

# NORTH LITTLE ROCK E-NEWSLETTER

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CITY CLERK AND COLLECTOR

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## North Little Rock e-Newsletter

If you have information you would like to share with other city employees, residents and businesses throughout **North Little Rock**, then let us know. The **City Clerk's office** provides a monthly *e-letter* to those who subscribe through the **North Little Rock** website.

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### SANITATION DEPARTMENT

#### Loose Leaf Collection Schedule

The North Little Rock residential customer loose leaf vacuum schedule will tentatively begin November 1, 2010 and run through mid January 2011. Crews will start in the Mid Town and Lakewood areas, concurrently, and progress throughout the entire city on a schedule which we hope will allow us to service your street every 2-6 weeks depending on the demand. Bagged leaves will be collected each week on your regular yard waste day.



This is a FREE service included in your North Little Rock Sanitation Department services.

#### Important Reminders:

- \* Rake or blow your leaves to the curb.
- \* Bag your leaves if you want them collected each week on your regular yard waste day.
- \* Call our Public Works Hotline for weekly updates and schedules. 371-8355 /Option 3
- \* Do Not rake or blow leaves into the street or cover up storm drains.
- \* Do Not pile leaves around gas or water meters, mailboxes or other objects such as newly planted sod or plantings that are sensitive to damage.
- \* Do Not pile leaves behind parked cars.
- \* Do Not mix rocks, masonry products, metal objects, limbs or any other large objects in with your loose leaves. These materials will damage the vacuum machines and cause delays in service.

#### History of Veterans Day—

##### Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

Found at [www.1.va.gov](http://www.1.va.gov)

World War I—known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war of all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

**Whereas** the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

**Whereas** it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

**Whereas** the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is hereby requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

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**“Where’s Mel”!** The 1st person to CALL 340-5317 and tell one of us where you found “Mel” will win a prize!

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

# NORTH LITTLE ROCK

*Friends of Animals*

## Chili Supper

### November 5, 2010

### 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Park Hill Christian Church  
4400 JFK Blvd  
North Little Rock

Tickets: \$7.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children ages 9-12    Take-out Available

#### MENU

Chili, Cole Slaw, Nachos, Crackers, Punch, Coffee, Dessert

### Special appearance by Reflections Entertainment Tribute!

Hear songs by Elvis, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Karen Carpenter & more!

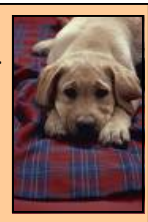
#### LIVE AUCTION



For information call 791-8577 or 607-4887

All proceeds go to the NLR Animal Shelter for adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs

Need a new addition to your family?  
Call 501-791-8577  
...we've got the perfect companion for you!



The North Little Rock Animal Shelter needs **towels and blankets** for the animals. These will be used in their kennels to provide comfort and warmth. If you have any towels or blankets you want to donate, please drop them off at the shelter in Burns Park or the City Clerk's Office (in City Hall), 300 Main Street.



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

**Lt. Mark Shoemaker, Deputy Fire Marshal,**  
**North Little Rock Fire Department**  
501-812-5942 or 501-340-5377 or [mshoemaker@northlittlerock.ar.gov](mailto:mshoemaker@northlittlerock.ar.gov)



## Holiday Fire Safety Tips

By Pat Curry Found at [www.houselogic.com](http://www.houselogic.com)

*The holiday season is one of the most dangerous times of the year for household fires, so take note of these tips to reduce your risk.*

Residential fires during the holiday season are more frequent, more costly, and more deadly than at any other time of the year. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) reports more than double the number of open-flame fires on Christmas Day than on an average day, and about twice as many on New Year's Day. And when those fires occur, they do more damage: Property loss during a holiday fire is 34% greater than in an average fire, and the number of fatalities per thousand fires is nearly 70% higher. When the source of the fire is a highly flammable Christmas tree, the toll in property and lives is even greater.

To keep your household from becoming a holiday fire statistic, here are some safety tips to follow.

### Cooking

Cooking is the top cause of holiday fire, according to the USFA. The most common culprit is food that's left unattended. It's easy to get distracted; take a pot holder with you when you leave the kitchen as a reminder that you have something on the stove. Make sure to keep a kitchen fire extinguisher that's rated for all types of fires, and check that smoke detectors are working.

If you're planning to deep-fry your holiday turkey, do it outside, on a flat, level surface at least 10 feet from the house.

### Candles

The incidence of candle fires is four times higher during December than during other months. According to the **National Fire Protection Association**, four of the five most dangerous days of the year for residential candle fires are Christmas/Christmas Eve and New Year's/New Year's Eve. (The fifth is Halloween).

To reduce the danger, maintain about a foot of space between the candle and anything that can burn. Set candles on sturdy bases or cover with hurricane globes. NEVER leave flames unattended. Before bed, walk thru each room to make sure candles are blown out. For atmosphere without worry, consider flameless LED candles.

### Christmas trees

It takes less than 30 seconds for a dry tree to engulf a room in flames, according to the Building and Fire Research Laboratory of the National Institute for Standards and Technology. "They make turpentine out of pine trees," notes Tom Olshanski, spokesman for



the U.S. Fire Administration. "A Christmas tree is almost explosive when it goes."

To minimize the risk, buy a fresh tree with intact needles, get a fresh cut on the trunk, and water it every day. A well-watered tree is almost impossible to ignite. Keep the tree away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or radiator, and out of traffic patterns. If you're using live garlands and other greenery, keep them at least three feet away from heating sources.

No matter how well a tree is watered, it will start to dry out after about four weeks. Take it DOWN after the holidays. Artificial trees don't pose much of a fire hazard; just make sure yours is flame-retardant.

### Decorative lights

Inspect light strings, and throw out any with frayed or cracked wires, or broken sockets. When decorating, don't run more than three strings of lights end to end. "Stacking the plugs is much more safe when you're using a large quality of lights," explains Brian L. Vogt, director of education for holiday lighting firm Christmas Décor. Extension cords should be in good condition and UL-rated for indoor or outdoor use. Check outdoor receptacles to make sure the ground fault interrupters don't trip. If they trip repeatedly, that's a sign that they need to be replaced.

When hanging lights outside, avoid using nails or staples, which can damage the wiring and increase the risk of a fire. Instead, use UL-rated clips or hangers. And take lights down within 90 days, says John Drengenberg, director of consumer safety for Underwriters Laboratories. "If you leave them up all year round, squirrels chew on them and they get damaged by weather."

### Kids playing with matches

The number of blazes—and, tragically, the number of deaths—caused by children playing with fire goes up significantly during the holidays. From January through March, 13% of fire deaths are the result of children playing with fire, the USFA reports; in December, that percentage doubles. So keep matches and lighters out of kids' reach. "We tend to underestimate the power of these tools," says Meri-K Appy, president of the non-profit Home Safety Council. "A match or lighter could be more deadly than a loaded gun in the hands of a small child."



### Fireplaces

Soot can harden on chimney walls as flammable creosote, so before the fireplace season begins,



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have your chimney inspected to see if it needs cleaning. Screen the fireplace to prevent embers from popping out onto the floor or carpet, and never use flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace. Only burn seasoned wood—no wrapping paper.

When cleaning out the fireplace, put embers in a metal container and set them outside to cool for 24 hours before disposal.

(Pat Curry is a former senior editor at **BUILDER**, the official magazine of the National Association of Home Builders, and a frequent contributor to real estate and home-building publications.)



## E-mail etiquette...

If you're like me, you can hardly remember what life was like BEFORE computers, smart phones and

email. Many young people have no idea of what the "server" used to look like way back in the day when it was assigned a special climate controlled room. Now, when you turn on your laptop, you are able to access anything, anytime, and just about anywhere.

So with all of these fantastic abilities that we have, now is the time to provide a little etiquette class of sorts.

First of all, your work email IS YOUR WORK email. You should keep this in mind when you are sending and receiving email. You should also use common sense when forwarding messages. You should NOT forward anything which might be found offensive in nature to other peoples religious, political, moral, and personal beliefs. You should not forward "chain" letters. You get the idea, use a little common sense.

Now if you are like most of us with an email account, you send and receive email. Have you ever wondered what happens to it after that? Well, here at work, many of us use the Microsoft Inbox feature. When you send an email, it automatically goes into your "outbox". When you receive items, they automatically go into your "inbox". As these emails continue to build up, they will have an effect on the productivity of your PC. Our IT Department recommends that you delete old items from your "inbox" and "outbox" from time to time. Personally, the magic number for me is "500". In the lower left corner of your screen is a little tab which indicates the

number of items stored in that area of your PC. For instance, as I am typing this on October 29, 2010, I have a total of 439 items in my inbox. I've made it a habit to delete anything that I do not need for a follow up or a reminder as soon as I have opened the item. Items that may need follow up or a reminder remain in my inbox until I have finished with them. As those items creep up to 500, I start going back through and deleting. An example would be folks who email and request to be added to the e-Letter group. I add them to the address book and keep them in the inbox until the next time I delete old emails.

So now that you are going to delete all of those old emails, you need to do a little more clean up work. From your Microsoft Outlook inbox, go to "deleted items", then select "edit", then select "select all", then select X, then select "yes".

Now, you are not done yet! While you are still under deleted items, you will need to select "tools", then select "recover deleted items", then hover your mouse pointer over the icon for "select all" (this should be in the upper left corner of the screen), then select X, then select "okay". Now you have cleaned up your inbox.

You can also apply all of the above to clean up your "Sent Items" and "Junk E-mail". All of this may seem like a bit more than you want to do, but in the end, it is well worth a few minutes each week to clean out those old emails.

As for those emails you want or need to keep, just put them in your "Archive Folders".

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our IT Department or your area IT person.



## ARE YOUR ONLINE HABITS PUTTING YOU AT RISK?

*This is a question asked by Arkansas' Attorney General Dustin McDaniel in a publication by the same name.*

**SOCIAL NETWORKING**—many teens (and adults) create profiles on social networking sites. Keep in mind that anything you post can be seen by others and can also be copied and stored electronically for an indefinite amount of time. You meet many people online but you never

know who online "friends" may actually be in reality or what their intentions are. Privacy settings are important, but not foolproof, so be cautious about the information and pictures you post online.

**ONLINE GAMES**—whether you are playing on your computer or using the "Live" feature in a video game, you could be exposed to the same online dangers as with any other form of online communication. If you come across someone who makes you uncomfortable, turn off the game and do not respond.

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## Tax Package Mailing to End Following Growth of e-File

Individual and business taxpayers will no longer receive paper income tax packages in the mail from the IRS. These tax packages contained the forms, schedules and instructions for filing a paper income tax return.

The IRS is taking this step because of the continued growth in electronic filing and the availability of free options to tax payers, as well as to help reduce costs.

In early October, the IRS sent a postcard to individuals who filed paper returns last year and did not use a tax preparer or tax software. The information explained how to get the tax forms and instructions needed for filing a tax year 2010 return. The forms and instructions will be available in early January 2011.

There are numerous free options available to taxpayers:

—Taxpayers can still get the necessary forms and instructions online at IRS.gov, or by visiting their local IRS offices or participating libraries and post office.

—Individuals making \$49,000 or less can use the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for free tax preparation and, in many cases, free electronic filing.

—Individuals aged 60 and older can take advantage of free tax counseling and basic income tax preparation through Tax Counseling for the Elderly.

—IRS Free File provides options for free brand-name tax software or online fillable forms plus free electronic filing. Everyone can use Free File to prepare a federal tax return. Taxpayers who make \$58,000 or less can choose from approximately 20 commercial software providers. There's no income limit for Free File Fillable Forms, the electronic version of IRS paper forms, which also has free e-filing.

Only 9 percent of individuals who filed tax returns last year received tax packages in the mail. The rest either used a paid tax professional or software or e-filed their tax returns. So far this year, more than 96 million individual tax returns were e-filed, and an estimated 20 million paper returns were filed through paid prepares.

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Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veteran's organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial

and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continue to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat.479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislators, all major veterans organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: **A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.**

Please join us **November 11, 2010**, at 3:00 p.m. at the North Little Rock Laman Plaza for an Unveiling Ceremony for the North Little Rock Veterans Memorial.

The memorial consists of six black granite pillars and an 11-foot-tall red granite pillar surrounding a bronze "Fallen Soldier" sculpture bearing the names of 79 fallen soldiers from North Little Rock.

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Also remember you always have the option to “block” another player. Be sure to omit personal information from your screen name.

**CHAT ROOMS**—may post the biggest risks online. Several people can be in a chat room at once. You can never be certain who is lurking and eavesdropping in a chat room, or if someone is really who they claim to be. Sometimes adults with bad intentions pretend to be teens and go into teen chat rooms. They ask questions that could reveal your personal information, such as an address or phone number. Always guard your private information.

**CYBERBULLYING**—Sometimes teens (and adults) write very cruel messages online. Whether it’s in a chat room, in an instant message, or on a social networking site, an unkind message can cause damage to the intended target. Saying something mean about another person online can be, in some cases, illegal.

Even though you can delete the message later, once people have seen it, you can’t take it back.

**INSTANT MESSAGING**—allows people to communicate with one or several friends simultaneously in “real time.” Most services encourage you to display a profile about yourself. However, this could reveal too much information about your identity and could lead to harassment or to being contacted by someone who could do you harm. It is never a good idea to have a public profile. Also, remember to use the same rules online that you use in real life—don’t accept messages from people you do not know or add them to your contact list (or Friend list).

**E-MAIL**—is often used by companies to advertise their products. This form of unsolicited mass e-mail is referred to as “spam.” It is unwise to open an e-mail from someone you don’t know.

You could inadvertently load a virus onto your system, which could damage your computer, or you might receive offensive material or more spam.

If you receive suspicious e-mails, files, or pictures from someone you don’t know and trust, delete them, just as you would any other junk mail. The same goes for clicking on links attached to suspicious e-mails: **just don’t do it.**

**CELL PHONES**—Current technology now allows

cell phone users to access the Internet, check e-mails, play games, send messages, take photographs, and even record videos. Because most cell phones have Caller ID built into them, when you call or send a text message to someone, you are giving them your number. Remember that if you message someone, you might make yourself vulnerable to those who have less-than-friendly intentions, including sexual predators.

**DON’T ASSUME YOU’RE SAFE**—Be suspicious of anyone who wants to know too much about you.

You never have to tell anyone where you live, what your last name is, or anything else that’s personal.

It’s never a good idea to meet someone in person who you’ve met online. Think about the potential dangers. You never know when “5’6,” blonde, and female teen” could mean “6’3” hairy, and middle-age male.” Don’t believe everything you see online.

#### **USE THE KEYS TO ONLINE SAFETY**

**Don’t provide personal information on-line.**  
**Remember: Anything you share online becomes public.**

**Don’t send a picture to someone you do not know.**

**Never assume the person you are talking to online is really who they say they are.**

**Never agree to a face-to-face meeting with someone you’ve met online.**

**Don’t respond to mean or threatening messages**

**If you are a child or teenager and someone makes you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult you know and trust.**

If you believe that you or a friend are in immediate danger, call local law enforcement. If you have received threatening, sexually explicit, or other inappropriate messages or photographs, report them to the Cyberline at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) or call 1-800-843-5678.

Cybertipline is a registered service mark of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

You can contact Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel at 501-682-1020 or the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Arkansas State Police at 501-618-8386.

*A recipe just in time for the holidays!*

#### **Layered Toffee Cake**

- 1 large Cool Whip container
- 2 prepared Angel Food Cake (16 ounces)
- 9 Heath Candy Bars (1.4 ounces each), chopped (or chocolate toffee bite—1 bag)

Cut cake horizontally into three layers. Place the bottom layer on a service plate; spread w/ 1 cup Cool Whip and sprinkle with 1/2 cup candy bar. Repeat. Place top layer

on cake; frost top and sides with remaining Cool Whip and sprinkle with the remaining candy bars. Store in refrigerator.

Yield: 12-14 servings.



## This and That

**North Little Rock City Offices will be closed** Thursday, November 11, 2010, in observance of Veterans Day. Garbage, trash and recycling routes will run Thursday's route on Friday and Friday's route on Saturday.

**City Offices will again be closed on Thursday,** November 25 and **Friday,** November 26, 2010, in observance of Thanksgiving. Garbage, trash and recycling routes will run Thursday's route on Friday and Friday's route on Saturday.

**Attention deer hunters!** You can help feed the hungry through Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry (AHFH) by donating venison! Take your legally tagged, field-dressed deer to a participating meat processor. You can donate all or part of the meat. AHFH can pay for processing donated meat or you can contribute all or part to the cost. Your charitable donations are tax-deductible.

For more information, contact Ronnie Ritter by phone at 501-282-0006 or email [ronnieritter@yahoo.com](mailto:ronnieritter@yahoo.com). To see a list of participating processors. Please visit [www.arkansashunters.org](http://www.arkansashunters.org) for updates.

Local processors include Hoggs Meat Market, North Little Rock and The Bucks Stops Here, Sherwood.



*Daylight Savings Ends  
November 7, 2010  
Don't forget to "fall back" one hour!*

The Annual North Little Rock Sertoma Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010, starting at 2:00 p.m.

The theme is:

**"Future Christmas, a Vision of Christmas Future"**

All clubs, organizations, schools, churches and businesses are encouraged to participate! And all entries must have entertainment appeal and must be costumed or decorated.

For more information, contact Sherry Bruno at 501-753-7902.

This event is sponsored by the North Little Rock Sertoma Club, the City of North Little Rock and the North Little Rock Visitors Bureau.

Rain date—Sunday, December 12, 2010.



**Recipe from  
Neighbors  
United for  
Levy  
November  
2010  
Newsletter**



### *Cooking With Vel Donna*

#### **Mexican Casserole**

3/4 lb ground chuck  
3/4 lb lean ground pork  
1—8 oz can tomato sauce  
2 cup cooked broad noodles  
1/4 cup minced parsley  
2 cups onion, diced into 1/4" pieces  
1 tsp salt  
4 strips bacon, diced into 1/4" pieces  
2 cups American processed cheese, diced into 1/4" pieces  
3 preserved pimentos, sliced into long strips  
1 green pepper, diced into 1/4" pieces  
4 twist of pepper mill

Mix together all ingredients, except the diced bacon. Sprinkle the bacon over the bottom of a 1/12 quart buttered casserole. Top the bacon with the meat and vegetable mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

#### **Frozen Peanut Butter Pie**

3 1/2 cups (8 oz) Cool Whip, thawed  
1 prepared 9" graham cracker crumb crust, cooled  
1/3 cup strawberry jam  
1 cup cold milk  
1/2 cup chunky peanut butter  
1 pkg (4 serving size) Jell-O Vanilla Instant Pudding and Pie Filling

Spread 1 cup of the whipped topping in bottom of pie crust; freeze for about 10 minutes. Carefully spoon jam over whipped topping. In a separate bowl, gradually add milk to peanut butter, blending until smooth. Add pie filling mix. With an electric mixer at low speed, beat until well blended, 1 to 2 minutes. Fold in remaining whipped topping.



Spoon over jam in the pie crust. Freeze until firm (about 4 hours). Garnish with additional whipped topping and chopped nuts if desired.

## North Little Rock City Council Schedule

Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in City Hall. Meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. and can be viewed on our website.

For more information please call the City Clerk's Office at 501-340-5317 or visit our website at [www.northlittlerock.ar.gov](http://www.northlittlerock.ar.gov).

### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ward 1	Alderwoman Debi Ross	753-0733
	Alderwoman Beth White	758-2738
Ward 2	Alderwoman Linda Robinson	945-8820
	Alderman Maurice Taylor	690-6444
Ward 3	Alderman Sam Baggett	758-1551
	Alderman Jimmy Phillips	758-7610
Ward 4	Alderman Murry Witcher	835-0009
	Alderman Charlie Hight	758-8396

### Other Elected Officials

**Mayor**, Patrick Henry Hays  
501-340-5301

**Clerk and Collector**, Diane Whitbey  
501-340-5317

**City Attorney**, C. Jason Carter  
501-975-3755

**City Treasurer**, Mary Ruth Morgan  
501-753-2028

**District Court Judge**, Jim Hamilton  
501-791-8559

**District Court Judge**, Randy Morley  
501-791-8562



Helpful resources and programs from CenterPoint Energy to manage your natural gas bill this winter:

**Level billing options**—Average Monthly Billing spreads costs more evenly over the year. Customers can enroll online.

**Energy-saving info**—Steps like lowering the thermostat to 68 degrees or lower and adding layers of clothes can increase comfort and save money.

**Payment assistance**—For customers concerned about paying their bill, call 1-800-992-7552 or visit [CenterPointEnergy.com/readyforwinter](http://CenterPointEnergy.com/readyforwinter) for more information.

**Gas usage info**—Customers can view their monthly usage anytime by registering in My Account Online. Customers' bills also show just above the pay stub the average daily temperature and average daily gas use for the billing period compared to the same period last year.

**Natural gas pricing**—Learn about the factors that influence natural gas prices.

More can be found at [CenterPointEnergy.com/readyforwinter](http://CenterPointEnergy.com/readyforwinter). See page 9 for thermostat settings...

Applications may be obtained in the Human Resources Department, City Services Bldg., 120 Main St., 3rd floor, NLR, AR., 72114 and must be completed and returned by the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted. Job-related test, interviews or other types of selection methods may be administered in order to determine whether an applicant possesses the required knowledge, skill and ability. A thorough background check and other necessary screening will be made on all persons selected for hire. After all other requirements have been satisfactorily met offers of hire are conditioned on satisfactory completion of a job-related physical exam, including a drug screen. **AS AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK IS SEEKING QUALIFIED BLACK AND FEMALE APPLICANTS.**

## City Offices - 120 Main

<b>IT/Data Processing</b> , Kathy Stephens	501-975-8820
<b>Finance</b> , Bob Sisson	501-975-8802
<b>Information</b>	501-975-8888
<b>Human Resources</b> , Betty Anderson	501-975-8855
<b>Planning</b> , Robert Voyles	501-975-8835
<b>Purchasing</b> , Joe Smith	501-975-8881
<b>Revenue/Audit</b> , Jerry Reagan	501-975-8895
<b>Utilities Accounting</b> , David Melton	501-975-8888



## Hearts & Hooves

10th Annual Hoedown / Fundraiser  
Saturday, November 6, 2010 6:00 p.m. -

Grab your boots, put on your favorite Western wear and come on out for some boot scoot in' fun!

This year's ticket includes **dinner**, live music featuring **Buddy Jewell**, **silent and live auctions** (by **Craig O'Neill**, **Anchor Today's THV**, also the Roving Master of Ceremonies and Live Auctioneer) and most importantly, a **fashion show** by our own special equestrians! Smell the steaks cookin' on the grill, feast your eyes on the **horses** in the pasture, kick back and enjoy the evening!

This event is *entirely volunteer based*; ALL proceeds go to the benefit of the program.

Tickets at \$65. Tables of eight are also available.

For tickets, visit call **501-834-8509** or visit [www.heartsandhooves.com](http://www.heartsandhooves.com), or call Diane (City of NLR) at 501-340-5317.



## The Great Outdoors...

Not only is that the name of a really funny movie, and my brother's former Taxidermy Shop, it is also our topic. Many of you know the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission publishes an annual Hunting Guide. In the 2010-11 Guide (which I picked up at the Arkansas State Fair), is much useful and informative information. One topic is Feral Hogs.



### A Growing Threat to Arkansas Wildlife

Feral hogs are not native to North America, but many feral hogs live in Arkansas because of illegal releases and high reproductive success. Hogs compete directly with many native game animals for food and destroy habitat for many other wildlife species. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission tries to eradicate feral hogs from its wildlife management areas and encourages private landowners to kill all free-ranging feral hogs on their property.

### Problems Caused by Feral Hogs

**Habitat destruction**—Feral hogs root for food and wallow, which destroys vegetation, ruins water holes used by other wildlife and contributes to erosion.

**Damage to endangered and sensitive plant/animal communities**—Feral hogs can cause major, sometimes irreparable, damage to small, fragile habitats, such as acid seeps in the Ouachita and cedar glades in the Ozarks.

**Disease**—Feral hogs can carry brucellosis and pseudorabies, both of which can spread to livestock.

Some diseases carried by feral hogs can be transmitted to humans. Gloves should always be worn when handling feral hogs.

**Direct competition with native wildlife**—Deer, squirrel, ducks, turkeys, bears and many other species depend on acorns. Hogs also eat acorns and are very efficient at finding them (often tearing up wildlife habitat in the process).

**Crop loss**—Hogs often cause heavy damage to row crops, gardens, flower beds, pine plantations, orchards, tree farms and pastures.

**Trespass**—it is illegal to release hogs or pigs on any public land. Feral hogs may be released only onto private land that is adequately fenced to prevent them from escaping. The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission has additional regulations regarding disease testing, slaughter and identification of all hogs, including feral hogs.

### Shooting Feral Hogs

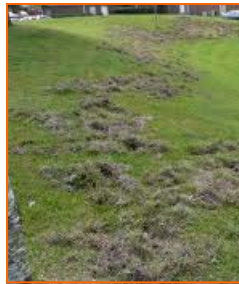
On private land, feral hogs may be killed or trapped year-round, by a landowner or anyone with the landowner's permission (except anyone who had had his or her hunting license revoked). All general regulations for hunting safety should be observed.

### Hogs on Wildlife Management Areas

The AGFC encourages hunters to shoot all feral hogs they see on WMAs. Hunters may kill feral hogs on WMAs during daylight hours during any open hunting season as long as they are using a weapon legal for that season. Only permit holders may hunt feral hogs during special permit hunts. Feral hogs killed on WMAs can be taken for processing or left where they were shot.

Hunters may not use dogs, bait or traps to hunt feral hogs on WMAs and may not hunt at night.

Be an informed hunter! The official AGFC code of regulations is available at <http://www.agfc/enforcement/Pages/EnforcementRegulations.aspx>.



*More information from Centerpoint Energy...*

### Recommended thermostat settings

The recommended thermostat setting in winter is 68 F while you're at home and 58 F while you're asleep or away from home for four or more hours.

In cooling season, the recommended setting for your thermostat is 78 F.

### Exceptions to recommended thermostat settings

Seniors, infants and people with certain medical conditions may need different temperature settings in order to avoid hypothermia or heat stress.

Hypothermia is a lowering of the body temperature below 95 F which causes the heart to slow down and stop beating.

During winter, room temperatures below 70 F might be too cold for some people and cause hypothermia.

Heat stress is an increase in the internal body temperature to an abnormally high temperature, possibly leading to heat exhaustion or heat stroke. During summer, heat stress can occur when temperatures stay 85 F or above.

Ask your doctor for recommended thermostat settings to avoid these health risks.

*More tips on page 11...*



**General/Nonpartisan Judicial Runoff Election Information**  
**Polls will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

Precinct #		Precinct #	
10	Belwood Elementary School 3901 Virginia Drive	22	Levy Church of Christ 5124 Camp Robinson Road
14	Berean Baptist Church 5512 Pike Avenue	23	Crestwood Elementary School 1901 Crestwood Road
15	Greater New Bibleway Church 1217 W 22nd	24	St. Anne Parish Hall 6150 Remount Road
16	North Little Rock City Hall 300 Main Street	25	Indian Hills Church 6801 John F Kennedy Boulevard
17	Willow House Activity Center 2500 Willow Street, #102	50	Central Baptist Church 5200 Fairway Avenue
18	Trinity Lutheran Church 3802 N Olive	51	North Little Rock High School East Campus 2400 Lakeview
19	North Heights Recreation Center 4810 Allen Street	52	Sherman Park Community Center 624 N Beech Street
20	Lakewood United Methodist Church 1922 Topf Road	53	Meadow Park Elementary School 2300 Eureka Gardens Road
21	Park Hill Christian Church 4400 John F Kennedy Boulevard	54	Calvary Baptist Church 5025 Lynch Drive

The following candidates are running in North Little Rock (names are printed in the order and as they will appear on the ballot):

**Alderman Ward 1**

Quin Godsey  
Alderman Debi Ross

**Alderman Ward 2**

Donald Williams  
Alderman Linda Robinson

**Alderman Ward 3**

Darrell L. Montgomery  
Alderman Jimmy (James) Phillips  
Steve Baxter  
John Parker

**Alderman Ward 4**

Robert Fureigh  
Murry K. Witcher

Other races include:

**Federal Candidates**

U.S. Senate  
U.S. Congress District 2

**State Candidates**

Governor  
Lieutenant Governor  
Attorney General  
Secretary of State  
State Treasurer  
Auditor of State  
Commissioner of State Lands

**County Candidates**

Pulaski County Sheriff  
Pulaski Circuit/County Clerk  
Constable Hill Township  
Justice of the Peace

**Additional Election Information:**

Election Results will begin posting on the Election Commission's website after 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, until all results are in.

Election Commission—www.votepulaski.net  
 Telephone #: 501-340-8383 PCE@votepulaski.net  
 Circuit County Clerk—www.pulaskiclerk.com  
 Secretary of State—www.votenaturally.org

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Name	Department	Date	Name	Department	Date
Kandace Sanders	Police	1	Yancy Tollett	Police	11
Clinton O'Kelley	Police	2	Gordon Wittenburg	Fire	12
Frenk Griffin, Sr.	Vehicle Maint	2	Breck Maxey	UAD	12
Terry Kuykendall	Police	3	David Matchett	Fire	14
Diana Luna	Police	3	Ragan Hernandez	Police	14
Patrick Lane	Street	3	Judy West	2nd Court	15
Tyrone Mayweather	Street	3	Judy Ross	UAD	15
James Bray	Electric	4	Shelby Hunter	Police	16
Katheryn Stephens	UAD	4	Sharon Tedford	Admin	17
Betty Anderson	HR	5	Terence Metcalf	Fire	17
Gary Smith	Police	5	Dana Bowers	Police	18
Dhurmon Cunningham	Sanitation	5	Jerry Reagan	Revenue	19
Emory Reed	Electric	6	Robert Brown	Street	19
Corey Tate	Electric	6	George Paxton	Traffic	19
Brandt Carmical	Police	6	Kim Almond	Police	20
Bruce Moyster	Police	6	Dean Gatlin	Street	20
Josh Burks	Fire	7	Brenda Jones	Planning	21
Kenneth McCall	Fire	7	Donald Payne	Fire	23
Tina Offord	Sanitation	7	Sam Brooks, Jr.	Street	23
Dennie Hunter	Street	7	Todd Nebling	Street	23
Toby Harrington	Fire	8	Michael Walker	Parks Maint	24
Monya Ridling	OES	9	Joshua Forney	Police	25
Justin Bradshaw	Fire	9	Daniel Haley	Police	25
Sylvia Norman	UAD	9	Dennis Dorrellii	Police	27
Michael Garvin	Police	9	David James	Sanitation	28
Wynnona Hearn	OES	10	Edward Rhodes	Street	28
Naquesha Cross	UAD	10	Christopher Ply	Electric	30
Michael Johnson	Code	10	James Neeley	Police	30
Jeffrey White	Street	10			
Lincoln Martin	Hays Center	10			

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## *More energy saving tips from Centerpoint Energy... Hot water heater*

Repair leaky hot water faucets. A leak that fills a coffee cup in ten minutes wastes 3,280 gallons of water in a year. The cost of heating this water is over \$15 per year.

Turn down the temperature setting on your water heater. Doing so is one of the best ways to cut energy costs. Hot water can cause serious scalding, especially to small children and the elderly. To reduce the danger, set the water heater temperature at 120 F or less. On most water heaters, that will be the "low" setting on the water heater thermostat. You can also measure the water temperature at a faucet with a thermometer. Whenever you are away for vacations, turn the temperature control to the lowest setting.

Wrap your water heater. If your water heater is in an unheated area, you may want to wrap it with a water heater blanket. Water heater blankets are relatively inexpensive, east to install and available at most hardware stores.

A blanket with an R-value (resistance to heat loss) of R-6 is your best value. (Check your hot water heater warranty to be sure adding a blanket won't effect your warranty).

*See more on page 12...*

# NOVEMBER EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS	NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS
Sharon Tedford	Admin	10	Laurie Robinson	Police	1
Linda Marshall	City Clerk / Collector	31	Gayle Mullins	Police	14
Vicky Miles	Commerce	15	John Breckon	Police	22
Brenda Jones	Planning	10	Thomas Latina	Police	22
Lewis Harper	Electric	2	Antwone Young	Sanitation	5
Doug Thurmond	Electric	10	Eric Smith, JR	Sanitation	8
Norith Ellison	Electric	23	William Johnson	Sanitation	13
Wynnona Hearn	Emergency Svr	14	Solomon Kimble	Hays Center	4
Dottie Gilliland	Finance	12	Steve Adams	Street	28
Cindy Yancey	Fire	12	Matthew Rowland	Street	1
Roger Robinson	Fire	22	Willie Romes	Street	28
James Craig	Fire	22	Chris Terry	Street	16
Thomas Simmons	Fire	22	Danny Dillon	Traffic	30
Owen Honeysuckle	Parks - Golf BP	10	Jacob Mahan	Traffic	4
Rickey Trammell	Parks - Rec	21	Charles Whitney	Traffic	7
Ernest Peoples	Parks - Rec	18	Gary Gaines	Traffic	12
			Ronald Cash	Vehicle Maint	14

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## *More tips from Centerpoint Energy...Hot water pipes*

Wrap your hot water pipes. If your water heater is located in a heated area, wrap the hot water pipe leading away from it from about ten feet. In an unheated area, wrap the entire length of any hot water pipes. Preformed foam pipe wrap comes in various pipe sizes. It is available at most hardware stores, and is easy to install. *Note: As a safety precaution, keep the pipe wrap 6 inches away from the water heater flue.*

### **Reduce hot water use by doing the following:**

A short shower uses about half as much hot water as the average tub bath. Limit shower time and use an energy-saving, low-flow shower head, or install a flow restrictor. These items are also available at most hardware stores.

Many laundry detergents can be used in cold water, and you can always use cold water for rinsing. Use warm water only when necessary.

Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load. Use a dishpan to wash dishes if doing them by hand. Don't leave the hot water running.

Install an aerator on the end of your kitchen faucet. Doing so will reduce your hot water use by as much as 50 percent.

And don't run hot water while shaving or brushing your teeth.

### **Kitchen range**

**Range top**—whenever possible, save energy by using the range top rather than the oven.

Select the right pan size for the amount of food you're cooking. Keep the flame centered under the pan so the flame does not curl around the side of the pan.

Clean the reflector pans under the burners regularly. Clean reflectors help focus heat.

Keep the bottoms of your pots clean and shiny. Shiny pots help focus heat better than dull, soiled pots do.

Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator before cooking them. Doing so will save energy and help reduce the risk of food poisoning.

Cook with covers on pots and pans whenever possible.

Limit the amount of water used for cooking. When food begins to boil, lower the flame to maintain a gentle boil or simmer. Food doesn't cook any faster with a rolling boil.

**Over**—Cook as many things as possible at one time.

Bake more than one recipe and freeze the extra for later use.

Try not to peek! Opening the oven door can reduce the temperature by as much as 50 F.

Just before food has finished cooking, turn off the oven. The heat inside will finish the cooking.

Most foods don't need a preheated oven. For breads and baked goods, preheat for about seven minutes with the oven setting at the exact temperature required for baking.

Broilers do not require preheating. Keep the door closed while broiling!