

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

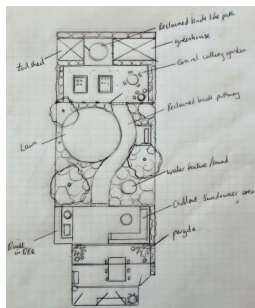
Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

April 2026

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Found at welbiltthomes.net

Warm weather is right around the corner! It's time to start prepping your garden to create a perfect curb appeal for your home! Whether you are a new homeowner eager to start a garden, or you are looking for ideas, we have a list of ten important to-do's to get your garden blooming beautifully this year.



1. PLAN—First and foremost, you need to plan. This is where you decide where you are going to put your garden, how much space you want to devote to using, and what you want to grow. When thinking about what to grow, keep in mind the amount of sunlight and soil type. Both of these are important when picking plants.

2. CLEAN UP—If you're starting fresh, take the time to clear out any grass or debris that may be there. Grab your rake and get busy!

3. PREPARE THE SOIL—Give your garden some TLC by adding some compost or organic matter to your soil. Your plants will grow strong and robust.

4. PLANT AT THE RIGHT TIME—Different plants have different times of the year to plant, it all depends on where you are located. There is plenty of information on the internet that will inform you about the best times to plant the types of flowers or vegetables you want to grow. Check out the Almanac for more information.

5. WATER REGULARLY—It's important to create a regular routine to water your plants. They will love you for it and don't be stingy about it either. They will need more than just a little sprinkle of water, especially during dry spells.

6. MULCH YOUR GARDEN

The magic of mulching; it helps to keep the moisture in the soil. Here's a great tip for you and it's very eco-friendly.: Recycle the organic mulch you already have like wood chips, leaves or grass clippings. Talk about a win-win: eco-friendly, keeps your plants hydrated, and your soil healthy.



7. FERTILIZE—Give your plants a boost by using a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer that contains nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Important! Be sure to follow the package instructions for application.



8. WEED REGULARLY—Weeds can be pesky little things that compete with your plants for water and nutrients. So, it's best to remove them as soon as they appear. In fact,



when you are going out to water your plants, take along your gloves and hand trowel.

9. PRUNE AND DEADHEAD—Regular pruning and deadheading are the secrets to keeping your plants healthy and promoting some new growth. They, too, need a haircut.

10. MONITOR FOR PESTS AND DISEASES—Keep an eye out for pests and diseases that can harm your plants. If you notice any problems, treat them immediately by making sure you are using chemicals that are eco-friendly and safe.

Remember, gardening is all about creating a space that you love and that reflects your personal style. There are no hard and fast rules you need to keep. So, get creative and have fun with it! And always keep in mind that April Showers Bring May Flowers.

Below is a planting guide from UofA Division of Agriculture—uaex.uada.edu/yard-garden/.

April Planting Guide

Vegetable Garden

- Asparagus
- Sweet Corn
- Summer Squash
- Okra
- Peppers
- Cucumbers
- Sweet Potatoes
- Eggplants
- Tomatoes
- Beans (Snap, Lima)
- Edamame
- Kohlrabi
- Swiss Chard
- Lettuce
- Radish
- Beets
- Watermelon
- Cantaloupe

Flower Garden

- Calibrachoa
- Verbena
- Petunias
- Begonias
- Clematis
- Canna
- Dahlia
- Gladiolus
- Tuberose
- Butterfly Weed
- Passionflower
- Hyacinth Vine
- Moon Vine
- Cypress Vine

The Arkansas Garden
SHEEP TUCKER

UofA DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE
RESEARCH & EXTENSION
University of Arkansas System

#THEARKANSASGARDEN



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



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

National Pet Day! Saturday, April 11

Found at <https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day/national-pet-day-april-11>

National Pet Day dedicates the day to those pets who may not always get the companionship and attention pets deserve. While loving our pets is something we do every day, the observance encourages helping out orphaned pet companions. It will improve their health and enhance their opportunities for adoption.

Sometimes their human companions aren't well. Making sure their forever furry friends are receiving the best of care will help relieve stress and worry.

National Pet Day is an excellent time to do a few checks for your pets.

- Go through your fur-ever family member's toys. Throw away any items that are no longer safe.
- Maintain your pet-friendly home. Keep cords and toxins secure from your four-legged friends. This includes phone chargers.
- Verify when vaccinations are due and schedule an appointment to update if they are due.
- Check collars to ensure tags are secure and numbers are current. We sometimes forget to update this information when we move or change numbers.

How to observe National Pet Day

- Take supplies to those pets in shelters.
- Help a friend with pets who is recovering from an illness.
- Adopt a pet.
- Give your pets extra love with a bath and rub down.
- Use #NationalPetDay on social media.

Pets FAQ

Q. What are some of the responsibilities that come with having a pet?

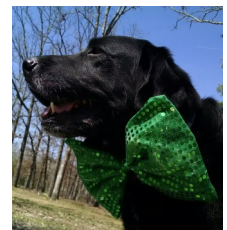
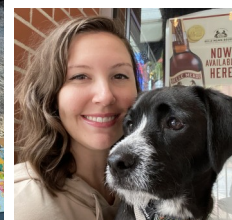
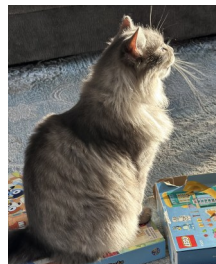
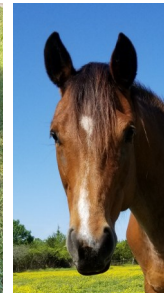
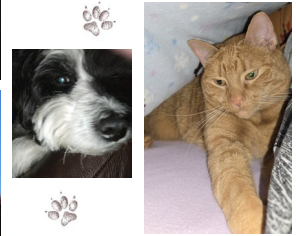
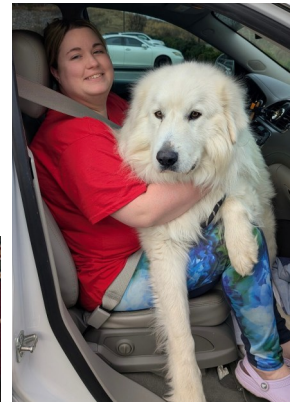
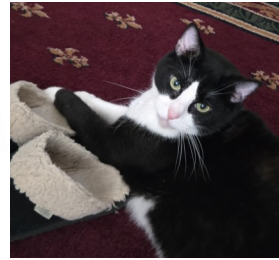
A. Pet owners know that some pets require more attention than others. However, each pet deserves to be given proper care and attention. Some requirements of pet ownership include:

- Feeding pets according to their needs. Most pets (like dogs and cats) usually need to be fed twice a day. Other pets may require more or less frequent feeding.
- Access to freshwater.
- A safe place to rest.
- Daily exercise.
- Routine checkups, vaccinations, and medical care when sick.
- Love, affection, social interaction.

- Training.
- Grooming

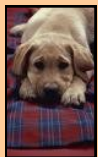
Q. Is National Pet Day just for cats and dogs?

A. No. All our loveable pets can be celebrated on National Pet Day!



In honor of the upcoming National Pet Day, the team in the North Little Rock City Clerk's Office is sharing some of our furry family members!

Be sure to take the time to let your fur-babies know they are loved and appreciated, not just on National Pet Day, but EVERY day!



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



Thunderstorm Safety found at redcross.org



Thunderstorms are dangerous storms with lightning. A lightning strike can kill you. Thunderstorms often bring powerful winds that can knock down trees, power lines, and mobile homes, intense rainfall that causes flash floods, tornadoes, lightning strikes that can spark fires, as well as damaging hail.

What Should You Do Before a Thunderstorm?

Identify a Sturdy Building and Practice Drills

- You need to get inside a sturdy building before a thunderstorm hits. A sturdy building is a structure with walls and a foundation. Once you have identified a sturdy building, plan to shelter in the basement or a small, interior, windowless room on the lowest level to provide additional protection

from high winds. Plan to stay inside until weather forecasts indicate it is safe to leave.

- Mobile, manufactured, trailer homes, and recreational vehicles (RVs) are not safe in high winds. If you live in one of these structures, you need to identify a sturdy building nearby that you can get to quickly.
- Practice drills with everyone in your household, so everyone knows where to go and what to do before a thunderstorm hits.

Plan to Stay Connected

- Sign up for free emergency alerts from your local government.
- Plan to monitor local weather and news.
- Have a backup battery or a way to charge your cell phone.
- In case of a power outage, have a battery-powered radio.
- Understand the types of alerts that you may receive and have a plan to respond:
 - ⇒ A **WATCH** means **Be Prepared!**
 - ⇒ A **WARNING** means **Take Action!**

Learn Emergency Skills

- Learn First Aid and CPR.
- Utilities may be offline. Be prepared to live without power, gas, and water. Plan for your electrical needs, including cell phones and medical equipment.
- **Protect Your Home**
- Make a list of items outside your home you will need to tie down or put away so that they don't blow away or fly through a window during high winds. When a High Wind, Severe Thunderstorm, or Tornado Watch, is issued, immediately secure these items to avoid damage or injury once the wind starts picking up.
- Secure objects that would be unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills and propane tanks.
- Trim or remove trees close enough to fall on your home.
- Keep drains, gutters, and downspouts clean.

> LIGHTNING SAFETY

» WHAT TO KNOW

BOLT FROM THE "BLUE"

Can Strike Up To 25 Miles Away

LISTEN FOR THUNDER

Hear It? You Can Be Struck

FIND SHELTER!

Inside a Building or Vehicle

- Find out if your home is prone to flooding. If it is, consider:
 1. Installing a sump pump with battery backup.
 2. Elevating the heating system, water heater, and electrical panel.
- Review your home insurance policy. Check to see if you are covered for flood damage.

What is the difference between lightning and thunder?

Lightning is a brilliant, instantaneous flash of electricity produced during a storm, while thunder is the loud, rumbling sound caused by that lightning rapidly heating and expanding the surrounding air. Because light travels faster than sound, you see the lightning instantly, while thunder follows with a delay!



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

Senior Center—total members 3,254. Volunteer Services—Hays Center hours 1,117.5; *hours from other city departments/entities not provided*. Trips included: Eagle watch at Petit Jean

State Park, Chinese Buffet—Jacksonville, Professor Bowl, Heber Springs Flea Market, Searcy Art Gallery, The Hook—Jacksonville.

Finance—city sales tax collections were higher than the same period a year ago by 3.7%. County sales tax collections were higher for the same period by 4.4%. (February receipts represent retail sales from the month of December 2025). Food and lodging tax collection for past 12 months was approximately \$7,711,565.

Sanitation—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 2,071.71 tons (4,143.420 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 31 loads (844.00 cubic yards) of green waste. Leaf crews disposed of 32 loads (11,520 cubic yards of loose leaves), 260 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 30 inspections, 12 re-inspections and issued 4 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued. Recycling tonnage was not reported. Units 50 & 51 (Street Dept) picked up 275 bags of trash, other units picked up 276 bags of trash, along with car parts, buckets, shopping carts, etc.

Traffic Services—Barricade Permits—56, AR One Call—80, Signs/Post replaced—18, City Vehicles marked with logo—0.

Police—violent and property crime was down. Promotion exams scheduled. Officer Jen King retiring. 12 vacancies—applications being accepted for new and pre-certified officers. Officer Shay Cobbs recognized for work with city's unsheltered community.

Fire—1,040 incidents, (citizens assist-89, disaster/weather-1, false alarm-46, good intent-25, hazard non-chemical-42, hazardous-materials-8, illness-512, injury trauma-134, investigations-15, medical other-13, outside fire-30, public service other-4, structure fire-16, transportation fire-8, transportation rescue-3. 170 Building Surveys. Training included: Training Tower, HazMat, Special Ops, ACLS Training, Extrication, Professional Standards, HOT Training, Live Burn.

Emergency Services/911—Incoming calls: 5,038—non-911 calls, 5,588—911 calls, 859—abandoned 911 calls.

Planning—sign permits—9, banner permits—5, demolition permits—12, 8 commercial remodel — average \$1,427,705, 4 new commercial—average \$9,057,500 issued 0 new single family residence permits—average \$0, 45 residential remodel—average \$17,330, 1 residential additions—average \$24,000. Planning Zoning Officer issued 1 citation, 56 inspections/site visits, 56-follow up inspections and investigated 32 sign violations.

Code Enforcement—assigned calls—70, initiated calls 216, citations—6, violation notices—344, vehicles tagged—155, vehicles towed—11, lots posted—4, signs removed—0, structures inspected—53, rental inspections—27, food service inspections—38, search warrants—7, structures condemned—0, houses demolished by city—1, houses demolished by owner—3, vacant lots cleaned/mowed—5, lots with structures cleaned—7, lots with structures mowed—0, vacant houses secured—5, tires removed—62.

Parks and Recreation—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 637 visitors. Groups: none. Overnight: Pack 439 Memphis, TN (14), Troop 365, Middle, TN (24), Boy Scout Troop 122, Rogers, AR (25), Trail Life 1711, Sherwood, AR (21). Special Events: none. Field use: Soccer 49 practices/ 47 games/ 0 tournaments, Youth baseball 38/0/0, Softball 4/0/0, Senior Baseball 21/17/0, Stone Links Cricket 2/0/0. Facility rentals: Pavilions—1, Hospitality House—9, Idlewild—6, Stone Links—7, River House—6. Tennis: Open Play, 1 Special Event. Pickleball Leagues start in March, lessons ongoing.

Mayor's Youth Council—council members volunteer at NLR Animal Shelter each Saturday, Volunteer at Canvas running hygiene closet every Wednesday, meet monthly at Laman Library for Knit-Wits knitting hats and scarves to stockpile for winter, visited residents at Blossoms Nursing home, volunteer at Ronald McDonald House, volunteer at Arkansas Foodbank, volunteer at McCain Mall (to help Easter Bunny!), volunteer at the Grove Store (low cost thrift store and choice-based food pantry).

Animal Services—

Incoming:

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| Dog | 128/ytd | 226 |
| Cat | 68/ytd | 103 |
| Other | 1/ytd | 2 |

Reclaim:

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| Dog | 25/ytd | 54 |
| Cat | 0/ytd | 0 |
| Other | 0/ytd | 0 |

Owner Surrender:

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| Dog | 19/ytd | 32 |
| Cat | 21/ytd | 23 |
| Other | 1/ytd | 1 (rabbit) |

Service calls: 529/ytd 891

Citations: 22/ytd 49

Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 34/ytd 72

Adopted:

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| Dog | 37/ytd | 68 |
| Cat | 21/ytd | 51 |
| Other | 1/ytd | 2 |

Euthanized:

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| Dog | 70/ytd | 106 |
| Cat | 3/ytd | 5 |
| Other | 0/ytd | 0 |



NLR Electric—

Customers: 40,761
Revenue: \$8,696,003
Peak Demand: 125,024 kWh
Territory: 60 square miles
RS (Residential Solar)

Net Meter Customers: 398

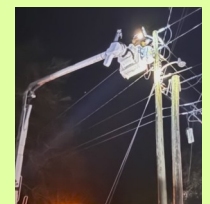
Total RS solar panel capacity: 2,986 kW

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: 2-14-26 storm related, location of issue unknown—1,224 customers out 90 minutes.



How To Prevent Sinus Issues When Weather Changes

Found at <https://www.americansinus.com/blog/prevent-sinus-when-weather-changes>

For most people, a change in the weather isn't a big problem. It means changing their wardrobe and resetting their thermostat. However, for some unlucky individuals, a change in the weather can bring severe sinus problems and can even cause migraine headaches. Read on for tips on preventing weather-related sinus issues, as well as information on when the problem might require a visit to a specialist.

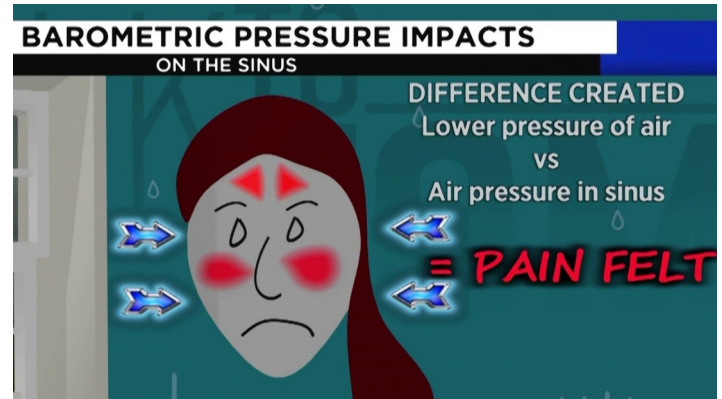
Determining the Cause of Sinus Problems:

Weather vs. Allergens

Stuffiness, sneezing, and other problems can arise from different sources and understanding the culprit is essential in determining the correct treatment. Weather-related stuffiness and sneezing aren't caused by allergens; it's called non-allergic rhinitis. Temperature and humidity are often the triggers for this type of rhinitis, whereas allergic rhinitis is caused by allergens like pollen. Non-allergic rhinitis won't respond to antihistamines because there isn't an allergenic trigger. Taking a decongestant, rather than an antihistamine, can help clear up minor weather-related stuffiness and sneezing. Sufferers should speak to a doctor if a formal diagnosis hasn't yet been made.

Barometric Pressure: Effects on Sinuses

Most people don't think much about how barometric pressure might affect them, especially when they're younger. However, as the body ages, it may become more susceptible to environmental triggers for pain. When the barometric pressure changes, it can cause changes to the way blood flows through the body, causing increased or decreased blood pressure, sinus pressure, and more. A change in barometric pressure may be responsible for increased instances of migraines and weather may cause changes so subtle that it's difficult for sufferers or their physicians to discern the problem. Barometric pressure and sinuses also share connections that are not yet fully



understood by the scientific or medical communities, making it difficult to pinpoint the exact changes that trigger migraines, stuffiness, changes in blood pressure, and more. Watching the weather for upcoming changes in the barometric pressure, and being aware of when those changes are taking place, can give sufferers a chance to head off problems and pains before they begin with a proactive, preventative approach as recommended by their physician.

Exploring Options for Relief:

Medications & Medical Interventions

There are many decongestant and antihistamine remedies available in today's pharmaceutical market. Some are effective, while others are less so. Whether or not medications will be effective depends on the type of problems being experienced, as well as their severity. Some of these issues are too severe and complex to be effectively treated with medications, and that's where medical interventions come into play. A balloon sinuplasty treatment can help chronic sufferers without the painful traditional surgical procedures of cutting through nasal bone and tissue. Balloon sinuplasty allows a specialist to clear out the sinuses with no incisions. This means patients feel less pain and heal more quickly than with other types of sinus treatments.

The City of North Little Rock has the best of the best employees who go above and beyond to take care of our constituents and city property! David Pettit, is a retired North Little Rock Police Officer who worked as a court bailiff before joining the team at City Hall. David saw a need and asked if he could work on it. In the photo (right), David is working meticulously to polish the brass surrounding a door way going into our custodial storage closet.

David is just one of our many employees who sees something and takes care of it by either saying or getting it resolved.

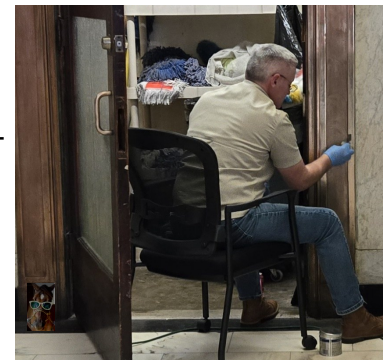
The City of North Little Rock encourages all team members to be proactive when they are out and about during their work shift.

Our city encompasses 60 square miles! That's a lot of ground to cover! We need your help! If you see a pothole, an injured or deceased animal, a code violation, a non-working street light and so on, give us a call and we can help get you to the service/assistance you need.

If you do call, please provide your name, a call-back number, location (address) of the issue, and description of the issue. This will help us determine which one of our many city departments who can best assist.

If you want to go through the Mayor's Office please call 501-975-8601. You can also call the City Clerk/Treasurer at 501-975-8617.

You can also visit our website at nlr.ar.gov and enter a report through 3-1-1 (fill out a form).





Peddlers Permit City of North Little Rock

Issued to: **Mel Dun**

Issued: 1/2/2026

Expires: **4/3/2026**



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.

Why do cities charge a privilege tax?

Cities charge a privilege tax for the right to engage in specific activities or operate certain businesses within their jurisdiction.

Here is a breakdown of why cities (and towns) use privilege taxes:

Revenue Generation:

- **Funding Public Services:** The primary reason for privilege taxes is to generate revenue for the city.
- **Essential Services:** This revenue helps fund essential public services like infrastructure, public safety, sanitation, parks, and other community amenities.

User-Based Funding:

- **Benefit Principle:** Privilege taxes can align revenue generation with those who directly benefit from the city's services and infrastructure by engaging in specific activities or businesses.
- **Fairness:** It can be argued that those who engage in certain profitable or impactful activities within the city should contribute to the city's upkeep and services.

Regulating Business and Activity:

- **Business Operations:** Privilege taxes can function as a regulatory tool, ensuring that businesses operating within the city adhere to local rules and ordinances, according to L&Y Tax advisors.
- **Permits and Licenses:** Many privilege taxes are levied in exchange for a permit or license to operate a particular business or engage in a specific profession, ensuring oversight and accountability.

Examples of Privilege Taxes:

- **Business Privilege Tax:** A tax on the gross receipts or other measures of a business operating within the city.
- **Occupational Privilege Tax:** A tax on certain professions or occupations within the city.
- **Transaction Privilege Tax (like in Arizona):** A tax on specific transactions, often on the seller, for the privilege of doing business in the city.
- **Other Examples:** Could include taxes on specific activities like short-term rentals, or events, depending on the city.

In summary, cities charge privilege taxes to raise revenue for public services (like police, fire, streets, parks, drainage), ensure businesses contribute to the community, and regulate certain activities within their jurisdiction.

The North Little Rock City Clerk and Treasurer's Office team works hard to ensure existing licenses are correct (reflecting the type of business being performed/offered), accurate (ensuring the business is being charged the correct fee based on services offered). Current (following up with existing businesses to ensure they are operating legally within the current year). Tracking new businesses (ensuring all businesses are treated equally and licensed).

If a state license or inspection is required (contractor, day-care, health inspections, etc.) our team will obtain a copy prior to issuing a license. This helps protect our constituents before they hire a contractor, sign up with a daycare or eat in a local restaurant.

We are here to serve our community! If you have any questions, give us a 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

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| Construction and Building Services Mary Beth Bowman | 501-975-8881 |
| Finance, Ember Strange/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

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|---|----------------------|
| 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

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 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

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 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 March 2026.



Mar 2—6 no pickup
Mar 9—13, recycle
Mar 16—20 no pickup
Mar 23—27, recycle
Mar 30—Apr 3 no pickup

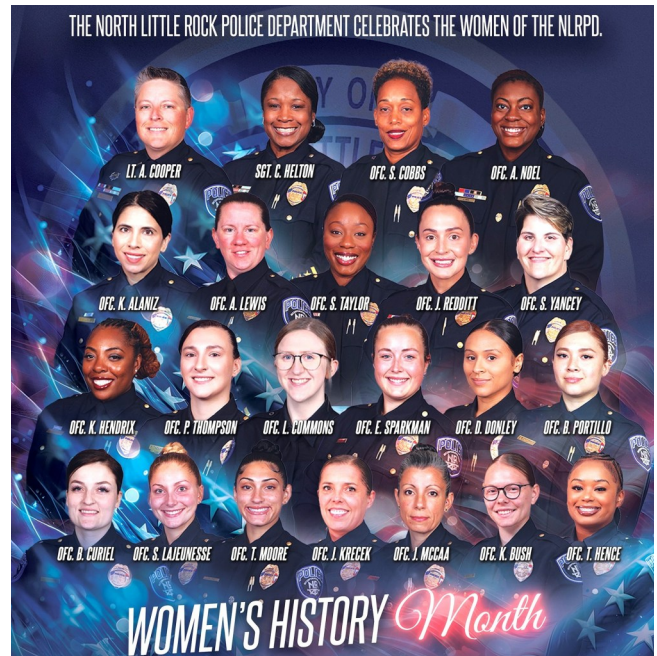
April Birthdays

| Name | Dept | Date | Name | Dept | Date |
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| CANTRELL, PAUL | Police | 3 | MORRIS, LEVERNE | Sanitation | 16 |
| FLANAGAN, SEAN | Police | 4 | GASTON, DALTON | Fire | 18 |
| PLATT, MELANIE | Fire | 4 | ONEAL, STEPHEN | Parks Maint | 19 |
| DAVIDSON, BRANDON | Police | 4 | PEEPLS , COURTNEY | Code Enf | 19 |
| JACKSON, DAVID | Parks Maint | 6 | MONTGOMERY, SLADE | Parks Maint | 21 |
| SHUMPERT, JAMES | Parks Maint | 6 | BLANKENSHIP, WILLIAM | Planning | 21 |
| HUGHES, ROBERT | Electric | 6 | PIERCE, ALANA | Fire | 22 |
| RAMIREZ, KATHERYN | IT | 7 | EVANS, PHILIP | Police | 22 |
| MADISON, JOSEPH | Police | 7 | NEWBERRY, DAWN | Police | 23 |
| HOCKENBERRY, JEFFREY | IT | 8 | HARRIS RAY, CHRISTOPHER | Electric | 24 |
| HAMBY, WILLIAM | Police | 9 | RUSSENBERGER, JACOB | Fire | 25 |
| LYON, JOHN | Police | 10 | DEVINE, DEIDRA | Traffic | 25 |
| PRATER, SHANE | Electric | 10 | JONES, JONATHAN | Code Enf | 25 |
| BAKER, ALEXANDER | Police | 11 | WILLIAMS, KENNETH | Sanitation | 26 |
| SANDERS JR, FREDDIE | Parks Maint | 11 | OLSEN, CATHERINE | Police | 26 |
| BREEDLOVE, TAYLOR | Police | 12 | KEY, KYLE | Finance | 26 |
| HOFFMAN, ADAM | Fire | 12 | HOUSE, JACOB | Police | 27 |
| MCTYER, KYRA | IT | 12 | OLIVER, BRETT | Police | 27 |
| GARNER, ALAN | Fire | 13 | ALLEN, BRANDON | Electric | 27 |
| LOVELESS, JOSHUA | Fire | 14 | LOOPER, CODY | Police | 28 |
| MILLER, JON | Fire | 14 | ETHERINGTON, ANDREW | Fire | 28 |
| TUSTISON, STACY | IT | 15 | MCNEIL, KYLE | Electric | 28 |
| RODGERS, DAVID | Sanitation | 16 | | | |



Mayor's Youth Council participants Cohen and Bryton Lew wrapped up their spring semester service project by making birthday cake kits for moms staying at the Dorcas House. The boxes contained ingredients to bake a cake, balloons, candles and everything else you would need to celebrate!

Attention to Detail—teamwork means working together to handle the big calls...event if it's making sure each others shoes are tied! North Little Rock Fire Fighters work together through fun times and tough times.



Last month, the North Little Rock Police Department recognized the dedicated women of the department. Thank each of you for your service, leadership and impact!

April Anniversaries

Oops! We made a mistake last month! North Little Rock Electric Payroll Clerk Lana Gregory joined the city team in 1998! Congrats Lana on 28 years of service!

| Name | Dept | # Yrs | Name | Dept | # Yrs |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| WILLIS, CRYSTAL | 1st Court | 14 | OAKLEY, BRIAN | Fire | 27 |
| BOWEN, CHRISTINA | 1st Court | 3 | SCHRADER, DUDLEY | Fire | 26 |
| CHASTAIN, STACIA | Admin | 5 | MITSUNAGA, MICHAEL | Fire | 11 |
| ISELL, MALEKE | Animal Shelter | 3 | BURKS, JOSH | Fire | 22 |
| SCHWEIGER, CASEY | Animal Shelter | 5 | JONES, JUSTIN | Fire | 10 |
| STARKEY, ALYSSA | Comm Dev | 5 | BRYSON, ROBERT | Fire | 27 |
| NOLAND, BAILEY | Comm Dev | 5 | ALEXANDER JR, VAN | Golf | 2 |
| GOODSON, BLAINE | Electric | 4 | CAVNOR, JACOB | Golf | 1 |
| DEEMS, TAYLOR | Electric | 11 | BAXTER JR, DAVID | HR | 1 |
| BOLDEN, CHARLES | Electric | 30 | COLEMAN, JERMAINE | HR | 7 |
| MORAGNE, NAKISHA | Electric | 26 | FISHER, JULIE | HR | 14 |
| OSBON, NATHAN | Electric | 8 | CROSSEN, JIMMY | IT | 1 |
| BARTLETT, JAMES | Electric | 15 | FRESHOUR, BROOKE | OES/911 | 2 |
| MOORE, RODGERICK | Electric | 2 | DAVENPORT, JOSHUA | OES/911 | 7 |
| SMITH, MICHAEL | Electric | 8 | SPIVEY, JONATHAN | Parks Maint | 1 |
| WORLEY, ANITA | Finance | 3 | BROWN, JIMMY | Parks Maint | 7 |
| WASS, MEGAN | Finance | 1 | EOFF, DONALD | Parks Maint | 23 |
| DRIGGERS, LINDA | Finance | 8 | BROOKS, CHARLES | Parks Maint | 25 |
| GARRETT, MICHAEL | Fire | 22 | PATE, TONY | Parks Rec | 19 |
| COX, JOSHUA | Fire | 22 | ROSS, RICHARD | Planning | 11 |
| HOOPS, HEATH | Fire | 29 | BRUCKS, SAMUEL | Police | 7 |
| MORENO, CHRISTOPHER | Fire | 24 | LATINA, THOMAS | Police | 2 |
| POOLE, DENNIS | Fire | 22 | TUBBS, MARK | Police | 34 |
| ROE, JASON | Fire | 22 | SANTUCCI, ALEXANDER | Police | 9 |
| THOMPSON, MICHAEL | Fire | 28 | WOODWARD, JASON | Police | 28 |
| HOLLEY, MICHAEL | Fire | 31 | MORAGNE, BRITTANY | Police | 4 |
| BALLARD, JULIAN | Fire | 2 | MILBY, WILLIAM | Police | 7 |
| HILL, BRYAN | Fire | 25 | BRIDGES, JACOB | Police | 2 |
| ADAMS, LAITH | Fire | 29 | QUINN, RODERICK | Police | 10 |
| BROWN, DAKOTA | Fire | 1 | WILLIAMS, ADAM | Police | 9 |
| DAVIS, WILLIAM | Fire | 25 | HATTER, ALAN | Sanitation | 5 |
| FORTSON, STEPHEN | Fire | 25 | GARDNER, ANTHONY | Sanitation | 5 |
| SIMPSON, KYLE | Fire | 27 | JOHNSON, JOHNNY | Street | 9 |
| CRANFORD, RICKY | Fire | 30 | BRYANT, HOLLY | Street | 7 |
| RAY, ERIC | Fire | 7 | STEELE, JASON | Street | 5 |
| BUTLER, CLINT | Fire | 16 | TOATLEY, DEDRICK | Street | 4 |
| HOLLAND, JAMES | Fire | 1 | ROUGELY, BRYAN | Street | 13 |
| KNOERNSCHILD, JASON | Fire | 26 | RICHARDSON, LESLIE | Traffic | 21 |

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. I have been in the City Clerk's Office 25 years. My total service with the city is 35 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)



North Little Rock Lions Club



Annual
Bob Moore Memorial
Fundraiser

Catfish & Chicken Dinner
With Fries, Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies and drink

April 3, 2026
Good Friday



Serving 4:30PM Until 6:30PM
NLR First United Methodist Church
6701 JFK Blvd., NLR, AR

Tickets \$20

For Tickets, please contact Lions:
Jim Barnett 501-993-6298
Larry Tadlock 501-487-8506
Tom Cunningham 501-353-1874
John Hawkins 501-773-9398



7TH ANNUAL NORTH LITTLE ROCK Free Shred & Recycle Event

DONATION REQUEST for The UNSHELTERED

NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS,
READY TO EAT SNACKS
TRAVEL SIZE SOAP, TOOTHPASTE,
TOOTHBRUSH, DEODORANT AND
SHAMPOO

PUBLIC DRIVE THRU EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.
NORTH LITTLE ROCK HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT PARKING LOT
MAIN AND POPLAR STREET

SHRED DOCUMENTS SAFELY AND SECURELY BY:
ROCK SOLID SHREDDING
LIMIT 4 BOXES PER HOUSEHOLD

Items accepted: plastic and glass bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
Please ensure bottles and cans are rinsed and cleaned.
Paper may include hanging file folders, paper clips, and bulldog clips.
NO BATTERIES or large metal objects like 3-ring binders.

KEEP NORTH LITTLE ROCK Beautiful
NLR
WM WASTE MANAGEMENT
FASTSIGNS NLR-ARGENTA—
Make Your Statement
REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE
KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL

Questions? Please contact Kristina "KG" Gulley at 501.744.0085



PATRICK HENRY HAYS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
Your Best Chapter Starts Here.

The Hays Center is a vibrant, 60,000 square-foot community hub – one of the largest senior activity centers in Arkansas – dedicated to active living, connection, and full-span engagement.

The Hays Center offers a wide range of programs, fitness classes, events, and activities designed to keep adults 50+ healthy, social, and inspired!

Membership:
\$45/year
*Must be 50+

Hours:
8:00am-4:30pm

Ballroom & Event Rentals

Host your next event in the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center's 5,000 square foot ballroom – a spacious and elegant venue perfect for a variety of occasions!

Whether you're planning a wedding, conference, community gathering, our ballroom provides a flexible and welcoming space to bring your vision to life!

Contact Us!
501-975-4297

Visit Our Website




Coming soon!

The North Little Rock Heritage Center will open in mid-2026 with a new exhibit:
Stories from the North Side!

Learn more here!

Last month, North Little Rock Advertising and Promotion staff teamed up with the North Little Rock City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, North Little Rock Fire Marshal's Office and Arkansas State Health Department and hosted a Food Truck licensing event. This event has been held over the past couple of years and has been well attended by Food Truck operators from across the state. All they had to do was pull into the A&P parking lot and the combined city and state teams did the rest! (Pictured above, several team members).

The luck of the Irish was with our city team members last month. Pictured right are team members from Neighborhood Services: Chelle Kelly, Shirley Abel and Beau Cooper.

Above right—in case you did not know, the North Little Rock History Commission building—now known as the *North Little Rock Heritage Center* located at 506 Main Street has been undergoing a complete makeover! When the center reopens to the public it will be a beautiful museum featuring our wonderful (and sometimes colorful!) North Little Rock history. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements.



GREAT NORTH LITTLE ROCK CLEANUP

8-11 a.m., Saturday, May 2, 2026

Celebration Party (Lunch & Door Prizes!): 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Patrick Henry Hays Center

401 Pershing Boulevard, North Little Rock

Join us for some good clean fun!

Help make our city clean and beautiful



RECRUIT A GROUP ~ CHOOSE YOUR AREA

You provide the team and location, we provide the supplies!

Clean up your street, neighborhood, park or playground.

Register your cleanup team today—churches, businesses, neighborhoods, community groups, schools, adopt-a-street sponsors, families, scouts, and more.

Does it cost anything to register a team?

No, registration is free!

What kinds of places can my team clean?

You can clean a neighborhood street, park or playground in North Little Rock. Please do not enter yards, driveways or private property without the owner's permission.

Contact neighborhood associations or the city to check on an area if necessary. Do not clean state highways. Please make sure the area you choose can be cleaned safely!

What do we need to bring to the cleanup?

Gloves, trash bags, trash grabbers, rakes, and safety vests are suggested. Keep North Little Rock Beautiful can provide some of these items for use on cleanup day.

We will contact team leaders with information on getting supplies.

Where should my team meet before the cleanup?

Team leaders will decide on a convenient location for their teams to meet, preferably close to the area to be cleaned.

What if it rains on the day of the cleanup?

If it rains and your team decides not to clean on that day, please coordinate a rain date that will work for your team members. If the Great North Little Rock Cleanup celebration is cancelled due to weather, we will notify team captains.

I don't have a team. Can I still volunteer?

Yes! If you would like to help clean up, we will find a team for you to join. We also have other volunteer opportunities, such as help with serving lunch at the celebration, help with team check-in, and celebration site clean-up. There are also some pre-cleanup day preparation opportunities, such as contacting teams with important information, distributing flyers, and distributing supplies.

**If you would like to volunteer or find a team to join,
contact us at Green@knlr.org or call 501-350-8775.**

BURNS PARK

EASTER EGG HUNT

SOCCER COMPLEX 1

**1 Soccer Ave.
NLR, AR 72118**

Saturday, APRIL 04, 2026

Games * Face Painting * Golden Egg Prizes * Activities

EGG HUNTS WILL START AT 1:00-3:00 PM

Groups Hunts

- 1-3 years olds
- 4-6 years old
- 7-9 years old
- 10-12 years old
- Special Needs

**PHOTOS WITH
THE EASTER
BUNNY**

**GOLDEN EGGS
FOR PRIZES**

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For information on Easter Egg Hunts go to <https://nlr.ar.gov/?s=easter+egg+hunt> or call 501-791-8538



SAPLING

SUMMER CAMP 2026

| <u>SESSION I</u> | <u>SESSION II</u> | <u>SESSION III</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| JUNE 1-JUNE 19 | JUNE 22-JULY 10 | JULY 13-JULY 31 |
| \$85.00 | \$80.00 | \$80.00 |

Sibling discounts available under the same household account.

Must submit copy of school report card for verification by May 29th

Current NLRPR membership is required. NLR Residents-\$15; Non Residents-\$20

Early Registration

\$225 for all 3 camp sessions if paid in full by **May 22, 2026**.

**Does not include Mini Skills Camps*

Youth entering 1st-8th grades Fall 2026

www.nlrpr.org

MINI SKILLS CAMPS

AUGUST 3-7

BASKETBALL CAMP (GVCC)

CHEER & DANCE CAMP (NHCC)

CHESS CAMP (SPCC)

CULINARY CAMP (RCCC)

\$45.00

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SUPER FUN!
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SUPER SUMMER!