.**

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

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.

If you **sell products like cosmetics, kitchen items, etc.** you are required to obtain a "home-based" 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).

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

**Q&A...A guy came to my door selling stuff. He said he was working for the city but didn't have a city ID. How do I find out if he is licensed?** Please call the City Clerk's Office at 501-975-8617. All door to door solicitors are required to be registered/licensed by the City of North Little Rock. All licensed door to door solicitors are issued a city photo ID are posted on our website.

**Q&A...My business is physically located in North Little Rock, if I work in other cities, will they honor my NLR BL?** Arkansas law requires other cities to honor licenses issued by another city within the state. However, in the case of a Food Truck, another license may be required.

**Q&A...A guy in a van with a ladder on the top stopped by my house and said he could trim my trees and the city would pick them up, is this true?** No. Fire, the individual should have a city issued business license and be able to prove they are bonded/insured. If they are not, the property owner will be responsible for damages or injuries that occur as a result of the work. If you pay someone to trim trees and they do not remove the tree debris, the city will require the resident to pay an administrative fee and bulk rate fee to remove the debris.

**Q&A...If my contractor has a state license is that considered a business license?** No. Anyone doing business within the City must also hold a city issued business license.

**What happens if I operate a 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](mailto:Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov).

The City Council Agenda can be found at [nlr.ar.gov](http://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
Human Resources, Betty Anderson Fit 2 Live	501-975-8855
Legal, Amy Fields, City Attorney	501-975-3755
Planning, Shawn Spencer	501-975-8835
Utilities Accounting, Terrell Milton	501-975-8888

**City Council Members**

Ward 1	Debi Ross Nathan Hamilton	501-753-0733 501-952-7679
Ward 2	Linda Robinson Nicole Hart	501-945-8820 501-960-2461
Ward 3	Steve Baxter Ron Harris	501-804-0928 501-758-2877
Ward 4	Vince Insalaco III Scott Fowler	501-951-0786 501-765-5868

**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	
Revenue Enforcement.....	501-975-8612
Officer David Pettit	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737
Arnessa Bennett	

**North Little Rock Curbside Recycling  
schedule for June 2025.**



June 2—6, recycle  
*June 9—13 no pickup*  
 June 16—21, recycle  
*June 23—27 no pickup*  
 June 30—July 5, recycle

# May Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date
HAMILTON, BRANTON	POLICE	1	FORTNER, STEPHEN	STREET	16
KOLB, MATTHEW	FIRE	1	DOUGAN, SHANE	FIRE	17
MCCAA, JESSICA	POLICE	1	BROOKS III, SAM	STREET	17
ZONNER, GREGORY	AIMM	3	SCALES, CARMEN	POLICE	17
WOODWARD, JASON	POLICE	4	LANKFORD, STEVEN	FIRE	18
WALKER, NICHOLAS	FIRE	5	HUTCHCRAFT, SHARA	COMMUNICATIONS	18
CUNNINGHAM, JENNIE	PARKS RECREATION	6	KABAT, ANITA	ANIMAL SHELTER	19
HARRIS, CHARLES	STREET	7	GOTELL, ISAAC	PARKS MAINT	19
BLACK, BILLIE	PLANNING	7	GARTRELL, RUSTY	POLICE	19
PATE, TONY	PARKS RECREATION	8	DAVIS JR, CHARLES	FIRE	20
WALKER, SEAN	FIRE	8	HUBBARD, STEVEN	STREET	20
BRAGGS, TIMOTHY	PLANNING	8	DESIDERIO, ANTHONY	FIRE	20
SARTIN, KENNETH	FIRE	8	JAMES, JUSTIN	ELECTRIC	20
WRIGHT III, JOHN	PARKS MAINT	8	SHOSHONE, RICKY	FIRE	20
FERRY, CHRISTINE	ELECTRIC	8	KULESA, LOGAN	POLICE	20
HAYDEN, DEMARIO	FIRE	8	HELMICH, JONNY	POLICE	21
ELMS JR, DOUGLAS	FIRE	9	TIMS, LONNELL	POLICE	21
KORYCKI, KIMBERLY	ADMIN	9	DONLEY, DANIELLE	POLICE	21
DAUGHERTY, JERRI	POLICE	9	DOUGLAS, SUSAN	ELECTRIC	21
COBBS, SHANA	POLICE	10	HOLLEY, MICHAEL	FIRE	22
BARBER, JOHN	IT	11	ALEXANDER JR, VAN	PARKS GOLF	24
ALLEN, GREGORY	VEHICLE MAINT	11	MEDFORD, DUSTIN	POLICE	25
SINGLETON, CORNELIUS	PARKS MAINT	11	HARROD, COLTON	ELECTRIC	26
SANTUCCI, ALEXANDER	POLICE	12	MCCOY, JOHNATHAN	PARKS MAINT	26
HARRIS, JOHN	ELECTRIC	12	KOVACH, KRISTOPHER	ELECTRIC	26
DEPRIEST, LANE	FIRE	12	PATTERSON, SHELBY	OES/911	28
GARRETT, PATRICK	POLICE	13	DILLON, KATHRYN	VEHICLE MAINT	28
KINKAID, BRYAN	POLICE	13	JOHNSON, MYEEKEDRA	HR	29
COOPER, AMY	POLICE	13	AUSTIN, DARREN	PARKS MAINT	29
POST, HEATH	PARKS MAINT	14	DUCKERY, KRASTAL	ELECTRIC	29
BOWERS, JOSHUA	PLANNING	14	SORRELLS, KARL	POLICE	29
BROWN, JIMMY	PARKS MAINT	14	ROSS, RICHARD	CODE ENFORCEMENT	30
PHIFER, LAFRANCIS	PARKS RECREATION	14	POWELL, TOMMY	PARKS GOLF	30
HOLLAND, JENIFER	PARKS RECREATION	15	FRESHOUR, BROOKE	OES/911	31
HAMMONDS, TIMOTHY	ELECTRIC	16			

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## May Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
WILLIAMS, LINDA	ELECTRIC	18	KING, ERICA	OES/911	8
DERRICK, ZACHERY	ELECTRIC	2	ANDERSON, CYNTHIA	OES/911	3
DUCKERY, KRASTAL	ELECTRIC	18	CHAPERON, BRITTANY	OES/911	5
DENNISON, ERICA	ELECTRIC	1	RALSTON, JOSEPH	PARKS GOLF	11
MELTON, DAVID	ELECTRIC	16	VANGILDER, MICHAEL	PARKS GOLF	1
RATTAY, MATTHEW	ELECTRIC	3	AUSTIN, WILLIAM	PARKS GOLF	1
COBB, TREY	ELECTRIC	1	BELL JR, ODELL	PARKS MAINT	3
TARKINGTON, SANDRA	ELECTRIC	18	CANADY, CASEY	PARKS MAINT	3
USSERY, EBBIE	ELECTRIC	36	LARRY, WILLIAM	PARKS MAINT	6
COLLINS, CHRISTOPHER	ELECTRIC	11	PENNINGTON, FREDRICK	PARKS MAINT	3
JOHNSON, ANDREW	ELECTRIC	13	GOTELL, ISAAC	PARKS MAINT	3
HEAD, CLARK	ELECTRIC	6	MEANS, WILLIAM	PARKS MAINT	3
FUNDERBURG, CODY	ELECTRIC	10	LEWIS, JOSHUA	PARKS MAINT	9
KOBA, KAYLA	FINANCE	1	ELLIS, TSHOMBEA	PARKS MAINT	1
LEHMAN, JUSTIN	FIRE	2	RHODES, JASON	PARKS MAINT	12
ALMON, WARREN	FIRE	31	CUNNINGHAM, JENNIE	PARKS RECREATION	30
HOFFMAN, ADAM	FIRE	3	PHIFER, LAFRANCIS	PARKS RECREATION	2
ETHERINGTON, ANDREW	FIRE	3	WORRELL, TINA	PARKS RECREATION	22
DESIDERIO, ANTHONY	FIRE	2	BEARD, FLOYD	PARKS RECREATION	7
DOERPINGHAUS, ALAN	FIRE	2	ALANIZ, KAREN	POLICE	3
CHRISTIAN, ZACHARY	FIRE	2	MODDRELL, LINDA	POLICE	8
MANN, DAVID	FIRE	2	MCEUEN, ELLISA	POLICE	14
MAULDIN, JORDAN	FIRE	1	GATES, COLLIN	POLICE	4
MYERS, KYLE	FIRE	3	NEWBERRY, DAWN	POLICE	4
WARD, REBECCA	FIRE	2	SCOTT, JEFFREY	POLICE	4
BRICKLEY, TRENT	FIRE	2	UNDERWOOD, JUSTIN	PUB WORKS/ENGINEER	1
RAMIREZ, KATHERYN	IT	6	NEWTON, VINCENT	SANITATION	6
YIELDING, CHRISTINA	LEGAL	25	HARRIS, CHARLES	STREET	14
COOPER, BEAU	NEIGHBORHOOD SRV	4	INGRAM, TERRENCE	STREET	1
STRONG, DARIAN	OES/911	7	BROCK, KENNY	VEHICLE MAINT	33

**City of North Little Rock Offices will be closed**  
**Thursday, June 19, 2025**  
 in observance of  
**Juneteenth Day.**



**Garbage, trash and recycling routes scheduled for**  
**Thursday will be picked up on Friday,**  
**Friday's pickup will be on Saturday.**

# June Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date
WEBB, PETRA	ELECTRIC	1	SPENCER, SHAWN	PLANNING	19
SMITH, BRIAN	ELECTRIC	1	GRAY, EVELYN	ELECTRIC	20
LONG, CHRISTOPHER	FIRE	1	COMBS, JEFFREY	FIRE	21
BRYANT, MICHAEL	PARKS MAINT	1	BONNER, AMANDA	FINANCE	21
WORRELL, TINA	PARKS RECREATION	3	COLLINS, JERRY	POLICE	21
IVEY, KEITH	FINANCE	3	LAMBERT, DONNA	SANITATION	21
BALLARD, JULIAN	FIRE	4	HATTER, ALAN	SANITATION	22
WOODWARD, GREGORY	ELECTRIC	4	BRYANT, HOLLY	STREET	22
DELLORTO, DANIEL	FIRE	4	KECK, BRANDON	FIRE	22
BLEVINS, MICHAEL	POLICE	5	MCCOY, DYLAN	IT	22
DENNISON, ERICA	ELECTRIC	5	ROSS, DEBORAH	ADMIN	23
ASHLEY, DANIEL	FIRE	5	COLEMAN, MARK	FIRE	23
CAZORT, WILLIAM	OES/911	6	HARPER, SHELIA	FINANCE	23
WILLIAMS, LYNN	SANITATION	6	EOFF, DONALD	PARKS MAINT	23
MORAGNE, NAKISHA	ELECTRIC	8	REESE, GLEN	CODE ENFORCEMENT	23
JOHNSON, MARCUS	SANITATION	8	STEWART , VEDA	ELECTRIC	23
ANDERSON, MATTHEW	POLICE	8	GOODMAN, JACOB	FIRE	23
COOK, MICHAEL	FIRE	9	HOLLEY, CHRISTOPHER	FIRE	24
MEANS, WILLIAM	Parks Maint	9	REEVES, MICHAEL	PARKS RECREATION	24
VELIZ PONCE, ANTHONY	POLICE	9	ADKINS, GIOVANNA	POLICE	24
DOERPINGHAUS, ALAN	FIRE	10	WEED, MICHAEL	FINANCE	25
COBURN, JEFFREY	POLICE	10	BRYANT, JAMES	POLICE	25
BREEDLOVE JR, CONDOROUS	SANITATION	10	PETTIT, LEONARD	ELECTRIC	25
HILL, BRYAN	FIRE	11	HOPSON, BILLY	SANITATION	25
BOLDEN, CHARLES	ELECTRIC	12	OSBON, NATHAN	ELECTRIC	26
CHRISMAN, JASON	POLICE	12	JONES, DAVID	FIRE	27
ROBINSON, LAURIE	POLICE	14	FREE, ERICK	FIRE	27
RUSSELL, SUSAN	SENIOR CENTER	15	MORAGNE, BRITTANY	POLICE	27
PLATT, COREY	FIRE	15	CORAN, ERIC	IT	27
HAWKINS, JERRY	SANITATION	15	LACY, DENISE	POLICE	28
CATO, MARK	IT	15	JOHNSON JR, TERRY	STREET	28
SCOTT, DANIEL	NEIGHBORHOOD SRV	16	WOMACK, JENIFER	POLICE	28
THUROW, JOELY	PLANNING	16	BERRYMAN, SEAN	POLICE	29
NORRIS, GARY	PLANNING	17	DOWDY, JEREMY	ELECTRIC	29
PEACH, MATTHEW	POLICE	17	COFFMAN, NATHANIEL	POLICE	29
WAID JR, TOMMY	STREET	17	RUMPH, CHRISTOPHER	FIRE	30
STANLEY, MICHAEL	POLICE	18	WILLIAMS, WILLIAM	POLICE	30

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# June Anniversaries

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DAVIS, JOHN	ADMIN	1	SMITH, PAMELA	PARKS RECREATION	33
MAHAN, TELINA	AIMM	9	HOLLAND, JENIFER	PARKS RECREATION	12
CARTER, BRANDON	ANIMAL SHELTER	1	JOHNSON, KEITH	PARKS RECREATION	6
KEATHLEY, ROBERT	CODE ENFORCEMENT	1	HALE, JOHN	PLANNING	11
REESE, GLEN	CODE ENFORCEMENT	15	MESSER, RONALD	POLICE	28
KITTA, JON	CODE ENFORCEMENT	2	SIMS, BRADLEY	POLICE	21
RICE, CHARLES	CODE ENFORCEMENT	2	KROMMINGA JR, JASON	POLICE	1
RAGLAND, MATTHEW	ELECTRIC	3	HELTON, CARMEN	POLICE	26
WALLIS, DANA	ELECTRIC	15	TEMPLE, JOHN	POLICE	8
FRIDAY JR, DONALD	ELECTRIC	1	COMMONS, LILLIE	POLICE	1
HAGAR, HAYDEN	ELECTRIC	1	SORRELLS, KARL	POLICE	29
FUENTES RAMIREZ, JOSUE	ELECTRIC	1	TIMS, LONNELL	POLICE	22
LANGSTON, BRENT	ELECTRIC	1	MONTGOMERY, SAMUEL	POLICE	18
HAMMONDS, TIMOTHY	ELECTRIC	3	CHAMNESS, STEVEN	POLICE	23
RIGGIN, RONALD	ELECTRIC	34	BENNETT, BRANDON	POLICE	18
ALLEN, CHAD	ELECTRIC	31	HOOPER, DOMINIC	POLICE	3
WILSON, RICHARD	ELECTRIC	9	WRIGHT, MARK	POLICE	24
HANKINS, THOMAS	ELECTRIC	15	NORMAN, THOMAS	POLICE	27
KUYKENDALL, ROBERT	ELECTRIC	17	ALSBROOK, AUSTIN	POLICE	1
STEPHENS, JESSICA	ELECTRIC	15	MILLER, MICHAEL	POLICE	29
MAYFIELD, MATTHEW	FIRE	14	BLANKENSHIP, GREGORY	POLICE	27
EVANS, BENJAMIN	FIRE	25	WIGGINS, MARK	POLICE	28
USSERY, BRANDON	FIRE	7	SINGLETON JR, STEVEN	POLICE	3
SMITH, BRODY	FIRE	6	WADE, HUNTER	POLICE	1
ASHLEY, DANIEL	FIRE	14	DRONE, PHYLLIS	POLICE	13
KEHLER, CHASE	FIRE	3	DORRELL II, DENNIS	POLICE	27
MADDEN, CHARLES	FIRE	3	O'KELLEY, CLINTON	POLICE	22
COLTER, TYLER	FIRE	6	SHELDON, JOSEPH	POLICE	1
MCDONNELL, JULIA	HR	23	BOODY, JAY	POLICE	27
RABUN, STEVE	IT	30	BROWN, CODY	POLICE	18
MCCOY, BRADY	IT	6	MCMASTER, ANDREW	POLICE	1
ALURAIKY, YASSIN	IT	8	MCCOY, CODY	POLICE	2
HOGAN, RICK	LEGAL	3	LOGAN, ANTHONY	SANITATION	25
ROLLINS, KAREN	OES/911	22	CARR, GRALYN	STREET	8
HOPKINS, JEANETTE	OES/911	1	JONES SR, HENRY	STREET	3
WHITAKER, HALEY	OES/911	2	NELSEN, GEOFFREY	VEHICLE MAINT	2
MCNAUGHTON, DUSTIN	PARKS GOLF	11	ROBERTSON, WILLIAM	VEHICLE MAINT	35
FARMER, TOMMY	PARKS MAINT	2	ARMSTRONG, DAVID	VEHICLE MAINT	28

Make Space for Self Care this May at the

# NLR Public Library System

## Know Your Roots: Native Plant Walks on Fridays in May at 5 PM

Join local forager RaeLi from Plantarchy for a four-week series of Friday evening nature walks, where you'll explore Arkansas trails and learn to identify native plants. Walks start at 5 PM on May 9, 16, 23, and 30. Registration required—space is limited. See our online calendar ([programs.nlrlibrary.org/events](https://programs.nlrlibrary.org/events)) to register and find more information.

## Free Vinyl Swap on Saturday, May 10 from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Laman Library

Join Laman Library and Control Records for a free vinyl swap! Bring a few records to trade, refresh your collection, and connect with other music lovers. Enjoy coffee, pastries, a live DJ, and plenty of records to explore—no money, just good vibes in The Studio on Laman's second floor.

## Rock, Paper, Run 5k Rescheduled for Sunday, May 18!

Rock, Paper, Run 5K—our National Library Week celebration in partnership with the Central Arkansas Library System—has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 18 due to storm-related delays. Even better? We've opened up new spots! Don't miss your chance to support your local libraries and be part of the fun. Sign up now at [rockpaperrun.com](https://rockpaperrun.com)!

## Free Mobile Video for Small Business Classes at the Hub

Join us for two sessions designed to help small businesses boost their brand! On Tuesday, May 13 at 5:30 PM, learn smartphone filming techniques to create eye-catching content, then on Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30 PM, discover easy editing tips using CapCut to take your videos to the next level—all from your phone! Register online at [arhub.org](https://arhub.org).

## Self Care Night at NLRPLS on Thursday, May 22 at all Locations!

Join us for a Fourth Thursday Self Care Night at NLRPLS on Thursday, May 22 with a variety of relaxing and creative activities for all ages! From a Spanish-Friendly Tiny Chef Family Night at Argenta to Handmade Fidget Toys for Kids and Tweens at Laman, there's something for everyone. Plus, enjoy Rover Self Care Night parked at Laman, Childhood Nostalgia Night for Adults, Mandalas for Teens, and a Mindfulness and Self-Care Community Night at The Hub. Don't miss out—come take care of yourself with us! Visit our online calendar for more information: [programs.nlrlibrary.org/events](https://programs.nlrlibrary.org/events).

## Learn something new at NLRPLS' Innovation Hub!



Check out the Innovation Hub's adult classes at [arhub.org](https://arhub.org)!

## Find our full calendar at [programs.nlrlibrary.org/events](https://programs.nlrlibrary.org/events)!

### Staff Birthdays:

- May 2 - Colby S.
- May 5 - Alyssa B.
- May 7 - Caleb D.
- May 17 - Ben W.
- May 21 - Molly J.
- May 31 - Dawn S.

### Work Anniversaries:

- 3 years - Susie K.
- 3 years - Lacy W.
- 4 years - Cameron S.



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SUMMER LIBRARY ADVENTURES 2025

# COLOR OUR WORLD™

AT THE NLR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

THIS SUMMER, NLR LIBRARIES ARE BRINGING CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY, AND COLOR TO THE FOREFRONT WITH COLOR OUR WORLD, A VIBRANT SUMMER LIBRARY ADVENTURE FOR ALL AGES! FIND OUT MORE AT [NLRLIBRARY.ORG/SUMMER](http://NLRLIBRARY.ORG/SUMMER)

SUMMER LIBRARY ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

SUMMER LIBRARY ADVENTURE KICKOFF PARTY

## How It Works

Starting June 2, all ages can sign up in person or by phone to receive a tote bag and your Color Our World Passport (while supplies last).

Pick up your passport at any NLRPLS location and complete at least 5 challenges like reading, creating, or exploring. Earn a prize for every 5 completed!

Complete all 8 sets of 5 for a chance to win the grand prize: a family 4-pack to the Little Rock Zoo!

## Summer Library Adventure Kickoff Party! | Saturday, June 7 | 10 AM to 2 PM | Innovation Hub

Join us for Color Our World, a free, all-ages celebration kicking off a summer of library fun at the Innovation Hub! This community event features games, entertainment, creative activities, local vendors, and door prizes.

## Check out Summer Camps at NLRPLS's Innovation Hub! Scholarships available!

Check out the Innovation Hub's youth classes at [hub.nlrlibrary.org](http://hub.nlrlibrary.org)!



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- June 4 - Shan F.
- June 5 - Anna B.
- June 12 - Darlene C.
- June 27 - Jamie M.
- June 29 - Drienne T.

### Work Anniversaries:

- 1 year - Maddie H.
- 1 year - Ethan S.
- 1 year - Susannah S.
- 2 years - Bekah H.
- 2 years - Twyla T.
- 2 years - Jill W.
- 4 years - Tammie E.
- 4 years - Kevin N.
- 8 years - Jennie P.
- 10 years - Robin C.
- 10 years - Stacy. P
- 22 years - Janet R.
- 33 years - Craig G.



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# Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum

Memorial Day – Labor Day  
Summer Hours:  
Wednesday – Saturday  
10:00 am – 5:30 pm  
Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Celebrating 20 years!!  
2005 – 2025  
Week of June 4 - 8

Come down take a tour and  
see what it is like to be inside  
a World War II Submarine!



## Mayor's Office employee retires after 51 years of Service!

Charlotte Thomas, longtime City Hall employee retired following a lengthy career serving the residents of the city.

Ms. Charlotte went to work in the Mayor's Office in 1974. During her tenure, she worked under eight (8) administrations with seven (7) mayors including Casey Laman, Bob Rosamond, Eddie Powell, Reed Thompson, Patrick Henry Hays, Joe A. Smith, and Terry C. Hartwick (twice). Ms. Charlotte's patience, kindness and



During the 2025 Arkansas Legislative Session, many North Little Rock folks recognized several familiar faces at the State Capitol!

Retired North Little Rock Fire Department Lt. Charlie Platt, Captain Roy Sanchez, Captain Phillip Flynn, and Chief Al Cerrato (see photo above) serve in their new roles.



compassion for helping others will be sorely missed.

