

# North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

March 2026

## Longtime North Little Rock City Historian Sandra Taylor Smith Retires

Found in NLR Neighborhood News by Shirley Abel

In the 1980s and early 1990s the Argenta neighborhood was arguably the worst neighborhood in the city and one of the worst in Central Arkansas. The part of Argenta from 4th Street South to the Arkansas River had been torn down by Urban Renewal to remove blight. The Urban Renewal maps listed every house from 4th Street north to the railyard, meaning every house in Argenta, as "Unsalvageable" and they were all slated for destruction until Urban Renewal ran out of money.



During all this upheaval Sandra Taylor Smith, the city's historian, started pushing for historic district status for Argenta. Sandra did the research on the neighborhood. A nomination was then sent to the state preservation people for approval to be followed by submission to

the National Register. Argenta would be the state's first working-class historic district. Argenta was listed on the National Register as a historic district in 1993. It included 258 residential and commercial properties. Over half of the structures in the district had to be considered contributing, which meant they were not substantially altered from the original state. The Argenta district was the first non-contiguous district in the state with both a residential and a separate commercial sector. Then legislation written by Sandra adopted by the City Council to make Argenta a local ordinance district. This required the formation of a Historic District Commission which would have to review and approve any major exterior changes to the contributing structures in the district.

In North Little Rock Sandra also did the architectural resource surveys for Park Hill, Edgemont, and the Baring Cross neighborhoods. Sandra surveyed Hillcrest, Central High, Downtown, and Capitol Zoning neighborhoods in Little Rock. Her reach across the state included surveys in Harrison, Fort Smith, Conway, Morrilton, Eureka Springs, El Dorado, Hot Springs, Osceola, Rogers, Hamburg, West Memphis, Huntsville, Heber Springs, Benton, Rector, Tyroneza, Piggott, Mountain Home, DeWitt, Jonesboro, Lake Village, Mahony, and Booneville.

She presented National Trust of Historic Places nominations for sixty-two nominated sites in Arkansas. This includes Charles L. Thompson buildings state wide, Civilian Conser-



vation Corps structures in state parks, courthouses, commercial districts, cemeteries and residential neighborhoods across the state. The list includes the Mosaic Templars of America Building at 9th and Broadway in Little Rock, the Park Hill Fire Station & Water Company Complex on Magnolia Street in North Little

Rock, the Lands End Plantation in Scott, the McRae Elementary School in Baring Cross, Arkansas Post Offices with WPA Murals, the Stiff Station Historic District in Little Rock, and two expansions of the Argenta Historic District in North Little Rock.

From 1975 to 1979 Sandra was the National Register Coordinator for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. She has been a Preservation Consultant since 1980 and was the Director of the North Little History Commission and the North Little Rock Historic District Commission from 1992 to 2025. Sandra was a founding board member of the Argenta Community Development Corporation and a member of the Main Street Argenta Design Committee from 1995 to 2002. She drafted the ordinance establishing the Argenta Local Ordinance Historic District which was approved by the City Council in

1993. She wrote the design guidelines for that district. She also authored design guidelines for historic districts in Fort Smith, Helena, Van Buren, Rogers, Hot Springs, Texarkana, and Russellville, and El Dorado.



She has received the Quapaw Quarter Jimmy Strawn Preservation Leadership Award and the Parker Westbrook Lifetime Achievement Award. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Alliance, been a tour guide for the Quapaw Quarter Association Tour of Homes, has Co-Chaired the QQA Christmas Potpourri Tour, was an Ex-Officio Board Member of the Argenta Leadership Council, was President of the Pulaski County Historical Society Board of Directors, and was a Board of Directors member of the Friends of the Old Mill.

If you look at historic preservation efforts across our entire state, you will find Sandra Taylor Smith's fingerprints on many of them. Her efforts not only started the rehabilitation of the Argenta neighborhood in North Little Rock, but has affected neighborhoods throughout Arkansas. We in North Little Rock are lucky enough to have experienced a preservation legend in our midst.



"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

Spring has sprung, and with the change of season, our thoughts turn to more time outside with our furry friends, long walks, longer days and activities like spring cleaning, gardening and much-needed home improvement projects.

Before you embark on seasonal chores or outdoor revelry, take inventory of potential springtime hazards for your furry friends.

#### Safe Screening

Many pet parents welcome the breezy days of spring by opening their windows. Unfortunately, they also unknowingly put their pets at risk—especially cats, who are apt to jump or fall through unscreened windows. Be sure to install snug and sturdy screens in all of your windows.

#### Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition in many households but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets' way! Almost all cleaning products, even all natural ones, contain chemicals that may be harmful to pets. The key to using them safely is to read and follow label directions for proper use and storage. ASPCA Poison Control has a full list of poisonous household products so you can be certain of the products you're bringing into your home.

#### Home Improvement 101

Products such as paints, mineral spirits and solvents can be toxic to your pets and cause severe irritation or chemical burns. Carefully read all labels to see if the product is safe to use around your furry friends. Also, be cautious of physical hazards, including nails, staples, insulation, blades and power tools. It may be wise to confine your dog or cat to a designated pet-friendly room during home improvement projects.

#### Let Your Garden Grow — With Care

Fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides keep our plants and lawns healthy and green, but their ingredients may be dangerous to pets. Always store these products in out-of-the-way places and follow label instructions carefully.

Many popular springtime plants—including rhododendron and azaleas—are also highly toxic to pets and can prove fatal if eaten.

## Springtime Safety Tips

Found at <https://www.asPCA.org/>



## Fleas and Ticks

Pesky parasites like fleas and ticks start appearing during the spring. Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication and follow our guide to prepare for flea and tick season!

### Ah-Ah-Achoo!

Like us, pets can be allergic to foods, dust, plants and pollens. Allergic reactions in dogs and cats can cause itching, minor sniffing and sneezing or life-threatening anaphylactic shock to insect bites and stings. If you suspect your pet has a springtime allergy, please visit your veterinarian as soon as possible.

### ID Tags

Warmer weather means more trips to the park, longer walks and more chances for your pet to wander off. Make sure your dog or cat has a microchip for identification and wears a tag imprinted with your home address, cell phone and any other relevant contact information.

### Easter Treats and Decorations

Keep lilies and candy in check — chocolate goodies are toxic to cats and dogs, and all true lilies can be fatal if ingested by cats. And be mindful, kitties love to nibble on colorful plastic grass, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting and dehydration.

### Buckle Up!

While most dogs love to feel the wind on their furry faces, allowing them to ride in the beds of pick-up trucks or stick their heads out of moving-car windows is dangerous. Flying debris and insects can cause inner ear or eye injuries and lung infections, and abrupt stops or turns can cause major injury, or worse! Pets riding in cars should always be secured in a crate or wearing a seatbelt harness designed especially for them.

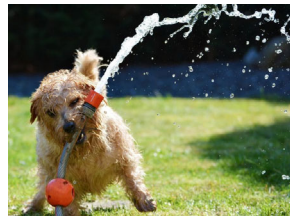
Follow these tips for a happy and healthy spring! If you think your pet has ingested a toxic substance, contact your veterinarian or ASPCA Poison Control at (888) 426-4435 immediately.

### Spring—

**Kitten and Puppy Season**—yes, both cats and dogs commonly have litters in the spring as warmer weather and longer daylight hours trigger breeding.

Please do your part to help control the animal homelessness crisis by spaying or neutering your pets.

Spay or neuter can potentially add years to the lifespan of your pet by preventing some health issues like uterine infections, mammary tumors, and testicular cancers. These routine procedures may also reduce behavioral issues such as roaming, urine marking and aggression.



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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

Spring Home Maintenance Tips *found at travelers.com*



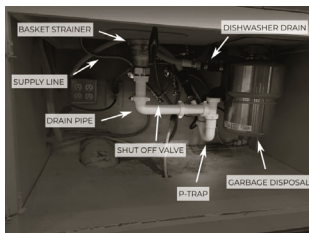
The milder days of spring are a perfect time to do a thorough spring cleaning and perform home maintenance. After a long winter, it is a good idea to spend time on preventive measures to help maintain your home and property throughout the year. Tasks such as cleaning out your gutters, checking for dead trees and branches and cleaning and inspecting home mechanical and plumbing systems, such as heating and air conditioning equipment, can help make spring a season of safety.

Cleaning and maintenance of your home should be done inside and out. Although the tasks are different, checking to see if all the elements of your home are in good working order can help keep your family safe and your maintenance expenses lower over the long run.

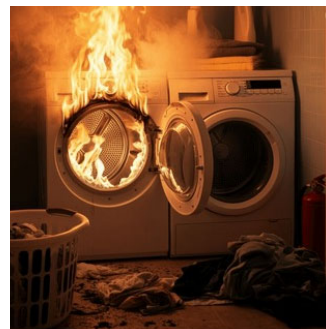
## Inside your home

Here are a few things inside your home that should be inspected to determine if they are in good condition:

- **Electrical outlets and cords:** Check electrical outlets and cords throughout your home for any potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose-fitting plugs. Extension cords and power strips are not designed to be permanent fixtures and should only be used on an interim basis.
- **Fire extinguishers:** Check your fire extinguisher at least once yearly, including the hose, nozzle and other parts to determine if they are in good condition and that the pressure gauge is in the "green" range. Check the expiration date. If necessary, move your fire extinguisher to an accessible place so that you can get to it easily in an emergency.
- **Air conditioning:** Check around the unit for indications of leaks. Before turning it on for the season, have your air-conditioning system inspected and tuned up by a professional. Check the drain lines annually and clean them if they are clogged. Change the air filter.
- **Water heater:** Check for leaks and corrosion. Check your owner's manual for any recommended maintenance.
- **Furnace or boiler:** Have your furnace or boiler cleaned or inspected annually.
- **Under sinks and around toilets:** Look for any signs of leaks or corrosion on pipes, supply lines and fixtures.
- **Plumbing:** Check exposed pipes and valves in your basement or crawl spaces, if safely accessible, for signs of leaking or corrosion.



- **Appliances:** Check supply lines for washing machines, ice makers and water dispensers, refrigerators, and dishwashers for signs of leaks or wear and tear.
- **Plumbing for hose spigots and irrigation systems:** After opening valves for outdoor water supplies, be sure to inspect components for leaks. Don't forget to check inside plumbing as well as outdoor spigots.
- **Dryers:** Dryer lint can build up inside the vent pipe and collect around the duct. Clean both the clothes dryer exhaust duct and the space under the dryer. Use a brush to clean out the vent pipe. Look for lint buildup around the lint trap and clean it as needed.
- **Smoke detectors:** Daylight savings time is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Inspect each smoke detector to determine if all are in working order, and make sure to test them monthly. Ideally, there should be at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home, including outside of each bedroom, and one within each bedroom itself.
- **Light bulbs:** Check each light bulb in every fixture for the correct recommended wattage and replace

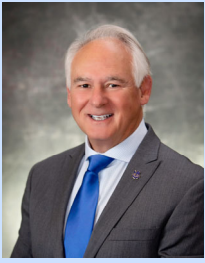


## How often should I replace my smoke and carbon monoxide alarms?

Internet research indicated smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors every 5-7 years from their date of **manufacture**, as sensors degrade over time. Combination smoke/CO units typically need replaced every 5-7 years.

Check the back of units for the manufacture's date, and replace immediately if they malfunction, chirp constantly, or are over a decade old.





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

**Senior Center**—total members 3,792. Volunteer Services—Hays Center hours 950; *hours from other city departments/entities not provided*. Trips included: Hidden Creek Restaurant, Flea

Markets & Golden Corral, Smoke Shack BBQ, Professor Bowl, The Fried Pie, Searcy for Bingo, Barnhill Buffett.

**Finance**—city sales tax collections were lower than the same period a year ago by 2.2%. County sales tax collections were also lower for the same period by 1.3%. (January receipts represent retail sales from the month of November 2025). Food and lodging tax collection for past 12 months was approximately \$7,711,565.

**Sanitation**—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 1,208.58 tons (2,417.160 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 37 loads (1,101.00 cubic yards) of green waste. Leaf crews disposed of 66 loads (1,458.38 cubic yards of loose leaves), 210 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 15 inspections, 2 re-inspections and issued 2 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued. Recycling tonnage was not reported. Units 50 & 51 (Street Dept) picked up 208 bags of trash, other units picked up 292 bags of trash, along with car parts, buckets, shopping carts, etc.

**Traffic Services**—Barricade Permits—70, AR One Call—40, Signs/Post replaced—60, City Vehicles marked with logo—2.

**Police**—violent and property crime was down. First academy of the year included 10 recruits from NLRPD, 4 from Sherwood PD, 3 from Jacksonville PD.

**Fire**—1,237 incidents, (citizens assist, disaster/weather, false alarm, good intent, hazard non-chemical, hazardous materials, illness, injury trauma, investigations, medical other, outside fire, public service other, structure fire, structure rescue, transportation fire, transportation rescue. 162 Building Surveys. Training included: Standpipe, EMT CEU's, Fire Tower (ventilation), Special Ops. 5 new certified firefighters.

**Emergency Services/911**—Incoming calls: 5,925—non-911 calls, 5,953—911 calls, 543—abandoned 911 calls.

**Planning**—sign permits—5, banner permits—0, demolition permits—7, 2 commercial remodel — average \$2,096,175, 10 new commercial—average \$2,096,175 issued 15 new single family residence permits—average \$155,474, 28 residential remodel—average \$17,403, 3 residential additions—average \$25,500. Planning Zoning Officer issued 4 citations, 19 inspections/site visits, 17-follow up inspections and investigated 13 sign violations.

**Code Enforcement**—assigned calls—44, initiated calls 203, citations—8, violation notices—216, vehicles tagged—58, vehicles towed—0, lots posted—0, signs removed—0, structures inspected—38, rental inspections—9, food ser-

vice inspections—28, search warrants—0, structures condemned—0, houses demolished by city—3, houses demolished by owner—0, vacant lots cleaned/mowed—10, lots with structures cleaned—10, lots with structures mowed—0, vacant houses secured—11, tires removed—33.

**Parks and Recreation**—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 480 visitors. Groups: none. Overnight: Troop 274 Memphis TN (21), Cub Scout 523 Jonesboro, LA (15). Special Events: none. Field use: Soccer 38 practices/ 65 games/ 0 tournaments, Youth baseball 7/0/0, Softball 0/0/0, Senior Baseball 8/0/0, Stone Links Cricket 0/0/0. Facility rentals: Pavilions—0, Hospitality House—5, Idlewild—0, Stone Links—1, River House—3. Tennis: Burns Park Singles and Doubles Tournaments, Leagues and Junior Academy all month. Parks and Recreation—opened warming center during winter storm Fern, crews worked clearing ice/ snow from city property and public areas. Youth baseball leagues have started with 250 players and volunteer coached across 4 divisions. Arts and Culture programming celebrated International Creativity Month by writing, drawing and coloring their goals for the new year.

#### Animal Services—

##### Incoming:

Dog	98/ytd	98
Cat	35/ytd	35
Other	1/ytd	1

##### Reclaim:

Dog	29/ytd	29
Cat	0/ytd	0
Other	0/ytd	0

##### Owner Surrender:

Dog	13/ytd	13
Cat	2/ytd	2
Other	0/ytd	0

**Service calls:** 362/ytd 362

**Citations:** 27/ytd 27

**Vouchers** (spay/neuter) issued: 38/ytd 38

##### Adopted:

Dog	31/ytd	31
Cat	30/ytd	30
Other	1/ytd	1

##### Euthanized:

Dog	36/ytd	36
Cat	2/ytd	2
Other	0/ytd	0



#### NLR Electric—

Customers: 40,831

Revenue: \$8,103,549

Peak Demand: 153,890 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: none.

**City Clerk/Treasurer**—during the month of January, team members renewed annual business/privilege licenses in the amount of \$1,057,293.70 and (1,729 renewals). Customers are using our new online payment feature; we still have a lot of renewals coming in through the mail and in-person. There are currently NO licensed/permitted door to door solicitors/peddlers in North Little Rock. We have received several calls of vendors out there and encouraged the public to contact us when approached and/or if they have questions about someone at their door.

## Common Cold or Seasonal Allergies?

Found at [Pfizer.com/news/articles](https://www.pfizer.com/news/articles)

You find yourself coughing, sneezing, and with a runny nose. At first you may think it's a cold, but how do you know it's not a seasonal allergy? Colds and seasonal allergies are both common, and they share some of the same symptoms. But they are very different conditions.

### What's the difference?

Colds and seasonal allergies both affect the respiratory system (i.e., nose, throat, lungs), but beyond that they are very different.

The common cold is caused by viruses. Most people with a cold experience a runny nose, sneezing, coughing, body aches, and sometimes a fever. People usually recover from a cold after a week or so.

Seasonal allergies are not caused by a virus. They are caused by your body's immune system reaction to something you are allergic to—in other words, an allergen or trigger such as pollen, mold, or dust mites. People with seasonal allergies may also have symptoms such as sneezing, stuffiness, and a runny nose. However, seasonal allergy symptoms usually last longer than 1 week. And unlike colds, seasonal allergies tend to happen around the same time every year.

Finally, while colds are contagious (can spread from person to person), seasonal allergies are not. The table below highlights the key differences between colds and allergies.

### Tips for helping to prevent colds and seasonal allergies

To help prevent colds:

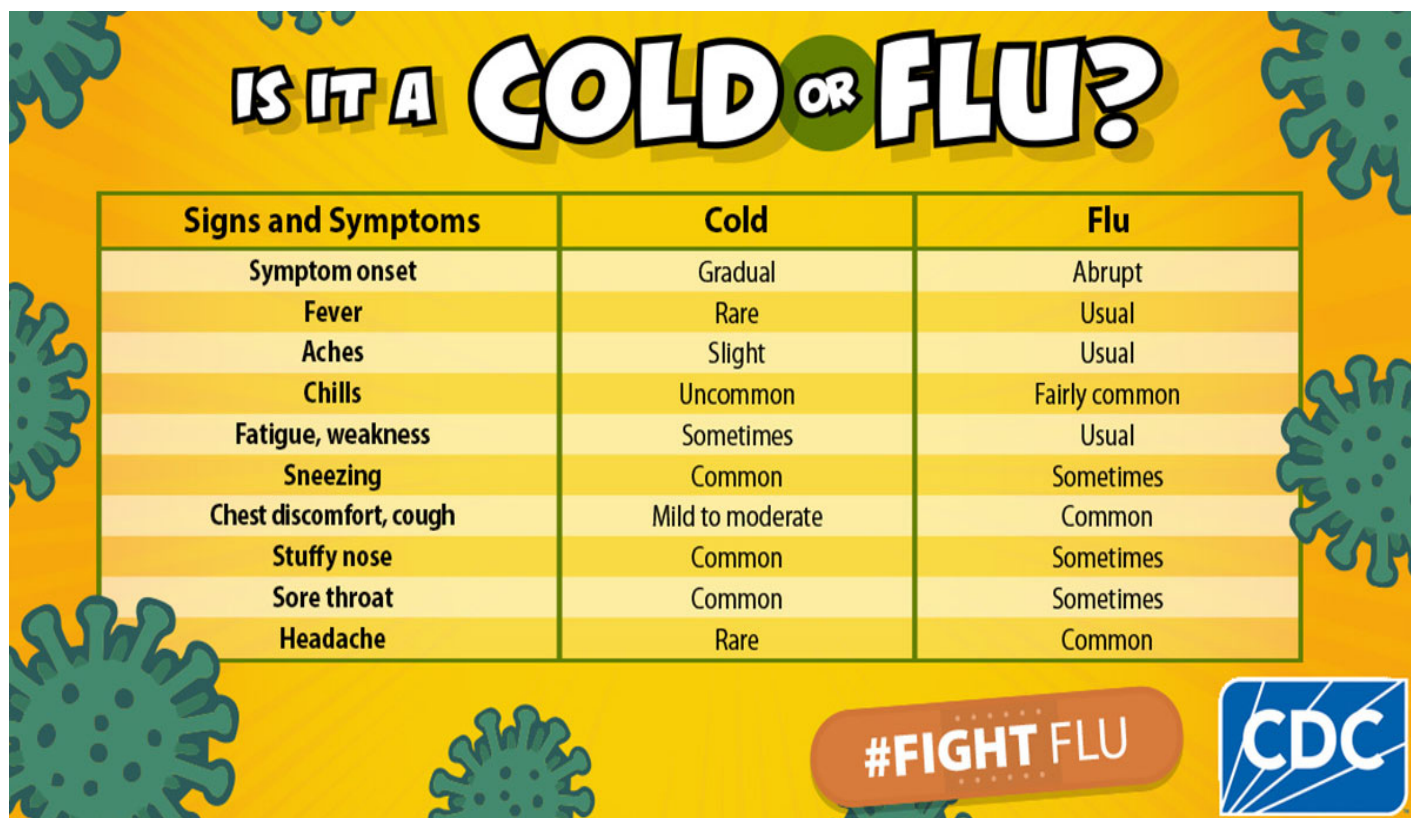
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth—especially if your hands are unwashed.
- Stay away from people who have a cold.

To help prevent seasonal allergies:

- Limit your exposure to environmental allergens and triggers (such as pollen, mold, dust mites).
- Keep your doors and windows closed if possible. Use air conditioning to stay comfortable.
- Stay indoors when pollen and mold counts are high.
- If you go outdoors, shower and change your clothes when you return indoors.
- Avoid mowing the lawn or raking leaves. These activities can stir up pollen and mold.

Be sure to talk with your healthcare provider to find out whether your symptoms are caused by the common cold or seasonal allergies.

Dipali Davé, MD, MHA, is a physician and the Assistant Editor and Medical Researcher for Pfizer's Get Healthy Stay Healthy website.



Signs and Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual
Aches	Slight	Usual
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Headache	Rare	Common

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## 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](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 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. Please return your completed renewal with payment to our office by February 2, 2026.**

**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](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/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.....	501-603-0909
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 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*

# March Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>
COBB, KIDADA	OES/911	1	TEMPLE, JOHN	Police	12
EVANS, BENJAMIN	Fire	1	HADDOCK, TYSON	Fire	13
HAHN, DUSTIN	Fire	1	HOOD, MARK	Electric	14
HOPE, IAN	Police	1	JOSEPH, MARK	Golf	15
THOMPSON, MICHAEL	Fire	1	PUTNAM, GAVIN	Police	15
ARCHER, WALTER	IT	2	ROE, JASON	Fire	15
FIELDS, JENNIFER	Parks Admin	2	ISELL, LATOYA	Electric	16
BRADLEY, CHRISTOPHER	Fire	4	WOOLF, JACK	Electric	16
DEAN, DOMINIQUE	OES/911	4	BURNS, JUSTIN	Electric	17
HANNAH, FARRAH	Electric	4	DUKE , GAVIN	Police	18
TOLL, CALVIN	Electric	4	FISHER, JON	Police	18
CROSS, JUSTIN	Police	5	POOLE, DENNIS	Fire	18
GATES, COLLIN	Police	5	USSERY, BRANDON	Fire	18
JACKSON, CAMYRA	OES/911	5	USSERY, SHELLEY	Clerk/Treasurer	18
BRUCKS, SAMUEL	Police	6	BETTON, ALEXANDER	Legal	19
BUSH, KAITLYN	Police	6	DANIELS, ALYSON	Planning	19
JACKSON, IRVING	Police	7	GIPSON, COEDY	Fire	19
SMITH, BRODY	Fire	8	TAYLOR, NYAIESHIA	OES/911	19
CARTER, JARROD	Fire	9	TUBBS, MARK	Police	19
GRAYSON, BRIAN	Animal Shelter	9	EDMONDS JR, SPRIGS	Admin	21
ALMON, WARREN	Fire	10	COMMONS, LILLIE	Police	24
COCHRAN, WILLIAM	Fire	10	EVANS, STEPHEN	Fire	24
MARION, MARCUS	Street	10	MIDDLETON, WILLIAM	Street	24
MAULDIN, ROBERT	HR	10	FALLS, CHRISTIAN	Vehicle Maint	25
SPARKMAN, EMILY	Police	10	SPIVEY, JONATHAN	Parks Maint	25
BLEVINS, KESHAWN	Electric	11	AMBROSE-LLOYD, DOMINIQUE	Electric	28
SMITH, JOHN	Street	11	BAXTER JR, DAVID	HR	28
SPENCER, LESLIE	Sanitation	11	EVERETT, THOMAS	Traffic	29
WOODALL, PAMELA	Senior Center	11	HELTON, CARMEN	Police	30
WORLEY, ANITA	Finance	11	KINCAID JR, WILLIAM	Electric	30
BEASTON, RICHARD	Police	12	RAY, VINCENT	Police	30
HARLAN, TRENT	Fire	12	MCGOWAN, SEAN	Police	31
ROBINSON, DAVID	Fire	12	PERALTA, MAGDALENA	HR	31



Congratulations to the City of North Little Rock on receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate for the 6th Consecutive Year!

This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.



March 17, 2026  
Don't forget to wear green!

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# March Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Date	#Yrs
EDMONDS JR, SPRIGS	Admin	2	GOSHEN, JULIE	OES/911	1
MORGAN, JESSIE	Admin	7	CALVIN, LATOYA	OES/911	6
AMOS, TREVIS	Admin	4	SADLER, LEEANN	OES/911	17
ERWIN, GARY	Airport	10	O'DELL, CHARLES	Parks Maint	9
JONES, PATRICIA	Animal Shelter	31	SHUMPERT, JAMES	Parks Maint	7
KABAT, ANITA	Animal Shelter	13	MARTIN, DELVIN	Parks Maint	8
MENDEZ QUIROZ, SHEILA	Clerk/Treasurer	1	ADAIR, ASCHE	Parks Maint	1
PEEPLES, COURTNEY	Code Enf	1	HENSON, REGINA	Parks Rec	39
DUNLAP, MARTIN	Electric	10	WILBON, KATRINA	Parks Rec	38
ISBELL, LATOYA	Electric	2	BOWERS, JOSHUA	Planning	7
HARRIS RAY, CHRISTOPHER	Electric	21	SPENCER, SHAWN	Planning	24
WILSON, JAMES	Electric	19	CRAIG, REBA	Police	24
HALSEY, JACKIE	Electric	28	EDWARDS, LUCAS	Police	8
GREGORY, LANA	Electric	27	GANN, CHRIS	Police	29
NICHOLAS, CHRISTOPHER	Electric	21	THOMAS, MATTHEW	Police	25
PETTUS, CHASITY	Electric	1	WOMACK, KALI	Police	3
ROBERTS, ANDREA	Electric	4	LAWRENCE, TYLER	Police	6
BONNER, AMANDA	Finance	26	HAMBY, WILLIAM	Police	6
HARPER, SHELIA	Finance	7	LOOPER, CODY	Police	6
BESAW, JENNIFER	Finance	1	OLSEN, CATHERINE	Police	3
HOWARD, RANDALL	Fire	6	KINKAID, BRYAN	Police	22
TUCKER, GERALD	Fire	36	SCALES, CARMEN	Police	2
EVANS, STEPHEN	Fire	36	BLEVINS, MICHAEL	Police	26
STOUT, KEVIN	Fire	6	KING, JEN-CHUAN	Police	29
ALBERS, RICKY	Fire	36	FORNEY, JOSHUA	Police	26
HENDERSON, AARON	Fire	15	HALEY, DANIEL	Police	23
MORENO RAYMUNDO, UZIEL	Fire	6	ALSTON, JOHN	Police	29
WORTHAM, CODY	Fire	15	CUPPS, ROBERT	Police	23
DURAN, DANTANIEL	Fire	15	JOHNSON, MICHAEL	Police	6
ANDERSON, BETTY	HR	25	STEWART, NICHOLAS	Police	8
BARBER, JOHN	IT	23	RODGERS, DAVID	Sanitation	12
MAXEY, BRECK	IT	32	GILMORE, VANESSA	Senior Center	4
MILLER, MARIE-BERNARDE	Legal	10	VANG, BRUCE	Senior Center	7
FIELDS, AMY	Legal	9	GUNN III, WALTER	Traffic	14
ANDERSON, KYRA	OES/911	8	MARSHALL, STEVEN	Vehicle Maint	2

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)

## Arkansas Primary Elections will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Arkansans have school, county, judicial, state and federal elections to decide March 3, and some voters may see local ballot issues as well.

Candidates in March 3 elections filed for office last year. Arkansas does not allow write-in candidates.

The Arkansas Preferential Primary is when voters choose candidates for county, state and federal offices on Democratic or Republican party ballots

- ◇ In counties where only one party has candidates, the winner of the March election will take office in 2027.
- ◇ In counties where there are multiple political parties represented, the winners of each primary will be on the November 2026 General Election ballot.
- ◇ A new rule this year prohibits voters who are registered as Democrats from voting in the Republican Party Primary.

Nonpartisan General Election—Judges for courts at the local and statewide level are chosen in this election. If no candidate receives a majority vote, a runoff will take place in the November 2026 General Election.

School elections—as of this year, all school elections will now take place during primary elections in even-numbered years. This includes candidates and property tax questions (millage).

Local ballot issue elections—Arkansas law allows cities and counties to hold elections twice a year, including on the spring allot. Your sample ballot will show whether your city or county has referred a sales tax or property tax proposal for you to decide.

To read more visit [arcounties.org/media/news/what-you-should-know-about-the-2026-arkansas-primary-elections/](https://arcounties.org/media/news/what-you-should-know-about-the-2026-arkansas-primary-elections/)

**To view your sample ballot visit**  
[www.voterview.ar-nova.org](http://www.voterview.ar-nova.org)



## NORTH LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND PRESENTS

*Songs In The Key Of Life*  
Featuring tunes from several decades  
of the 20th century



Sunday, March 8th  
3:00pm  
Hays Senior Center  
401 W. Pershing  
North Little Rock



# LEAF REMOVAL

# UPDATE

Last Call!

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**THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK  
LEAF REMOVAL TRUCKS  
WILL RUN UNTIL MARCH 6.**

**IF YOU STILL HAVE LEAVES  
TO BE PICKED UP, PLEASE**

**CALL 501-371-8340.**





*You are invited to join us for an*  
**OPEN HOUSE  
AND TOUR**  
*for the new*

North Little Rock  
*Event Center*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026**

**4:00-6:00 PM**





# 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