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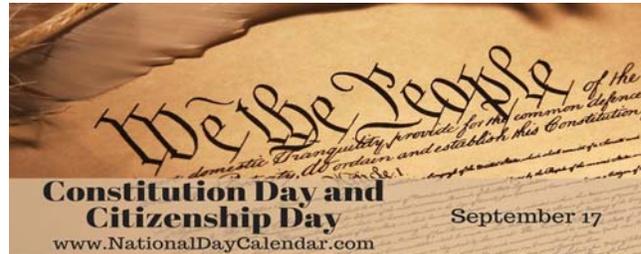
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City offices will be closed Monday, September 5, 2016 in observance of Labor Day. Garbage, trash and recycling routes will run one-day delayed all week.

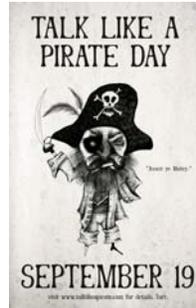
National Days

found at www.nationaldaycalendar.com/September

- 1 National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day
- 2 National College Colors Day
- 3 National Tailgating Day & U.S. Bowling League Day
- 4 National Wildlife Day & Hug Your Boss Day
- 5 National Cheese Pizza Day & Labor Day
- 6 National Read a Book Day
- 7 National Beer Lover's Day & National Salami Day
- 8 National Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses Day
- 8 National Teddy Bear Day
- 9 National TV Dinner Day
- 10 Patriot Day and National Day of Serves and Remembrance...also National Grandparents Day & National Pet Memorial Day
- 11 National Day of Encouragement & National Chocolate Milkshake Day
- 12 National Peanut Day
- 13 National Cream Filled Donut Day & National Eat a Hoagie Day
- 15 National Cheese Toast Day & National LGBT Center Awareness Day
- 16 Mayflower Day & Trail of Tears Commemoration Day



- 17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day
- 18 Air Force Birthday & Wife Appreciation Day
- 19 National TALK LIKE A PIRATE Day! Arrrr
- 20 National Punch Day
- 21 National Pecan Cookie Day
- 22 American Business Women's Day & Dear Diary Day...also Autumnal Equinox
- 23 National Great American Pot Pie Day
- 24 National Punctuation Day & National Hunting and Fishing Day
- 25 National One-Hit Wonder Day
- 26 National Shamu the Whale Day & National Pancake Day
- 27 National Crush a Can Day & National Voter Registration Day
- 28 National Good Neighbor Day
- 29 National Coffee Day & VFW Day
- 30 National Chewing Gum Day & National Mud Pack Day



2016 Arkansas Razorback Football Schedule

Sep 3 Louisiana Tech—Fayetteville
Sep 10 TCU—Fort Worth, TX
Sep 17 Texas State—Fayetteville
Sep 24 Texas A&M—Arlington, TX
Oct 1 Alcorn State—LR
Oct 8 Alabama—Fayetteville

Oct 15 Ole Miss—Fayetteville
Oct 22 Auburn—Auburn, AL
Nov 5 Florida—Fayetteville
Nov 12 LSU—Fayetteville
Nov 19 Mississippi State—Starkville, MS
Nov 26 Missouri—Columbia, MO



"Where's Mel"? Be the 1st person to call 975-8617 and tell us where you found him hiding and win a prize!

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

reach out to people who are interested in adopting a new pet or pets. Our services cover the residents of the city of North Little Rock. We also house and adopt animals for the Pulaski County Animal Control.

Our adoptions are to anyone who wishes to adopt a homeless animal. The shelter, with the assistance of the non-profit, North Little Rock Friends of Animals (NLRFOA) uses a variety of options to find homes for animals in their care which include pets surrendered by previous owners or abandoned. We advertise on radio, television, internet and social media. The shelter and NLRFOA also works with various other animal rescue groups.

We invite anyone to visit us and view our animals.

Arkansas State Law required that ALL animals be spayed or neutered prior to release to new owners. Some exceptions may include animals that are too young to sterilize and any recommendations by our Veterinarians to postpone surgery for a specific animal.

Adoption fees are usually \$40 for cats and \$60 for dogs, which goes to our veterinarians for their services.

June 30, 2016, the shelter and NLRFOA featured a reduced spay or neuter fee of \$20 per animal last month. Reserve funds have now been depleted and your help is needed!

For more information or to offer assistance, please contact the shelter at 501-791-8577. Donations of any size would be appreciated.

North Little Rock Animal Control is a municipal animal shelter. We

Why spay and neuter can make a difference.

Once a kitten reaches puberty, typically between 5 and 9 months, he or she will be able to reproduce. Some kittens mature as young as 2 1/2 months of age. Unlike humans, cats are able to reproduce their



entire life. An average feline can have 3 litters a year with an average of 4 kittens per litter. A 15 year old cat could have 180 kittens in her lifespan. If those kittens remain intact, and reproduce, the numbers can be in the thousands. And don't forget the male kitten, he can reproduce repeatedly and indefinitely.

**The numbers...
this year
(thru June, 2016)
close to 1,700
adoptable animals
have been
euthanized,
while only 537
found new homes.**

Dogs are capable of giving birth up until their death as well and could give birth 3 times a year over her lifespan.

Think about this, an unsprayed female dog, her mate and all of their pup-

pies, if none are ever neutered or spayed, can add up in a hurry.

Dogs and cats are doing what nature intended for them to do. However, to reduce the number of unwanted, abused or mistreated animals, we need to consider spaying and neutering

**Please Don't Litter
Spay or Neuter
Your Critter**



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.



Need a new addition to your family?

Call
501-791-8577

...we've got the perfect companion for you!



Support spaying and neutering in Arkansas by getting your own Arkansas Specialty *Please Spay or Neuter* License Plate at any State Revenue Office.



North Little Rock Fire Department

IAFF Local 35 hosts Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge in North Little Rock!



The Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge®- as seen on ESPN for a dozen years, annually attracts hundreds of U.S. and Canadian municipal fire departments at more than 25 locations and has expanded to countries around the world, including New Zealand, Germany, Argentina, Chile, and South Africa.

The Challenge seeks to encourage firefighter fitness and demonstrate the profession's rigors to the public. Wearing "full bunker gear" and the Scott 5.5 Air-Pak breathing apparatus, pairs of competitors race head-to-head as they simulate the physical demands of real-life firefighting by performing a linked series of five tasks including climbing the 5-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses and rescuing a life-sized, 175 lb. "victim" as they race against themselves, their opponent and the clock.

September 16 and 17, 2016, North Little Rock IAFF Local 35 will host firefighters from around the nation as they participate in a competition which encourages firefighter fitness and demonstrates the requirements of the profession.

Bring the kiddos and let them try their skills in the Kids Firefighter Challenge.

Location—AR Inland Maritime Museum Parking Lot—Riverfront Park, NLR.

Admission is free. There will also be food and beverages available for purchase.

For more information, contact Deputy Fire Marshal, Dustin Free at 501-812-5942.

Highlights from some City Departments



Mayor Joe A. Smith holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects and accomplishments. Below are a few highlights from the last meeting (July events).

Wastewater—in Dec 2015, the main influent pipeline to the Faulkner Lake WTP collapsed following a flood event. This is a 54-inch reinforced concrete pipeline which is 30 feet deep and carries water from the greater part of the City of NLR (Baring Cross, Argenta, Lakewood, Rose City, Park Hill Prothro, Galloway, and Faulkner Crossing). Repairs are 95% complete. May 1, 2016, a section of the White Oak Interceptor collapsed following a 5" rainfall. This is a 36-inch ductile iron gravity pipeline and carries wastewater from areas west of I-430. Repairs are 40% complete. March 1st, NLRWW crews assumed responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Maumelle wastewater system.

Neighborhood Services—Mailed information for 7 neighborhood associations to 2,338 households. Updated various Facebook pages. Working on Patio in Park Hill, Park Hill neighborhood yard sales, and Park Hill business survey. Began working on new Rose City business association. Levy Day event planned. National Night Out events will be in October.

Hays Center—63 new members. Trips included Bryant Senior Center, Lantern Theatre in Conway, Esse Purse Museum, Searcy Senior Center, Clarksville Peach Festival, Dondies in Des Arc, Russellville—Trash to Treasures, Charlottes, Heber Springs Cardboard Boat Races, Petit Jean and BJ's. Provided a class on Intentional Living. Volunteers provided 1,195 volunteer service hours in various city departments.

Utilities Accounting—

Electric bad debt expense for July: \$31,258
New accounts installed: 979
Accounts finalized: 909
Customer related calls—9,227, direct contact with Customer Service—1,788; inside teller payments received 6,969—electric; 6,595—gas / water, drive-thru teller payments 3,886—electric; 3,678—gas / water, Web/IVR payments—5,023.

Sanitation—Collected and disposed of 1,252.89 tons (2,505,780 lbs) of household garbage/rubbish. Yard Waste crews collected and disposed 496 loads; 9,533.4 cubic yards of mixed debris along with 4,454.8 cubic yards of green waste. Issued 93 Sanitation Code notices/letters and 9 Citations for non-compliance. Picked up 494 tires. Assisted Burns Park Maintenance with removal of fourteen 30 cubic yard truckloads of storm debris at and near Burns Park Soccer Fields. Removed 11 misused Waste Management Recycling containers.

Traffic Services—approved 85 barricade applications for permits. Repaired or replaced 236 signs and posts, marked 4 city vehicles with logo, 52 Arkansas One Call location requests.

Police—(May) Burglary/Breaking and Entering buildings –12%. Theft from motor vehicles +10% (*note—majority unlocked vehicles-remind citizens to keep locked*), Overall property crime –3.7%, Total crime –3.7%. 240 Firework calls versus 260 in 2015.

Fire—Total incidents—1,098
Total Unit Responses—2,018
Residential Fires—11
Other fires—0
Vehicle Fires—9
False Alarms/Malfunctons—99
Rescue/Emergency Medical—519
Mutual Aid—4
Hazardous Material Response—9
All other responses—447
Structure Fire fatalities—0
Vehicle fire fatalities—0
Training hours—4,177
Building Surveys—147
Upcoming event—Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge September 16 and 17.

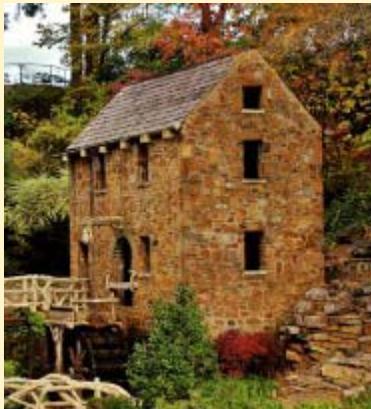


Office of Emergency Services/911—

Incoming call total: 19,803
Non-911 calls: 7,797
Wired 995: 967 Abandoned Wired 911: 157
Wireless 911: 9,101 Abandoned Wireless 911: 985
Total dispatch computer entries: 10,258

Planning—Major permits issued: Electric Dept, Rent a Wheel, AR Pain and Surgery Center, Wendy's (McCain) Ozark Escape, The Buckle. 6 commercial remodel permits (average \$131,084). Issued 7 new single family residential permits (average \$171,415). Inspectors completed 470 inspections and covered 3,269 miles: 139 Electric; 109 Building; 126 Plumbing; 96 HVAC.

Electric Department—38,350 customers, Peak Power—230,573 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—555.1 miles, # Transformers—11,252, Street lights—11,042 (141 repaired), Security lights—4,062 (24 repaired), Smart meters—39,277, Revenue— \$9,633,618.
Major outages—(over 1,000) July 14,15,16 & 20—storms caused multiple outages across the system affecting over 17,000 customers. July 30 over 6,000 customers off due to drop by service provider as a result of repairs.



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Jump Start Your Block—7.5 hour event, 22 volunteers collected 62 bags trash, etc. Assisted 5 residents—installed house numbers, trimmed hedges, mulch, mowed, painted, power washed house/windows, removed nails and contraction debris, cleaned roof and gutters.

City Clerk/Treasurer—processed \$6,365,303.19. Issued new business licenses and renewals, some accounts still under review. Various other activities include software updates and conversion and training for staff on all applications (payroll, licensing, accounts receivable, etc). Renewed majority of beer/liquor permits. 5 reported to State Alcohol Beverage Control Board for non-renewal. Continue to make calls to delinquent business license account holders. Penalties are now 50%.

Code Enforcement—123 assigned calls, 741 initiated calls, 59 citations, 546 violation notices, 85 vehicles tagged, 217 structures inspected, 29 rental inspections, 17 food service inspections, 0 search warrant, 1 house demolished by city, 4 houses demolished by owner. Code Maintenance—162 assigned calls, 103 vacant lots cleaned, 37 lots with structures cleaned, secured 2 vacant houses, vacant lots mowed—112, lots with structures mowed—63, picked up 6 tires.

North Little Rock Animal Control—

Incoming animals—216
 Adoptions—43
 Reclaimed—33
 Euthanized—139
 (665 Jan-Jul)
 Citations issued—28
 Dogs/cats sterilized—122
 Calls for service—665
 Pulaski County
 (accepted at NLR)
 Incoming Animals—104
 Adopted—11
 Reclaimed—17
 Euthanized—79 (382 Jan-Jul)
 Beginning June 30, NLR Friends of Animals reduced the cost of spay or neuter vouchers to \$20. This cost will remain in effect as long as funds will allow.
 Picked up 21 illegal Pitbulls. Sent 5 rabies specimens to State Health Department for testing—all were negative.



Visitors Bureau— 1,492 visitors stopped in at Visitor Information Center in Burns Park. Downtown Riverside RV Park had 558 reservations for a total of 1,392 camping days. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 3,322 visitors which included 4 overnight stays and 28 group tours. Sub vets volunteered 480 hours. Restaurant taxes Jan—June totaled \$3,064,579.

Parks and Recreation—installed fountain in golf course pond next to Championship Drive. Relocated Equestrian Trail Parking lot open and in use (for truck and trailer parking). Rain gages estimate close to a foot of rain in July. E-Newsletter distributed twice monthly to 1,800 email addresses and on Facebook.

Finance—

Revenues (MTD—July)

Information was not available at time of publication of e-Newsletter.

Taxes	\$
Licenses/Permits	\$
Fines/Forfeitures	\$
Local Option Sales Tax	\$
Intergovernmental-State	\$
Franchises	\$
Investment/Misc	\$
User Fees	\$
Utility Transfer	\$
Grants & Other	\$
Transfer from Electric	\$
Total Revenue:	\$

Expenditures

Administration	\$
Animal Shelter	\$
Special Appropriations	\$
City Clerk	\$
Emergency Services	\$
Finance	\$
Fire	\$
Health	\$
Legal	\$
1st Court	\$
2nd Court	\$
Public Defender	\$
Human Resources	\$
Commerce	\$
Planning	\$
Police	\$
Code Enforcement	\$
Public Works	\$
Neighborhood Services	\$
Sanitation	\$
Vehicle Maintenance	\$
Senior Citizens Center	\$
Communications	\$
Fit 2 Live	\$
Total Expenditures:	\$



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Your Health

Think 'Fast' to recognize stroke symptoms

Found in City & Town

—a publication of the Arkansas Municipal League

By Sanjeeva Reddy Onteddu, M. D.

This year, nearly 130,000 Americans will die from a stroke and another 665,000 will have a stroke. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stroke is the fifth-leading cause of death in the country, accounting for one in every 20 deaths. As a country, we'll spend \$34 billion to treat strokes this year.

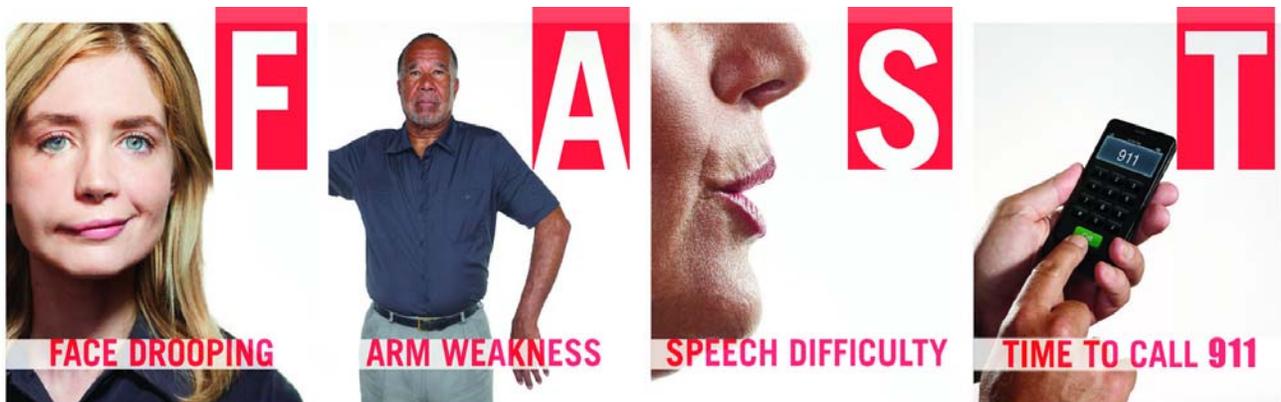
When dealing with such a debilitating public health concern, it's important to be prepared by knowing the signs, symptoms and how to seek treatment in case of a stroke.

Knowing the symptoms of a stroke

There are two main types of stroke; ischemic and hemorrhagic. An ischemic stroke occurs when the blood supply to your brain is obstructed. This interruption in blood flow impedes nutrients and oxygen needed by brain tissue to function properly.

A less common, but potentially more serious form is a hemorrhagic stroke, which occurs when a blood vessel inside the brain ruptures and there is bleeding that puts pressure on the brain.

In both forms, symptoms can include facial droopiness, weakness or paralysis in an arm or leg on one side of the body, and difficulty speaking. To remember these symptoms, think FAST — Face Arm Speech Time.



Getting to the right doctor

With each passing minute of a stroke, about two million brain neurons die. For that reason, it's easy to understand why seeking medical attention quickly is of the utmost importance.

It's also important to understand why getting to a stroke specialist is important. A stroke neurologist can quickly assess whether a stroke patient can be helped by a clot-busting drug that often restores complete function to the patient. That's the case with an ischemic stroke where a clot is keeping oxygen from the brain.

A stroke neurologist also has the expertise to tell when not to give that same drug to a patient, such as in the

case of a patient with a hemorrhagic stroke where a patient already has bleeding on the brain.

A UAMS-led program called Arkansas Stroke Assistance through Virtual Emergency Support, or AR SAVES, is already in 48 hospitals across the state. This telemedicine program allows partner hospitals to access a stroke neurologist 24 hours a day who can assess a patient through a real-time video connection.

Most of these hospitals are in rural areas or small cities that cannot support having such a specialist on staff.

However, patients in the Little Rock metropolitan area should also know that it matters where they receive help in the case of stroke. At UAMS, we have a physician in the hospital available 24 hours a day, seven days a week who is trained to take care of stroke patients.

UAMS is the only institution in the state with 24/7 availability of neuro intervention capabilities for advanced stroke care where blood clots can be removed with a procedure.

UAMS is nationally certified by The Joint Commission as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center. Also, as an academic health center, UAMS participates in research studies, which continue to lead to advanced diagnostic techniques and treatments.

Preventing a stroke

There are many things a person can do—from eliminating tobacco use to dietary changes—to lessen the

chance of a stroke. Risk factors include high blood pressure, smoking, high cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, and advancing age.

To combat these, it's important to eat healthy, which helps fight high blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Regular exercise, 40 minutes a day three or four times a week, is also important.

A stroke is a debilitating disease that can greatly affect your day-to-day life. It's important to do all we can to prevent its occurrence.

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Signs and symptoms of a sinus infection

Found in City & Town

—a publication of the Arkansas Municipal League

By Alissa Kanaan, M. D.

Whether it's because of congestion, stuffiness or facial pain, many of us know the pain and discomfort of sinus infections. Known as sinusitis, the condition is a common problem.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 29.4 million Americans have chronic sinusitis. On top of that, sinusitis accounts for nearly 12 million doctor visits each year. The American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology says we'll spend more than \$1 billion this year on over-the-counter medications trying to treat it.

With numbers like these, it's important to understand the causes, symptoms and treatment options for sinus infections.

What is a sinus infection?

The human body had four pair of sinuses that form a connected system of hollow, air-filled cavities in the skull.

While we still aren't sure exactly why we have sinuses, we know many of their functions, which include humidifying the air we breathe, helping us smell better, giving resonance to our voice, contributing to our facial growth and lightening the weight of the skull.

The sinus cavities are lined with a thin layer of mucus that serves to trap dust, germs and other air particles. A normally functioning sinus cavity sweeps these trappings to the back of the throat and down to the stomach.

Sinusitis is an inflammation of the sinuses, which stops the normal flow of mucus. This can be caused by a multitude of things, including nasal polyps, allergies, a deviated septum, a weak immune system or colds that eventually turn into a sinus infection. Common symptoms include nasal discharge, stuffiness, congestion, frontal headaches and tenderness.

Many times, sinusitis is confused for a cold. However, the symptoms and length of those symptoms are key to recognizing the difference. If symptoms last from three to five days, sometimes even up to 10 days, your illness is most likely a cold. If after more

than a week the symptoms worsen and do not subside, it's possible your cold has become a sinus infection.

Treating a sinus infection

In treating sinusitis, it's important to note whether you are experiencing symptoms that are sudden and severe, or if the condition has persisted over a longer period of time. If you have cold-like symptoms that last a few weeks, antibiotics, rest, plenty of fluids, along with a nasal spray or saline rinse are the best forms of treatment. These control your symptoms and can get you to a point of feeling better quicker.

If the condition is chronic, persisting longer than 12 weeks, symptoms can occur even without an infection, so treatment options and preventive measures besides antibiotics should be explored. There are surgical options, including an endoscopic procedure that washes out the sinuses and can be an effective way to deal with fungus or polyps in the sinus cavities.

In rare cases, a balloon sinuplasty is performed. The

procedure inserts a balloon catheter and is inflated to expand the cavity. Saline is then sprayed into the cavity to flush out any blockages and the catheter is removed.

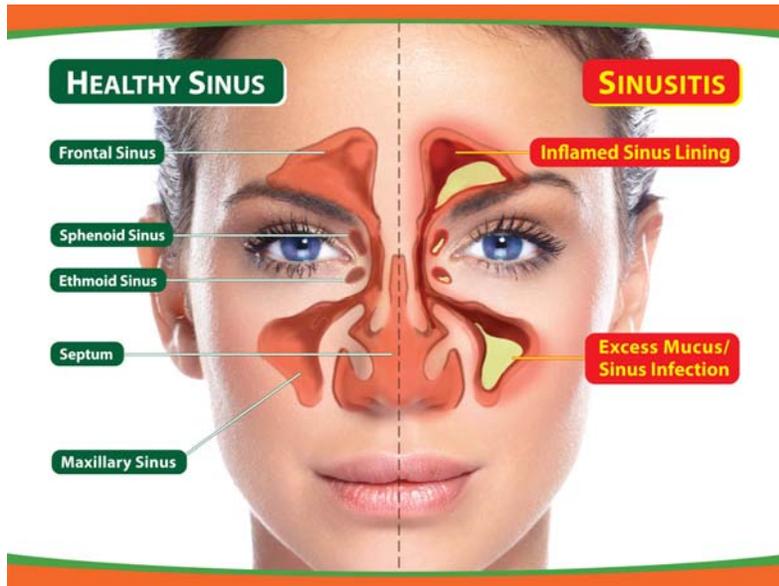
Preventing a sinus infection

There are several precautions you can take at home to help prevent sinus infections. This includes having a humidifier or using a neti pot or squeeze bottles for nasal irrigation. Just

like your teeth require daily brushing, for those with sinus problems, using a neti pot or squeeze bottle up to two times a day can help keep your sinus cavities clean. Be sure to use distilled water.

For those with known allergies that could lead to sinus problems, be sure to frequently vacuum and change your linens. Occasionally putting your pillows in the dryer can also help. These steps help keep away dust mites that can lead to allergy problems. Using steroid nasal spray and over-the-counter antihistamines can also help those with outdoor allergens and stave off sinusitis.

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Gardening with Wigglers!

Worms Produce the Caviar of Compost

Found in Edible Ozarkansas—Issue II, Spring 2016

Story by Michelle Parks

Joyce Starr got into vermicomposting by happenstance. Already a master gardener, she was training four years ago to become a master composter when she attended a vermicomposting workshop.

Raising earthworms in a controlled environment is called vermiculture. Using those earthworms alongside microorganisms to convert organic waste into nutrient-rich humus is called vermicomposting. Humus is the part of soil that contributes to the retention of moisture and nutrients.

I didn't really know that people did it, but I left that night with a bucket of worms," Joyce says of vermicomposting.

At her home in Springdale, she kept those first red wigglers in damp bedding inside five-gallon buckets. Two buckets were stacked together, with holes drilled in the bottom of the top bucket for drainage. She recommends this size and style of set up for anyone getting started in vermicomposting.

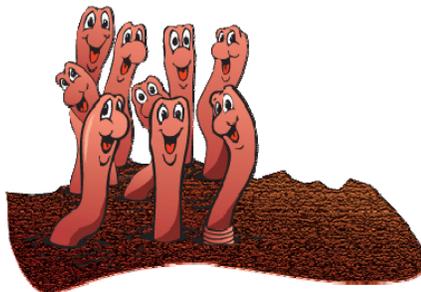
At first, she thought she'd need to check the worms every day, and that she'd just taken on a big time commitment. It turns out that it was fine for her to check them once every week or even every two weeks.

"It's not labor intensive, and it doesn't take a lot of your time," she says. "You will find a rhythm for that."

The castings produced by worms are of a higher quality than typical compost, and have been called the "caviar of compost." Regular compost is made by mixing organic matter such as leaves, garden residue, and food waste and then letting them break down over several weeks or months into humus.

Joyce doesn't have many trees around her house, so there aren't enough fallen leaves for her to make regular compost. Vermicompost works better for her, and "Now I have something to do with my table scraps," she says.

There are various methods for harvesting the worm castings. Joyce goes a step further and makes vermicompost "tea," a technique that involves putting the castings in a knee-high stocking and using aeration equipment in a five-gallon bucket over two days. This method produces fertilizer that contains more nutrients and microbes than are found in the castings alone.



She uses vermicompost in her garden, particularly on her tomato plants, because she prefers not to use chemical fertilizers. She says the resulting plants are healthier and greener.

Joyce says vermicomposting has two main benefits. First organic food waste isn't going down the garbage disposal or into the garbage can, and then on to the sewage treatment plant or landfill. Second, compost can be made rather than purchased. A bonus is that vermicompost is odor free, unlike traditional compost.

The first steps required in determining how many worms are needed is to assess the average amount of food scraps and other waste to be buried in the worm bin each day. A household that generates seven pounds of food waste a week would average one pound of waste per day.

Worms can be purchased by the pound, and a ratio of two pounds of worms for every one pound of food waste is recommended. A worm bin should be about one square foot of surface for each pound of food waste produced per feeding.

Though Joyce began with five-gallon buckets, she has expanded to 28-gallon plastic storage containers — solid colors that don't let in light. Her worm population kept multiplying, and she wanted to produce more vermicompost.

Red wigglers are tough and can withstand the handling required for vermicomposting. They thrive in temperatures ranging from 59° to 77°; they eat more and reproduce more in these temperatures. They slow down and could die above 86° and are subject to freezing below 32°. The temperature in moist bedding is generally lower than the surrounding air because evaporation of the moisture from the bedding in a well-ventilated area has a cooling effect.

It's important to keep their bedding moist, but not too moist. Worms breathe through their skin, which must be moist for the exchange of air and excretion to take place. However, too much water can reduce the available oxygen, effectively causing them to drown.

Worms can tolerate a wide range of acidity, but slightly acidic conditions, ranging from pH5 to pH9, are best for them. They also use oxygen and produce carbon dioxide, so it's important to allow air to circulate around the container in which they're kept.

Some worm bins can be assembled or built at home, while others are available commercially. No matter what their shape or size, the bins should be 12 to 18 inches deep and must have holes in the sides, top, and bottom to allow for adequate air circulation and water drainage.

MAKE YOUR OWN WORM FARM

1. **Acquire a bin.** Two 5-gallon buckets nestled inside one another work well. The top bucket should have a lid. Drill holes in the top and along the sides of the top inch of the bucket so the worms can breathe, as well as in the bottom of the top bucket so it can drain.
2. **Prepare the bedding.** Instead of soil, composting red worms live in moist newspaper bedding. Tear newsprint into 1/2-inch to 1-inch strips. Wet and wring newsprint until bedding feels like a damp sponge—moist but not dripping. Add the strips to the bin, making sure bedding is fluffy (not packed down) to provide air for the worms. Bin should be 3/4 full of wet newspaper strips. Sprinkle soil in bin, which introduces beneficial microorganism. Gritty soil particles also aids the worms' digestive process.
3. **Add the worms.** Worms are typically purchased by the pound. Place them near the center of the bin, halfway down in the bedding.
4. **Bury food scraps under bedding.** Feed the worms fruit and vegetable scraps at a ratio of one pound of food waste for ever two pounds of worms. (See the table at right for a recommended menu.) Cut or break food scraps into small pieces — the smaller, the better. Bury food scraps in the bin, about halfway down in the bedding, near where worms were placed. Cover food with bedding.
5. **Leave them be.** Cover the bin with a lid, and place the bin away from windows and heaters. Ideal temperature range is 59 to 77°.
6. **Feed, water and fluff.** To keep worms happy, feed them about once a week. If bedding dries up, spray with water. (If bedding gets too wet, add dry newspaper strips.) Fluff up bedding every week or so to ensure the worms get enough air. Monitor the bin ever week or so to see if the worms are or are not eating the food. Adjust feeding accordingly.



Joyce Starr has been a Washington County master composter since 2012. Worm castings are also known as vermicast, which is essentially earthworm waste. As these creatures eat through food scraps, their waste creates an optimal soil enricher.

Fun Facts about Red Wigglers...

- They have no eyes, teeth, or sense of smell.
- They can eat about half their body weight in food each day.
- A mature worm can produce 96 baby worms in six months. It takes a worm five to six weeks to reach maturity...*continued next page...*



What's on the Menu?

Foods that worms can be fed on a regular basis*:

Apples	Grapes
Avocados	Lettuce
Bananas	Mangoes
Banana peels	Peaches
Bell peppers	Pears
Berries	Squash
Cantaloupe	Tomatoes
Carrots	Watermelon
Corn	zucchini



Foods that are easily eaten by worms but should not be fed to them on a regular basis:

Bread	Leaves
Coffee grounds	Oatmeal
Cornmeal	Paper towels
Eggshells	Tea bags
Dairy	Instant oatmeal
Cabbage	(contains sugar and other spices)
(or any foods from the cabbage family)	Leeks
Citrus fruits	Onions
Cornmeal mix	Pickled foods
(contains salt and other ingredients)	Spicy foods
Salt	Vinegar
(can cause dehydration)	Meat
Grass	Cheese
Yard waste	bones

Do not feed worms these items:

*Scraps can be frozen; when thawed, they are in a soft state that the worms can easily eat. Frozen food can be placed in the worm bin in the summer to help cook the surrounding area in the bin.

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- They are photosensitive and only work in the dark.
- They have gizzards that need grit to help grind up their food.
- They are hermaphroditic (they have both male and female sex organs), but two worms are needed to reproduce.
- They can tolerate a range of temperatures, acidity, and moisture conditions.
- Though, Red Wigglers are a species of earthworm, they are rarely found in soil.

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Where to place the worms is a personal choice. Joyce keeps hers outside on a covered porch most of the year, moving them into the garage during cold weather. Some people keep them inside the house — even in the kitchen.

“A basement would be perfect,” she says.

Worms can be fed a variety of foods on a regular basis; a detailed list of what they can and cannot eat is on page 9. Part of their regular diet includes apples, grapes, bananas, tomatoes, bell peppers, and squash.

Items that can be fed to the worms, though less often, include oatmeal, tea bags, newspapers, eggshells, and bread. Foods and other items that should never be fed to worms include meat, pickled foods, anything in the cabbage family, salt, dairy, garlic, and grass.

“If you put a banana peel in there or avocado — their favorite foods — there will be like 300 worms on it,” Joyce says.

It takes the worms about four to six months to start producing vermicompost. Joyce warns against over-feeding the worm. If there’s too much food waste, the food itself will start composting before the worms can get to it, which will produce odors. Also, if the soil is too wet, the worms will start trying to climb the sides of the container to escape.

Though she doesn’t particularly like handling the worms themselves, Joyce says the process of watching them produce vermicompost is fun and interesting. And she loves the idea that the worms she has now are descendants of that first batch she brought home from class four years ago.

To see if there is a class near you, contact your County Extension Office.

Mulligatawny Soup

- 4 tablespoons butter or oil
- 1 1/2 pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken pieces or slightly less boneless chicken pieces or meat from half a rotisserie chicken
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 carrot, chopped
- 1 small turnip or potato, chopped
- 1 tablespoon curry power to taste
- 4 whole cloves, if you have them
- 6 black peppercorns, lightly crushed
- 1/4 cup lentils, rinsed
- 3 3/4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- Salt and ground black pepper

If using uncooked chicken, melt butter or heat oil in a large saucepan. Add chicken and brown over brisk heat. Transfer chicken to a plate and set aside. (If using rotisserie or leftover chicken, add at the end.)

Add onion, carrot and other root vegetable to the pan and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly colored.

Recipe found in Democrat Gazette 8-17-16



Stir in curry power, cloves and

crushed peppercorns and cook 1 to 2 minutes. Add lentils.

Pour the stock into the pan and bring to a boil. Add the raisins, chicken and any juices from the plate. Cover and simmer about 75 minutes.

Remove chicken from the pan and discard the skin and bones. Chop the meat and return it to the soup. Reheat. Check the seasoning and season to taste.

Fiesta Snack Mix

Found in Family Living, Simply Delicious Party Snacks

- 1 can (7 1/2 ounces) corn chips
- 1 can (12 ounces) salted mixed nuts
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons taco seasoning mix

Preheat oven to 325°. In a large bowl, combine corn chips and nuts. In a small bowl, combine melted butter, cheese and taco seasoning. Pour over corn chip mix. Stir until well coated. Spread mixture evenly on a baking sheet. Bake 12 minutes. Cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

Great for tailgating!



Maddening Mind-Manglers

Found in The Old Farmer's Almanac—2016

Food Four Thought—*Pairs abound in nature and the world. Here we double your trouble. See if you can identify the four items in these classifications:*

1. FDR's "Four Freedoms"
2. Canada's "Fundamental Freedoms"
3. Honor cards in the game of bridge
4. Ancient "elements"
5. Zodiac signs that have human form
6. Cycles of the 4-stroke internal combustive engine
7. Horsemen of the apocalypse
8. Galilean moons of Jupiter
9. Colors in a 4-color process in photoengraving
10. Stomach compartments of a cow
11. H's of the Four-H Club
12. The Fab Four
13. The Big Four
14. In Canada, the Four Corners (geography)
15. In the U.S. the Four Corners (geography)
16. In Canada, the original members of the



Confederation

Answers:

1. freedom of speech and expression, of worship, from want, and from fear
2. freedom of conscience and religion; of thought, belief, opinion, and expression (including freedom of speech and of the press); of peaceful assembly; of association.
3. ace, king, queen, jack
4. earth, air, fire, water
5. Aquarius, Gemini, Sagittarius, Virgo
6. intake, compression, power, exhaust
7. war, famine, pestilence, death
8. Callisto, Europa, Ganymede, Io
9. cyan, magenta, yellow, black
10. rumen, reticulum, omasum, abomasum
11. head, heart, hands, health
12. John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr
13. accounting firms Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (Deloitte), PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Ernst & Young, and Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG)
14. where Manitoba, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut meet
15. where Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah meet
16. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec



Hearts & Hooves

A Therapeutic Riding Center

16TH ANNUAL HOEDOWN

SAVE THE DATE...Saturday, October 29, 2016

Hearts & Hooves 16th Annual Hoedown Fundraiser is not your typical 'gala'...there are not cocktail dresses or black ties. Instead, supporters come to the event in boots and blue jeans, belt buckles, cowgirl dresses and jean jackets. A home style meal is served buffet style...where seconds are encouraged!

Longtime host, Craig O'Neill will guide guests through the evening with wit and heart, and introduce many of the H&H weekly riders. Some riders will even have their own masterpieces in the Art Walk. Silent and Live Auctions and live music (and dancing) to the band Canvas.

For more information, visit the website at www.heartsandhooves.com or call 501-834-8509.

Hearts & Hooves is a 501(C)(3)non-profit therapeutic riding center where hundreds of children, youth and adults have enjoyed the benefit of riding.

Therapeutic riding uses equine-oriented activities for the purpose of contributing positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well being of people with disabilities.



Mark Your Calendar Today!

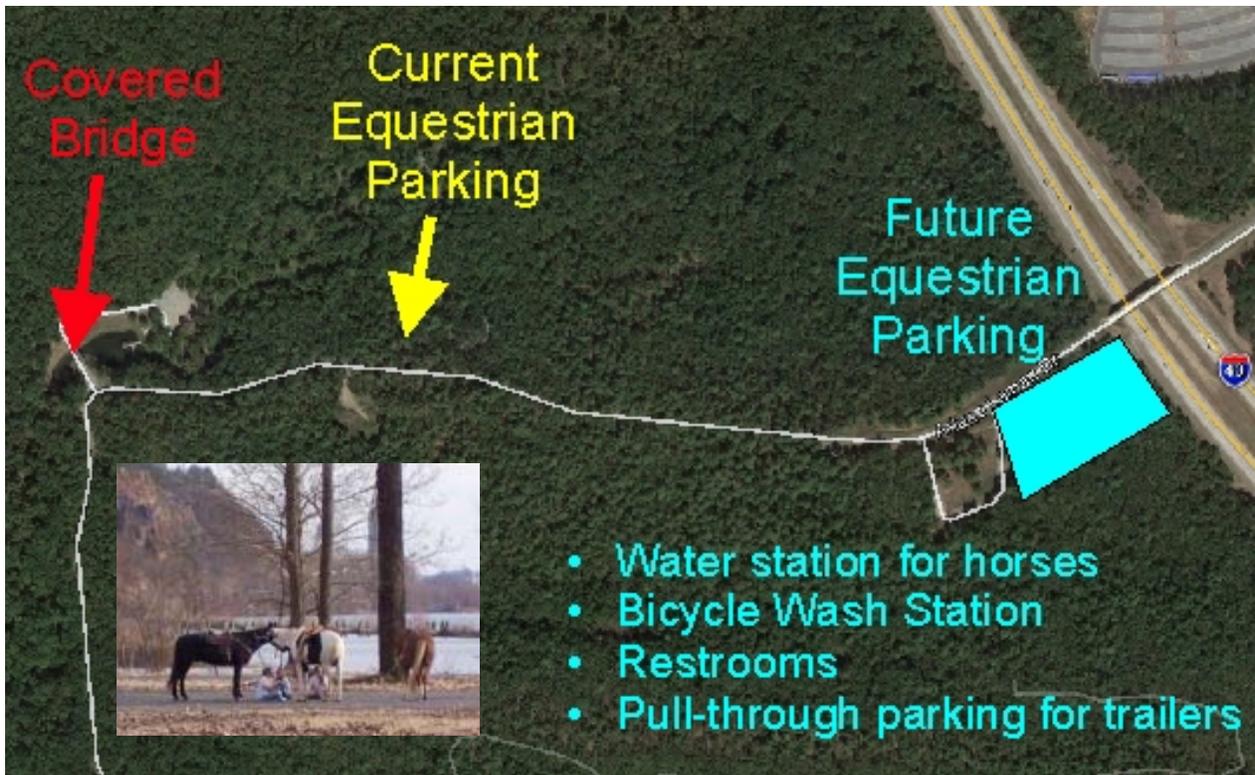
December 7, 2016, the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (AIMM) will host "**Arkansas Remembers Pearl Harbor**" to honor the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The public is invited to AIMM at 120 Riverfront Park Drive for the formal Arkansas Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony. The tugboat *Hoga*, which fought fires for 72 continuous hours on Battleship Row will be available for public viewing from the outside. The submarine *Razorback* will be open for free self-guided tours. Events are scheduled December 5—11, 2016.

A full schedule of events will be posted later at AIMMuseum.org/ARRemembersPearlHarbor.



The North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Commission is in the process of relocating the equestrian parking area in Burns park. The new area (already in use) will have water stations, restrooms, pull-through parking for trucks and trailers, and mounting blocks for those needing assistance. If you get a chance to take your equine companion to the park, be sure and share your photos with us!



We have begun construction on the equestrian parking area. It is located at the Scout Trailhead off of Joe K Poch Drive and features several pull-throughs. A water line is being added for a water station and a bicycle wash station. A local rider donated funds to get the project started. If you want to donate or want more information about this project, contact Ian Hope, Park Ranger at parkranger@nlrpr.org. *Found at nlr.ar.gov.*



Secretary of State Mark Martin ~ 2015

Sponsor Opportunity!

The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum will host a commemorative week of events throughout Central Arkansas for the **75th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor** with a formal ceremony on December 7. The museum is currently in need of event sponsors. Visit AIMMuseum.org/ Support for the sponsorship package or email ArkansasRemembers@yahoo.com for more information.



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**

Issued: 7/15/16

Expires: **10/15/16**



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

North Little Rock History Commission



The North Little Rock History Commission is on Facebook! Search for North Little Rock History Commission and join their page today!

Also, the Friends of North Little Rock History have formed a Non-Profit Organization whose purpose is to protect and promote our city's rich history.

If your family has been in North Little Rock for 50 years or longer, the History Commission wants to know.

If you have items that represent our city's past and would like to donate them for future generations to enjoy, contact the History Commission staff.

For more information, contact the History Commission at 501-371-0755.

The North Little Rock Convention & Visitor's Center wants to know about your upcoming events! To submit events, visit www.NorthLittleRock.org or call Stephanie Slagle, Public Relations Representative at 501-758-1424.

All North Little Rock Door-to-Door Peddlers permits issued in 2015 expired Dec 31, 2015.

Persons wishing to go door-to-door in 2016 must reapply with the City Clerk/Treasurer.

Permits are valid for 90 days from the date of issue.

As of September 1, 2016, a number of persons were registered to solicit door to door in the city of North Little Rock for the following companies:

**Southwestern Advantage
Terminix International
Vivint**

To see the list of issued permits, visit the city website at www.nlr.ar.gov, then click on City Clerk/Treasurer, followed by Licensed Peddlers.

To see an individual ID/Permit, click on the person's name.

Reminder to residents:

If someone comes to your door, you do not have to answer or let them in. If someone comes to your door and makes you uncomfortable please call the police. If someone comes to your door and is unable to produce an ID issued by the City of North Little Rock City Clerk and Treasurer's Office (similar to the example on this page), please call 501-758-1234.

In all cases, if you call please provide a description of the person, location and vehicle description and license number if possible. You can also call the North Little Rock City Clerk/Treasurer's Office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. to verify any business license or peddlers permit in our city at 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 www.nlr.ar.gov, then click on the Government tab, followed by Council Agenda.

City Offices located at 120 Main

IS/Data Processing, Kathy Stephens	975-8820
Finance, Karen Scott	975-8802
Fit 2 Live, Bernadette Rhodes	975-8777
Information	975-8888
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	975-8855
Planning, Shawn Spencer	975-8835
Purchasing, Mary Beth Bowman	975-8881
Utilities Accounting, David Melton	975-8888

City Council Members

Ward 1	Debi Ross Beth White	753-0733 758-2738
Ward 2	Linda Robinson Maurice Taylor	945-8820 690-6444
Ward 3	Steve Baxter Bruce Foutch	804-0928 658-9714
Ward 4	Murry Witcher Charlie Hight	835-0009 758-8396

**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 Joe A. Smith	975-8601
City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey	975-8617
City Attorney C. Jason Carter	975-3755
District Court Judge Jim Hamilton	791-8559
District Court Judge Randy Morley	791-8562

Telephone Numbers for City Hall

Mayor's Office.....	501-975-8601
Joe A. Smith	
City Clerk & Treasurer.....	501-975-8617
Diane Whitbey	
Legal.....	501-975-3755
C. Jason Carter	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Nathan Hamilton	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737
Jim Billings	

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling schedule for the month of September:

August 29—Sept 2 no pickup
September 6—10
September 12—16 no pickup
September 19—23
September 26—30 no pickup



September Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>		
MARK	FINCH	Electric	1	JASON	KNOERNSCHILD	Fire	18
BRIAN	OAKLEY	Fire	1	MATTHEW	ROEBUCK	Police	18
AARON	HENDERSON	Fire	1	MARK	WIGGINS	Police	18
NOEL	BROWN	Street	2	CAROLYN	BRANCH	Police	18
RONALD	CASH	Vehicle Maint	2	CHERYL	BROWN	Street	18
DOROTHY	GILLILAND	Finance	3	THOMAS	BREWER	Parks Maint	18
DUDLEY	SCHRADER	Fire	3	JOE	SMITH	Admin	20
CHRIS	PATTON	Fire	3	EBBIE	USSERY	Electric	20
CARISSA	MERZ	OES	4	RENITA	NOBLE	Electric	20
ROBERT	BROWN JR	Street	4	BEONICA	WILLIAMS	Finance	20
BRENDA	WILSON	Electric	5	BILLY	ROBERTSON	Vehicle Maint	20
KEITH	MCCOURT	Electric	5	CLINT	BUTLER	Fire	21
DAVID	PETTIT	Police	5	BRANDT	CARMICAL	Police	21
GLINDA	CRAIGMYLE	Admin	6	GREGORY	BLANKENSHIP	Police	21
JAMES	BARTLETT	Electric	6	COLE	THOMPSON	Electric	22
STEVE	ALLEN	Fire	6	JIMMY	CROWLY	Electric	22
DON	MAGGARD JR	Police	6	MARTHA	GREEN	Parks Maint	22
TEMEKA	MARTIN	Parks Rec	6	DAVID	BELL	Sanitation	23
ROBERTA	MUELLING	OES	7	CHARLES	WINSTON	Parks Maint	23
ERIC	HEINRICHS	Electric	7	NATHAN	HAMILTON	Communications	23
JAMIE	PETTIT	Parks Rec	7	MICHAEL	TREADAWAY	Fire	24
CALVIN	REVES	Electric	8	KENNETH	LIVINGSTON	Police	24
MICHAEL	SANCHEZ	Fire	9	JACKIE	HALSEY	Electric	25
WILLIAM	JONES	Police	9	KRISTIN	SCHULTZ	UAD	25
SARA	NOWROSKI	OES	10	GARY	YIELDING	Police	25
EARL	MAHANAY	Fire	10	JEN-CHUAN	KING	Police	25
JONATHAN	THOMPSON	Police	10	ROMMIE	ANDREWS	Street	25
JULIUS	CRAIG	Street	10	ANTHONY	RIPPEE	Parks Maint	25
WILLIAM	MILLER	Police	11	RONALD	BARENTINE	Parks Golf	25
ROBERT	HUMPHREY	Public Works	11	CONNIE	BARTLETT	Police	26
COREY	EISENHOWER	Fire	12	STEVE	ADAMS	Street	26
JOHN	SEHIKA	Street	12	CORDERREL	HARRIS	Parks Maint	26
ZACHARY	BROWN	Electric	13	GREGORY	BROWN	Fire	27
JOHN	MCCULLAR	Public Works	13	SIAVASH	MORSHEDI	Police	27
PATRICK	THESSING	Police	14	JAMIE	BELL	Electric	28
JEREMIAH	COVINGTON	Police	14	RYAN	HARTWICK	Electric	28
KIM	FREEMAN	UAD	15	CHADWICK	EDWARDS	Police	29
ANTWONE	YOUNG	Sanitation	15	JONATHAN	STOWELL	Electric	30
THURMAN	MCKEE JR	Traffic	15	JOSEPH	MARTIN	Electric	30
MICHAEL	MILLER	Police	16	CORDELL	DAVIS	Police	30
RICHARD	GRAY	Police	17	LINDA	JACKSON	Police	30
THOMAS	WADLEY	Code	17	JACOB	MAHAN	Traffic	30

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Name	Dept	# Years	Name	Dept	# Years
DAVID MILES III	Animal Shelter	13	JON SCHWULST	Police	16
GREGORY WOODWARD	Electric	26	BRUCE MOYSTER	Police	15
MATTHEW PRICE	Electric	9	BRIAN MITCHELL	Police	16
JAMIE BELL	Electric	26	PHILLIP HAMMONS	Police	7
BRIAN SMITH	Electric	7	KAREN DIMATTEO	Police	7
ANTHONY BROWN	Electric	7	JEFFREY GRAVETT	Police	16
ROBERT BRYSON	Electric	19	ASHLEY NOEL	Police	7
RANDY PRESLEY JR	Electric	7	JAMES FRANKS	Police	21
RICKY BETTIS	Electric	2	BRANDT CARMICAL	Police	21
LEONARD PETTIT	Electric	19	ROBERT EDISON JR	Police	21
KEITH MELTON	Fire	27	CHARLES MILES JR	Police	21
CORNELIUS FENNESSEE JR	Fire	29	YANCY TOLLETT	Police	7
MARK THORN	Fire	27	DAVID PETTIT	Police	18
WALLACE DEREUISSEAU	Fire	29	MICHAEL SHAHAN	Police	18
ALEX GUAJARDO JR	Fire	23	RASHUNDA WILLIAMS	Police	3
CLINT BUTLER	Fire	29	JERRI PAGE	Police	32
ROBERT BARTON	Fire	29	CARLA NICHOLS	Police	15
CARL WILSON	Fire	22	JON FISHER	Police	14
BEAU BUFORD	Fire	23	JAMES NEELEY	Police	14
ROY SANCHEZ	Fire	29	TANYA WARD	Police	14
CHRIS HALL	Fire	23	MARK STEPHEN	Police	14
JON MILLER	Fire	19	VICKI HUMPHREY	Code	16
DANIEL DELLORTO	Fire	23	SHIRLEY ABEL	Neighborhood Srv	21
TODD HINK	Fire	23	HAROLD FORD	Sanitation	15
ALAN TETKOSKIE	Fire	27	BILLY HOPSON	Sanitation	16
CEDRIC PAYNE	Fire	29	ALTORIA TUCKER	Sanitation	8
MARK SHOEMAKER	Fire	19	LYNN WILLIAMS	Sanitation	4
KIM FREEMAN	UAD	39	COREY GOODMAN	Sanitation	2
KRISTIN SCHULTZ	UAD	6	JOHN BLASINGAME	Street	3
SUSAN BURLESON	UAD	6	TYRONE MAYWEATHER	Street	9
CHASSITY WILKINS	UAD	3	PAUL REEVES JR	Street	28
KIMBERLY FRANCISCO	Police	19	JON SAVARY	Traffic	39
PATRICK THESSING	Police	21	KEVIN USSERY	Traffic	27
BRIAN DEDRICK	Police	19	THOMAS EVERETT	Traffic	17
JOHN LYON	Police	17	BOBBY RHOADS	Parks Admin	18
MATTHEW ANDERSON	Police	7	COREY GIBBS	Parks Maint	17
RICHARD COUNTS	Police	7	CHARLES WINSTON	Parks Maint	6
PAUL CANTRELL	Police	16	GLENDA PARKER	Parks Rec	22
			GREGORY GAINES	Parks Rec	35



This month, we have two long-time employees retiring. Billy Grace, has served as North Little Rock Animal Control Director since January 1996. Prior to that, Grace was a Police Officer. We wish him well as he turns his focus to caring for his cattle. Jennifer Johansen has worked in the Human Resources Department since February 1988 and is retiring as the department Assistant Director. Let's wish Jennifer well on her future endeavors!

Notice: to be eligible to offer a discount to North Little Rock City Employees, a business must be properly Licensed to do business in the city and current on all monies due to the City of North Little Rock.

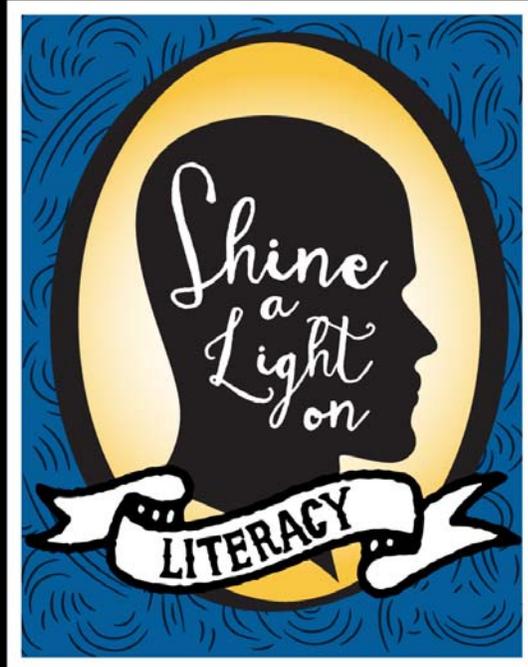
Candidates for Municipal Offices in the City of North Little Rock

The following incumbents are unopposed:

Mayor Joe A. Smith
City Clerk & Treasurer Diane Whitbey
Alderman Beth White, Ward 1
Alderman Maurice Taylor, Ward 2
Alderman Charlie Hight, Ward 4

The following filed for Alderman Ward 3

Ron Harris
John Parker
Alderman Bruce Foutch did not seek reelection
The General Election will be held November 8, 2016



NEXT LEVEL EVENTS. IN THE HISTORIC TRAIN STATION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016
6:00PM – 8:00PM

PURCHASE TICKETS AT WWW.LITERACYLITTLEROCK.ORG

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 **Literacy Action**
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Arkansas' Lifestyle
Magazine July 2016
**2016 Class of
Powerful Men**



North Little Rock Alderman Maurice Taylor was featured as one of AY Magazine's 10 men who have benefited their communities through dedication, innovation and sweat equity.

Alderman Taylor has served the citizens of North Little Rock as an alderman for eight years. He's also worked on the North Little Rock Planning Commission. In 2012, he founded the Art Connection, an out-of-school, visual arts work program.

Taylor is a division sales manager for Rausch Coleman Homes in Little Rock and a real estate instructor with Success Real School and National School of Real Estate. His hometown was Chicago and his first job was working construction with his dad. This also led to his work ethic.

Hobbies include cooking, music and working out. When not busy with work Alderman Taylor volunteers by mentoring youth and helping people solve problems.

Something you may not know about Taylor...he served in the military 25 years and is a retired Master Sergeant.

Taylor's advise and personal motto: Live like it's your last day; plan like you'll live forever!

If you have information you would like to share with North Little Rock employees, residents, business owners and others, please email Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov by the 15th of the month.

Argenta Neighborhood Boosters Fundraiser



The Argenta Neighborhood Boosters is selling Argenta T-shirts featuring the city logo found throughout our historic City Hall. The C of A symbol stands for the City of Argenta.

To order your T-shirt, email the Boosters at argenta-boosters@yahoo.com or find them on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/Argenta Boosters](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Argenta%20Boosters).

Pictured left, City Hall City Clerk's Office employees had a little fun last month showing off their new Argenta Tees...Front row: Diane Whitbey. Middle row: Katelyn Thomas and LaTonya Braggs. Back Row: City Hall Scarecrow and Shelley Ussery.