

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

July 2026

The 250th celebration of America, marking the semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence is this month!
Be sure to celebrate with your family and friends!

Tuesday,
June 30, 2026,
the Arkansas
Inland Maritime Museum
will hold a **"Veterans
Salute America—Coffee
& Donuts"** as they honor
America's 250th!
At 10 am C310s and
Blackhawk helicopters
will fly over.
This event is open to
the public!
**A big THANK YOU to
the Arkansas National
Guard for putting on
this event.**



Pops On the River 2026

July 4, 2026—Downtown Little Rock

5 pm—Gates open, free admission. Open amphitheater seating is available, but limited. You can purchase reserved seating here for \$15 per seat in advance online. No coolers or outside food or drinks. No pets or fireworks allowed. Children's pavilions open including food trucks.

5 - 8:30 pm—When the gates open at 5pm, the first 100 active or retired military members will receive free reserved seating in the amphitheater.

6:30 pm—Kemistri featuring Nicky Parris

7:30 pm—Rodney Block

8:30 pm—The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

9:30 pm—Fireworks—Celebrate our nation's independence with the Pops on the River Fireworks finale shot over the Main Street Bridge and visible over downtown Little Rock AND North Little Rock!

REMINDER

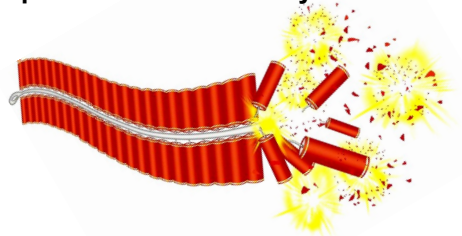
Fireworks are banned in the City of North Little Rock...

Pursuant to North Little Rock Ordinance No. 7327, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess, store, offer for sale, sell at retail, set off, ignite or otherwise explode any firecrackers or other fireworks by whatever name called within the city limits.

Provided that the use of fireworks for public displays shall be allowed upon recommendation of the city fire marshal and authorization of the City Council.

No parent or guardian of a minor shall furnish money or a thing of value to a minor for the purchase of fireworks or encourage, act in conjunction with or in any manner instigate or aid a minor in the commission of having, keeping, stor-

ing, selling, offering for sale, giving away, using, transporting or manufacturing fireworks within the corporate limits of the city.



"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

The Devastating Effects of Fireworks on Pets and Wildlife

Found at thereader.mitpress.mit.edu

By: Kendra Coulter

Fireworks have become a fixture of many celebrations around the world, from weddings to national holidays. But there are many among us, including the furry, feathered and finned, who feel fear with every thundering boom.

Animal caretakers, wildlife rehabilitators and fire services see firsthand the damaging — and sometimes fatal — affects whenever and wherever fireworks are deployed.

Real risks for animals

Cats and dogs both experience sounds at far greater intensity than humans. Fireworks appear for them as discordant noise without warning.

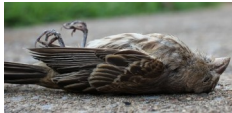
Studies suggest up to 50 percent of dogs are afraid of fireworks. Frightened animals awakened from sleep or startled from a state of relaxation will hide, pace, shake, cry or flee, unable to process what is going on or find a safe haven.

Horses' innate fear responses (*fight or flight*) can take over when they hear fireworks. This has led to death of horses.

It's not only animals who are at risk either. Spooking horses can accidentally hurt people trying to handle and comfort them. Bystanders can also be injured when horses bolt out of fear.

Wild animals' responses

The dangers are serious for wild animals like birds, squirrels, frogs and fish too. During fireworks explosions, nearby resting birds will flee in fear en masse from trees and ponds, and fly off into the night sky.



Some birds have flown so far out to sea, they would not physically have been able to return to land alive. Birds can crash into buildings, get lost and disoriented and literally fall, by the thousands, onto communities.

Because fireworks are launched at night, the full effects on wild animals are challenging to document. Researchers expect that millions of birds are affected around the world and that the results linger after the smoke has disappeared.

In spring and early summer, when animals like birds and squirrels are nesting or in the early stages of rearing their offspring, the risks are even greater. Babies die of dehydration or starvation when terrified or disoriented animal parents cannot find their way back to their nests and burrows. These painful deaths are particularly tragic because they are completely avoidable.



Risks to people

The negative impacts of fireworks extend beyond animals — they can also trigger refugees and veterans.

When set off, fireworks can release toxic chemicals and pollute the environment. And during warnings of the potential of an intense and dangerous fire season, the incendiary risks of fireworks are even more dire.

FIREWORKS PET SAFETY TIPS

- **Keep pets indoors**—don't let your pets outside during fireworks. Loud pops and booms could easily startle your pet and cause them to run away.
- **Provide a quiet place**—prepare a place for your pet such as a quiet room, pet carrier, or crate to help them feel secure.
- **Give them distractions**: toys, treats, soothing music. Treat toys such as Kongs filled with their favorite food may help keep their minds busy and distract them from fireworks.
- **Microchip & ID Tags**—pets should always have property identification tags, with up-to-date contact information. Microchipping is also strongly recommended—make sure that information is up-to-date as well.
- **Walk your dog earlier in the day**—pets may be too frightened to go out once fireworks start popping. This is a good way to tire them out so that they can rest better.
- **Talk to your Veterinarian**—if your pet has had a bad experience with fireworks, loud noises, gunfire...consider talking to your pet's doctor for advice, possible medication.
- **If your pet gets lost**—search your property, contact your microchip company, reach out to local animal shelter, post flyers, talk to neighbors, post on social media.



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 furever 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



4th of July Safety Tips *found at firstalert.com*

Independence Day celebrations call for gathering with friends and family, enjoying delicious grilled food and watching firework shows. Although the Fourth of July is only once a year, practicing firework and grill safety all season is important to help keep your home and family safe.

4th of July fire safety tips to help ensure safe celebrations

Grill safety tips

Grilling is a favorite during the summer season, especially on the 4th of July. It is important to practice safe cooking and be prepared in case a grilling accident does occur. Each year there are over 10,600 home fires that are started by grills (NFPA). Follow these grill safety tips to help ensure a safe grilling experience on the Fourth of July, and all summer long:

- Do not leave a lit grill unattended and make sure that you are actively supervising whenever the grill is in use.
- Never let children operate the grill.
- Place your barbecue well away from any structures, branches, or trees that could easily catch fire and spread.
- Keep a fire extinguisher near the grill so you can act quickly if a grilling accident does occur. First Alert EZ Fire Spray is small and easy to use making it a great addition to your grilling set.

Firework safety tips *(for people who live outside the North Little Rock city limits or any other city/town that restricts fireworks)*

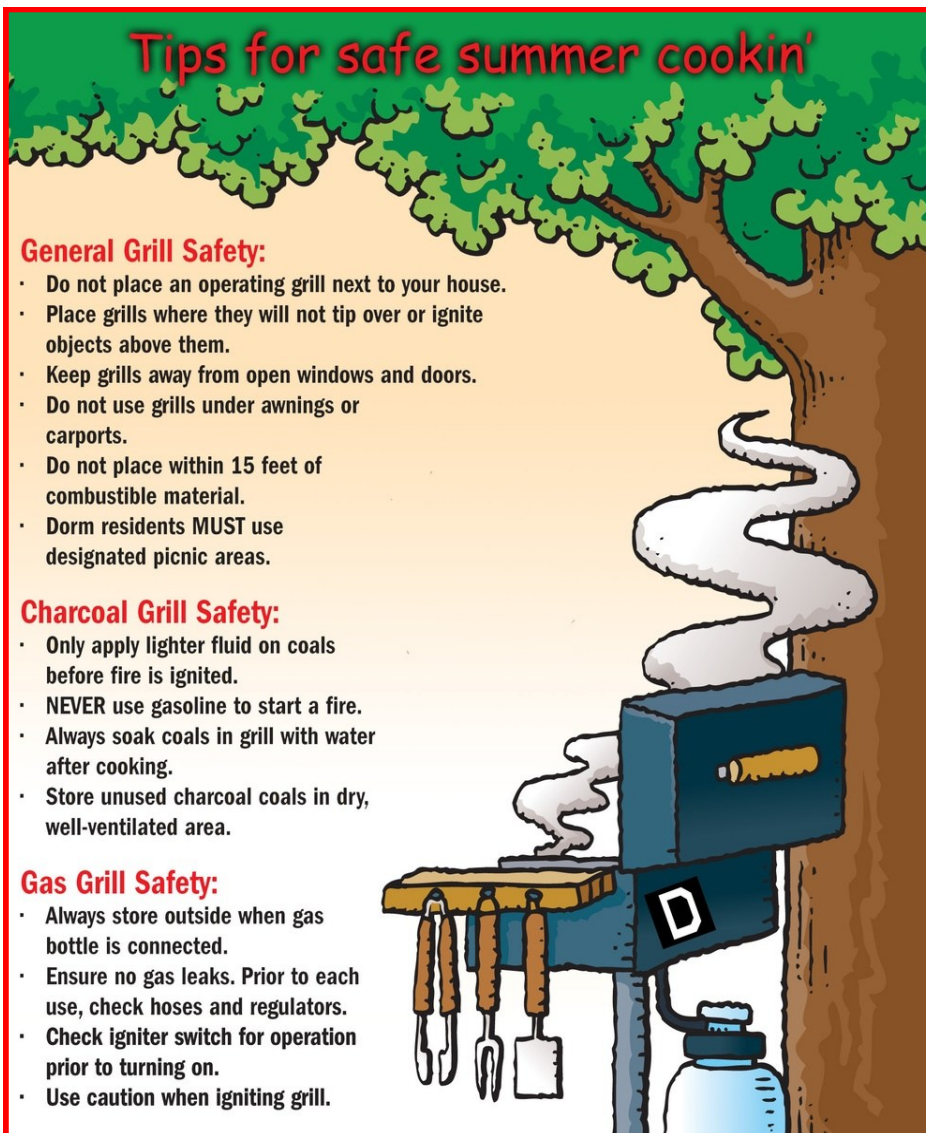
Fireworks can be dangerous and cause fires with improper or negligent use. Each year in the United States, fireworks are responsible for an average of 19,500 fires (NFPA).

To help ensure your family has a happy and safe holiday, be sure to follow the below July 4th safety tips when using fireworks:

- Never point fireworks directly at other people or pets, as well as at cars, buildings, and other structures.
- Follow the provided instructions on how to use them. Tampering with fireworks can be dangerous, and it's never wise to do so.
- Children should never be the ones to ignite fireworks and should always be under direct supervision when using sparklers.
- Designate a responsible adult to light fireworks for children and light them one at a time to ensure the safety of everyone present.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby to quickly extinguish any accidental fires.

Be prepared with a fire extinguisher

A vital 4th of July fire safety tip is to have fire extinguishers within reach to help keep your home and family safe. When using fireworks, outdoor grilling, fire pit, etc. be sure to keep a working fire extinguisher (and/or) water hose nearby in case of an emergency.





Mayor Terry C. Hartwick holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects, and accomplishments. **May 2026**

Senior Center—total members 3,956. Volunteer Services—Hays Center hours 1,658, 19 new applications; *hours from other city departments/entities not provided*. Trips included: Iris Festival—

Mountain View, Wrights BBQ/Shopping—Little Rock, Red Hat Ladies—Eureka Springs, Hot Springs (downtown) shopping/bath house, Hidden Creek Catfish. Events: Health Fair.

Finance—city sales tax collections were higher than the same period a year ago by 5.3%. County sales tax collections were higher for the same period by 3.9%. (May receipts represent retail sales from the month of March). Food and lodging tax collection for the year was approximately \$2,567,183.

Sanitation—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 2,721.15 tons (5,442,300 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 41 loads (1,214.00 cubic yards) of green waste. 224 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 17 inspections, 12 re-inspections. No citations were issued. Recycling tonnage was not reported. Units 50 & 51 (Street Dept) picked up 288 bags of trash, other units picked up 186 bags of trash, along with car parts, buckets, shopping carts, etc.

Traffic Services—Barricade Permits—47, AR One Call—50, Signs/Post replaced—86, Signs fabricated—38, City Vehicles marked with logo—8.

Fire—1,304 incidents, citizens assist-96, false alarm-?, good intent-?, hazard non-chemical-51, hazardous-materials-?, illness-656, injury trauma-168, investigations-13, medical other-?, outside fire-23, public service other-0, structure fire-11, structure rescue-?, transportation fire-10, water rescue-3. 233 Building Surveys. Training included: Training Tower, Survival, Search and Victim Drag, Attack and Ventilation, Apartment Fires, Special Ops, Professional Standards.

Emergency Services/911—Incoming calls: 5,745—non-911 calls, 6,788—911 calls, 629—abandoned 911 calls.

Planning—sign permits—10, banner permits—3, demolition permits—6, 5 commercial remodel — average \$554,788, 2 new commercial—average \$395,000, issued 15 new single family residence permits—average \$219,420, 45 residential remodel—average \$11,098, 6 residential additions—average \$20,617. Planning Zoning Officer issued 1 citation, 18 inspections/site visits, 29-follow up inspections and investigated 15 sign violations.

Code Enforcement—assigned calls—202, initiated calls 496, citations—10, violation notices—756, vehicles tagged—77, vehicles towed—8, lots posted—248, signs removed—0, structures inspected—24, rental inspections—26, food service inspections—22, search warrants—8, structures condemned—0, houses demolished by city—1, houses demolished by owner—1, vacant lots cleaned—

187, mowed—187, lots with structures cleaned—103, mowed—103, vacant houses secured—6, tires removed—15.

Parks and Recreation—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 956 visitors. Groups: USS Darter Reunion (60), School of Man (25), USS Franklin Roosevelt CVA 42 and USS Sea Fox SS 402 members visited in May (2), Shadow Oaks Farm School (41), LR Tours (38), Southeast AR Human Development Center (11), Garrett Memorial Christian School (13). Overnight: Troop 361 (17). Field use: Soccer 135 practices/ 106 games/ 3 tournaments, Youth baseball 63/18/3, Softball 5/83/1, Senior Baseball 11/3/1, Stone Links Cricket 0/7/0. Facility rentals: Pavilions—137, Hospitality House—13, Idlewild—9, Stone Links—8, River House—13. Tennis: Pickleball Leagues started in March, lessons, 15,16,17 Pb Amateur Championships. Golf hosted several tournaments: Wildcat Foundation, VFW, US Kids Central Region, AR State Amateur Qualifier, Regional PGA Drive, Chip and Putt Junior Qualifier, Burns Park Junior Invitational, NLR Firefighters, Ladies City Plan, ASGA Course Rating, South Central Section PGA Junior Tour, ASGA Ladies Stoke Play, US Kids Summer Tournament and every Wednesday—Hot Dog Scramble.

Animal Services—

Incoming:

Dog	169/ytd	617
Cat	129/ytd	397
Other	0/ytd	7

Reclaim:

Dog	18/ytd	100
Cat	0/ytd	1
Other	0/ytd	2

Owner Surrender:

Dog	35/ytd	114
Cat	18/ytd	66
Other	0/ytd	1

Service calls: 559/ytd 2,582

Citations: 26/ytd 129

Vouchers (spay/neuter)
issued: 18/ytd 149

Adopted:

Dog	27/ytd	130
Cat	81/ytd	202
Other	0/ytd	5

Euthanized:

Dog	80/ytd	260
Cat	9/ytd	27
Other	0/ytd	0

TNVR 19/ytd 129



NLR Electric—

Customers: 40,806

Revenue: \$7,634,913

Peak Demand: 161,054 kWh

Territory: 60 square miles

RS (Residential Solar)

Net Meter Customers: 398

Total RS solar panel capacity: 2,986 kW

Average RS solar panel capacity: 7.5 kW

Residents with solar arrays at least 10 kW: 65

Total capacity of customer-owned solar: 11,185 kW

Major outages: 5-19-26 unknown location—storm related—2,018 out 2 hrs 23 min; 5-20-26 Levy 2 Substation—

animal in station, 8,661 out 2 hrs 41 min; 5-21-26 Levy 2

Substation—animal in substation, 8,661 out 2 hrs 3 min.



North Little Rock City Offices will be closed, Friday, July 3, 2026 in observance of the 4th of July—Independence Day.

North Little Rock Sanitation/garbage routes will run as scheduled—there will NOT be a delay in pickup.



Jim Scott, Director

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North Little Rock, AR 72114

501-975-4297 ☎

HaysSeniorCenter@nlr.ar.gov ✉

Your Best Chapter Starts Here.

North Little Rock Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center

As we reflect on the growth and momentum surrounding the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center this year, we sincerely thank each of you for being part of this journey. What makes The Hays Center special is not simply the building itself, but the people who walk through its doors and the sense of connection being built within our community every day.

Since January, The Hays Center has continued to grow as a welcoming space for wellness, recreation, education, creativity, and community engagement. We have been honored to host programs, events, and activities that bring people together and create opportunities for meaningful connection.

January – June Highlights:

- Successful “Spring into Wellness” Community Health Fair
- Increased participation in Baptist Health Outreach Health screenings
- Growth in social media engagement, followers, and reach
- Launch of a new Ambassador Volunteer Program
- Celebration of National Volunteer Week recognizing our volunteer-led facility
- New monthly newsletters highlighting classes, activities, trips and events
- Installation of new digital TV displays to improve communication with members and visitors
- New entrance stonework enhancing the facility’s appearance and aligning with other North Little Rock facilities
- New LED lighting on the exterior entrance, increasing safety and appearance
- Continued partnership with the Pulaski County Master Gardeners for front entrance landscaping
- Hosted community events and ballroom rentals including:
 - Women on the Way to Success
 - NLR Fire Department Award & Promotion Ceremony
 - NLR Community Band performances
 - Disaster Preparedness for Seniors
 - AARP Driving Course
 - Black History Month Program
 - Weddings, birthday parties, and additional community events
 - Added swimming lessons led by an American Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructor
 - Continued partnership with CareLink providing meals and wellness classes for members age 60

Looking Ahead: June – December

- Expansion of digital TV displays, including a memorial display
- Continued evaluation and addition of new programs and fitness classes:
 - Cardio Drumming
 - Bingo, starting June 11th at 1:30pm
 - Support Groups for depression and caregivers
 - Potential heart health screenings with Arkansas Heart Hospital
- Continued strengthening of partnerships with organizations including CareLink, Baptist Health Outreach, and NLR Senior Citizens Outreach, Inc. NLR Senior Citizens Outreach Inc. dates to serve Hays Center Members: June 17th, July 1st, August 19th, Sept. 16th, October 27th, November 26th, December 15th
- Continued ballroom rentals and community events Weddings, Birthdays, Meetings, Conferences, and more!
- Fall Community Health Fair
- Commission feedback and pricing evaluation

Our vision remains rooted in building a positive and inclusive environment that strengthens our community while creating opportunities for members to gather, learn, grow, and thrive together.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support of our members, volunteers, sponsors, local leaders, and city officials who believe in the importance of investing in spaces that foster community connection and wellness. Your encouragement and involvement continue to move this vision forward.

As we continue building momentum, we welcome your ideas, participation, and partnership. Together, we can continue shaping the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center into a place that reflects the heart, resilience, and potential of our community.

Thank you again for your continued support! We look forward to continuing this journey together!

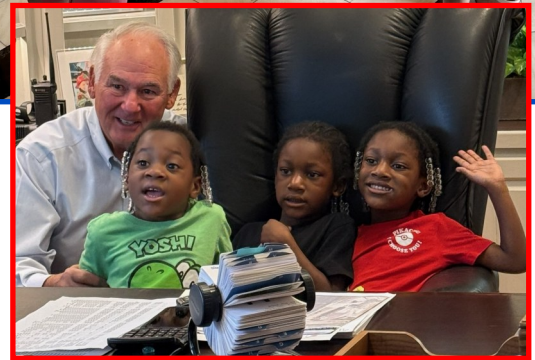
With gratitude, The Hays Center Team



Friday, June 26, 2026, participants of the **Argenta Library Adventure Walks** showed up at North Little Rock City Hall for a tour of our historic building. During their visit, City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey and team told them what the City Clerk's team does and about City Hall. Ms. Whitbey pointed out a fossilized snail in the marble floor located in the entry way which tied in with the theme "Dinosaur Adventure". Visitors met Mayor Terry C. Hartwick and even took turn sitting in his chair. The tour ended in the City Council Chambers with kids filling the seats of all of our elected officials.

This free summer community program hosted by the North Little Rock Public Library System (Argenta Branch) is designed for kids and tweens ages 12 and under and their caregivers.

For information on upcoming walks, visit NLRLibrary.org or call 501-687-1061.

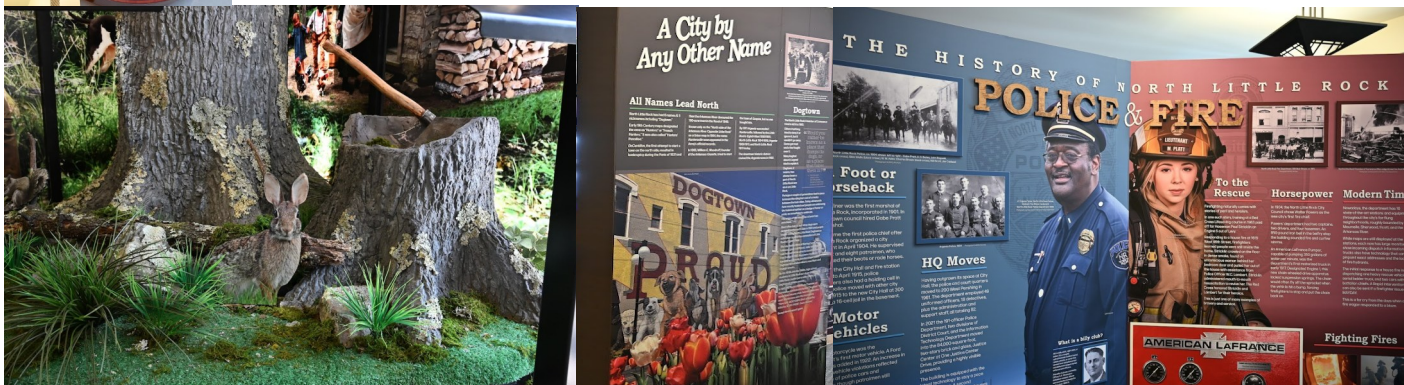


Below: members of the North Little Rock Police Department and other agencies were joined in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run as they crossed the Main Street bridge (north bound). Special thanks to all who participated!





Here is a sneak peek of a few of the wonderful exhibits that will be on display when the North Little Rock History Commission reopens the Heritage Center at 506 Main. *Stay tuned for details!!!!*



2026 Mayor's Youth Council Awards Banquet



North Little Rock Community Garden volunteers at Hays Senior Center



The North Little Rock's Community Garden Program continues to work with volunteer gardeners across the city. There are currently 18 gardens planted for the season which will provide fresh produce to residents within the community. Director Rachelle 'Chelle' Kelly recently created a No Cost Food Market and June Planting Guide. If you are interested in having Chelle as a speaker for a civic club or other organization, or for more information about community gardening, email rkelly@nlr.ar.gov.



Peddlers Permit City of North Little Rock

Issued to: **Mel Dun**

Issued: 5/2/2026

Expires: 8/3/2026



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 no door to door solicitors.***

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 (2026), it is required to obtain a business license at the full fee.*****

All 2025 NLR Business Licenses expired December 31, 2025. Renewal Invoices were mailed December 31 for the 2026 renewal.

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

Door-to-Door Sales (Solicitor/Peddler)

The City of North Little Rock requires all persons going door-to-door to sell a product or serve to obtain a permit. An applicant who wants to go door-to-door may obtain an application from the city through the North Little Rock City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, provide a current Arkansas State Police background check, a Surety Bond in the applicants name in the amount of \$1,000, a passport-size photo, \$6.00 administration fee and \$75.00 Permit/License fee. All permit applications are sent to the North Little Rock Police Chief, who reviews and either approves or denies a permit within five (5) business days. Issued permits are good for 90 days from the date of issue.

Any person found going door-to-door without the proper city issued photo identification issued the North Little Rock City Clerk will be subject to a citation and may be required to appear in court. If found guilty, the person will be subject to a fine and court costs. If a person fails to appear for the scheduled court date a Failure to Appear Warrant will be issued.

If someone comes to our door selling a product and is unable to produce a North Little Rock city-issued photo identification (see example left), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, please call the City Clerk's Office at 501-975-8617. If it is after hours or on the weekend or holiday, please call the North Little Rock Police Department non-emergency number at 501-758-1234.

If a person comes to your door and you feel threatened please call 911. When making either call, please provide the address, description of the person, what they were wearing and type of vehicle if known.

Please note: the City of North Little Rock requires ALL persons doing business in the city to obtain a City Business/Privilege License. Any person/business operating without a license will be subject to a citation, as listed above. **Examples:** Food Trucks, brick-and-mortar establishments, door-to-door flyers, lawn care services, tree trimming, alarm sales, roofers, etc. If a person holds a **state issued license** of any kind (contractor, stylist, health inspection, daycare, etc.) a copy of the current state license is also required before a City Business/Privilege License will be issued.

Restaurants/Alcohol Sales: restaurants and those selling alcoholic beverages are required to present an annual health inspection. Restaurants and those businesses that sell alcohol are also required to hold a current City of North Little Rock Alcohol License. This license is in addition to the annual State issued Alcohol Beverage and Control (ABC) License.

Feel free to contact the North Little Rock City Clerk/Treasurer's Office any time with any questions!

Reminder: if you hire a tree service to trim or cut down a tree, they (tree company) should remove the debris.

If they (tree company) does NOT remove the debris, the city will assess the property owner a \$50.00 administration fee—plus the cost per cubic yard.

Reminder: make sure you hire a LICENSED and BONDED tree trimming company to work on your property. If they are not insured and someone is hurt, your property is damaged or city property is damaged your insurance may have to pay for the damages.

Extreme Heat Safety *found at redcross.org*

An extreme heat event is a series of hot days, much hotter than average for a particular time and place. Extreme heat is deadly and kills more people than any other weather event. Climate crisis is making extreme heat events more frequent, more severe, and last longer. But we can take action to prepare. Prepare now to protect yourself and your loved ones.

What Should You Do Before Extreme Heat Occurs?

Learn How to Stay Hydrated

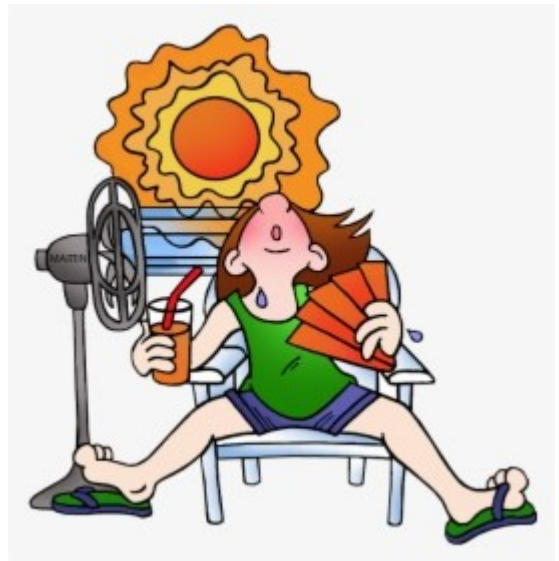
You need to drink enough water to prevent heat illness. An average person needs to drink about 3/4 of a gallon of water daily. Everyone's needs may vary.

- You can check that you are getting enough water by noting your urine color. Dark yellow may indicate you are not drinking enough.
- Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.
- If you are sweating a lot, combine water with snacks or a sports drink to replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prepare if you have a medical condition or are taking medicines.

Make a Plan to Stay Cool

Do not rely only on electric fans during extreme heat. When temperatures are in the high 90s, fans may not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

- Spending a few hours each day in air conditioning can help prevent heat illness.
 - If you have air conditioning, be sure that it is in working order.
 - If you do not have air conditioning or if there is a power outage, find locations where you can stay cool. For example, a public library, shopping mall or a public cooling center. Plan how you will get there.
 - Additional resources may be available from local government or community groups.
- Make sure you have plenty of lightweight, loose clothing to wear.
- Create a support team of people you may assist and who can assist you. Check in with them often to make sure that everyone is safe.



Protect Your Pets From the Heat

Found at National Weather Service



NEVER leave them in cars



Keep paws off hot surfaces



Provide plenty of fresh water



Ensure access to shade and cool areas



Limit outdoor exercise



Watch out for signs of overheating

Pets can die of heat stroke within 15 minutes!



SIGNS OF DANGER:

- Heavy panting
- Excessive drooling
- Gums/tongue changing color
- Racing heart
- Unsteadiness
- Vomiting
- Lethargy
- Collapse

} Severe symptoms!



HOW TO HELP YOUR PET:

- Move them somewhere cool
- Wet belly, neck, paws and head with cool water
- Offer small sips of water, but do not force drinking
- Avoid using ice-cold water
- Contact a veterinarian immediately!

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	501-975-8881
Finance, Anita Worley	501-975-8802
Human Resources, Betty Anderson Fit 2 Live, David Baxter	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.....	501-665-4870
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
Central AR Water.....	501-372-5161 opt 6
Summit Utilities.....	800-992-7552
Electric / Gas Central AR Dev Council..	501-603-0909

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 July 2026.



June 29—July 3, recycle
July 6—10 no pickup
 July 13—17, recycle
July 20—24 no pickup
 July 27—31, recycle

July Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date
JOHNSON, SHANNON	Electric	1	DAVIS, WILLIAM	Fire	17
PAUL, ANITA	Admin	1	BELCHER, DUSTYN	Fire	17
ZIMMERMAN, MITCHELL	Police	2	THRELKELD, JOSHUA	Police	17
DAVIS, MIKE	Admin	2	COBB, TREY	Electric	18
MAULDIN, JORDAN	Fire	3	BUSH, UNARD	Sanitation	18
MCEUEN, TIMOTHY	Code Enf	3	MILBY, WILLIAM	Police	19
DAVIDSON JR, JOHN	Street	3	TAYLOR, SHAMILLE	Police	19
BROWN, DAKOTA	Fire	4	TREVINO, KIMBERLY	Legal	19
SIMPSON, KYLE	Fire	4	MOORE, WHITNEY	Electric	20
MONTGOMERY, SAMUEL	Police	4	FORTSON, STEPHEN	Fire	21
ATKINSON, ALEX	Electric	4	THOMAS, RODNEY	Police	21
LOTT, JACOB	Electric	4	CHRISTIAN, ZACHARY	Fire	22
ANDREWS, MICHAEL	Parks Maint	6	DEDRICK, BRIAN	Police	22
HOOPER, DOMINIC	Police	7	DESIZLETS, JOHN	Police	22
WILKERSON, JAMAURION	Police	7	WILLIAMS, CEDRIC	Code Enf	22
THOMAS, BRIAN	Fire	8	ROJO, KARLA	Code Enf	24
GARDNER, ANTHONY	Sanitation	8	STAGGS, SAVANNAH	Engineer	25
HICKS, CASH	Fire	8	ROLLINS, KAREN	OES/911	25
GRAY, GARY	OES/911	9	GENTRY, BRENDA	2nd Court	27
MELTON, DAVID	Electric	9	SCHWEIGER, CASEY	Animal Shelter	27
ELENBAAS, JEFFREY	Police	9	OVERSTREET, CAHILL	Fire	28
BERRY, JACKSON	Electric	10	BURGER, FRANK	Electric	28
HOOD, MARK	Police	11	SANDERS, DEAN	Vehicle Maint	28
NICHOLS, CARLA	Police	11	YOUNG, VIRGINIA	Airport	29
CROSSEN, JIMMY	IT	12	STOUT, KEVIN	Fire	29
STEWART, BRENNEN	Fire	14	ADAMS, LAITH	Fire	29
BENNETT, BRANDON	Police	14	NOLAND, BAILEY	Comm Dev	29
LEE, NATHANIEL	Parks Maint	14	RATTAY, MATTHEW	Electric	29
LEWIS, JOSHUA	Parks Maint	15	STRONG, DARIAN	OES/911	29
MANN, DAVID	Fire	15	GARNER, KOLBE	Fire	29
CHAMNESS, STEVEN	Police	15	HAWKINS, JASON	Police	29
ELROD, RUSSELL	Code Enf	16	TURNER, JASON	Parks Maint	29
MONROE, CHERI	OES/911	16	BUSH, WILLIAM	Admin	31
OGINSKI, JOSHUA	Electric	16			

Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by Human Resources the prior year (i.e. 2026 was provided in 2025). 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, and have been in the City Clerk's Office 25 years, total service with the city is 35 years in 2026.

*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)

July Anniversaries

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>
GRAYSON, BRIAN	Animal Shelter	1	TREADAWAY, MICHAEL	Fire	28
SHINN, TALOR	Clerk/Treasurer	9	POWELL, TOMMY	Golf	9
USSERY, SHELLEY	Clerk/Treasurer	10	LUSINGER, CLAYTON	IT	1
MCHENRY, FELECIA	Code Enf	26	MCCOY, DYLAN	IT	3
ELROD, RUSSELL	Code Enf	27	TULLOS, JOSEPH	IT	11
COBBS, RAY	1st Court	6	WOODS, LATONIA	IT	31
SMITH, JAYLA	2nd Court	3	JACKSON, CAMYRA	OES/911	1
BAILEY, COLLEEN	Economic Dev	5	WOODS, SHATORIA	OES/911	3
TOLL, CALVIN	Electric	1	CLAYTON, ANTIGUDRA	OES/911	9
BROWN, ISAARIA	Electric	2	DANCHENKO, IAN	Parks Maint	2
JONES, KIMBERLY	Electric	2	BREWER, THOMAS	Parks Maint	26
BAILEY, KEILER	Electric	2	NORRIS, GARY	Planning	5
SMITH, JENA	Electric	8	DANIELS, ALYSON	Planning	9
KINCAID JR, WILLIAM	Electric	10	FLANAGAN, SEAN	Police	1
MCNEIL, KYLE	Electric	14	SHIRLEY, TUCKER	Police	1
MILTON, TERRELL	Electric	21	UNDERWOOD, ZACHARY	Police	1
HOLLOWAY, LYNDESEY	Engineer	1	WALKER, JERRELL	Police	1
KEY, KYLE	Finance	1	LEACH, CAMERON	Police	1
COCHRAN, WILLIAM	Fire	1	IVY JR, DAVID	Police	1
SMITHHART, BENJAMIN	Fire	1	MOORE, TATUM	Police	3
OVERSTREET, CAHILL	Fire	1	OLIVER, BRETT	Police	3
BOYDSTON, TRISTAN	Fire	1	HAMILTON, BRANTON	Police	3
HECKE, SPENCER	Fire	1	HOOD, MARK	Police	3
MARTIN, CODY	Fire	1	WILKERSON, JAMAURION	Police	3
POOL, LUKUS	Fire	2	WRIGHT, MICHAEL	Police	3
COPPOCK, DANIEL	Fire	3	KRECEK, JENNIFER	Police	3
KECK, BRANDON	Fire	3	JACKSON, IRVING	Police	4
BELCHER, DUSTYN	Fire	5	DONLEY, DANIELLE	Police	4
WEST, SANDRA	Fire	5	COLLINS, JERRY	Police	6
PLATT, MELANIE	Fire	8	VELIZ PONCE, ANTHONY	Police	6
HARLAN, TRENT	Fire	11	VANASSCHE, JACOB	Police	6
MATCHETT, MATTHEW	Fire	11	STROUD, CODY	Police	12
CARTER, JARROD	Fire	12	HOPE, IAN	Police	13
WARD, JEREMY	Fire	12	COBURN, JEFFREY	Police	13
GASTON, DALTON	Fire	13	MAYFIELD, FLOYD	Sanitation	4
EISENHOWER, COREY	Fire	18	BUSH, UNARD	Sanitation	4
BRADSHAW, JUSTIN	Fire	18	JOHNSON, MARCUS	Sanitation	9
HOBSON, CHARLES	Fire	22	PHILLIPS, ANTHONY	Sanitation	10
LANKFORD, STEVEN	Fire	23	WIRT, ANGELA	Senior Center	22
WALKER, SEAN	Fire	23	BROWN, DATRELL	Street	1
POE, WILLIAM	Fire	24	DUNCAN, ERIC	Street	10
STEPHENS, WESLEY	Fire	24	NEBLING, TODD	Street	18
GARNER, ALAN	Fire	27	RUMMEL, ERNEST	Street	42

North Little Rock Police Chief Patrick Thessing Retires After 31 Years of Service



Tuesday, June 30, 2026, a Retirement Celebration was held for North Little Rock Police Chief Patrick Thessing in the lobby of North Little Rock City Hall. Chief Thessing was appointed Chief of Police in 2021. He previously served the North Little Rock Police Department in multiple areas which included investigations, patrol and training.

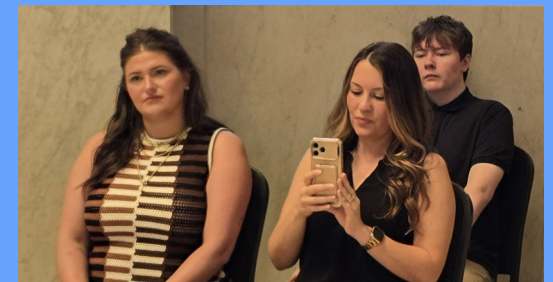
Under Thessing's leadership, the City of North Little Rock implemented the Real-Time Crime Center, which expanded the use of technology in stopping violent offenders.

Thessing said "Titles mean nothing, but humility and striving to always serve others while putting yourself last will carry you far. I leave knowing the agency is strong, and more importantly, that it is filled with amazing people who are committed to their calling."

Thessing thanked Mayor Terry C. Hartwick, the North Little Rock City Council and the men and women in uniform for allowing him to be a part of the team for so many years. He said, "It has truly been the honor of my life to serve alongside you."

He looks forward to spending time with his family and wood-working.

Congrats and best wishes! Enjoy your time and thank you for your service!



Teamwork makes the dream work!

Our North Little Rock city employees are the best of the best! They are encouraged to do their best every day!

We encourage our folks to take care of issues they see or report them to the appropriate city department to be resolved.

Our city is over 60 square miles. Our team members can't be everywhere or see everything.

That's where everyone else can help!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

Here are a few examples:

Abandoned vehicle, stray, injured or deceased animal,

criminal act (reckless driving/unsafe driving, trespassers), door to door solicitors who are unable to produce a current NLR permit, unlicensed business (trees service, roofers, subscription sales, produce, etc.) street light out, potholes, overgrown lot, nuisance property, concern for a neighbor or friend (well-being check), missed trash/recycling pickup, litter.

If you have a concern or question regarding a city employee or city department regarding services provided, please reach out the Mayor's Office 501-975-8601.

Together, we will continue to keep North Little Rock a great place to live, work and play!

**North Little Rock
City Offices
will be closed,
Friday, July 3, 2026**
in observance of
Independence Day.

**There will be
NO DELAY in
garbage and trash
pickup.**

During the 92nd Annual Arkansas Municipal League (AML) Annual Convention, North Little Rock City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey was presented with the Jack R. Rhodes Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to municipal officials who have served with distinction and dedication to their cities and the League's boards, council or committees for 25 years.

Pictured right: AML Executive Director Mark Hayes presents plaque to Ms. Whitbey.

Whitbey joined the City of North Little Rock team in 1990 as a member of Mayor Patrick Henry Hays staff. She was elected City Clerk/Treasurer in 2000 and has been unopposed since. She is currently serving her 7th term.



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