

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector

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The winner of the "North Little Rock City Employee Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest for 2011 is SYLVIA NORMAN, City Services (below left)



Our panel of judges had a tough time picking just one winner. The **runner up** for the NLR Employee Ugliest Christmas Sweater Contest was **Faye Brown, North Little Rock Police Department/Admin** (posing with one of Santa's Reindeer). *See more photos on page 7...*

North Little Rock City Offices will be closed:
Monday, January 16, 2012
in observance Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Garbage, trash and recycling routes will run one-day delayed all week



"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

Dogs and Cancer: Get the Facts

Found at pets.webmd.com

A Vet answers 10 commonly asked questions about cancer in dogs.

By Sandy Eckstein, WebMD Pet Health Feature

Cancer is the leading cause of death in dogs over the age of 10. But half of all cancers are curable if caught early, experts say. WebMD talked to Dave Ruslander, a veterinary oncologist and past president of the Veterinary Cancer Society, about canine cancers and the latest treatments for dogs diagnosed with the disease.

Q: How common is cancer in dogs, and what are some of the common cancers found in dogs?

A: It has gotten to be pretty common, especially in older dogs. Fifty percent of dogs over the age of 10 develop cancer at some point. We see malignant lymphoma, which is a tumor of the lymph nodes. We see mast cell tumors, which is a form of skin cancer. There are mammary gland tumors, or breast cancer, and soft tissue sarcomas. We also see a fair amount of bone cancer in dogs.

Q: What are some of the symptoms of cancer in dogs?

A: The warning signs of cancer in dogs are very similar to that in people. A lump or a bump, a wound that doesn't heal, any kind of swelling, enlarged lymph nodes, a lameness or swelling in the bone, abnormal bleeding. Those are all classic signs. But sometimes there are little or no signs, at least early on. So any time an animal isn't feeling well, or there's something abnormal or not quite right, the owner needs to bring it to the attention of their veterinarian.

Q: What's causing these high cancer rates in our dogs?

A: I think people are taking better and better care of

their animals and pets are living longer and longer, so we're seeing more animals live to an age where they develop cancer.

Years past, many dogs died from common illnesses or were hit by a car. But now we have vaccines and keep our dogs indoors, so they're just around longer.

There also seems to be a genetic component in some cancers, because we've seen where some breeds seem more prone to cancers than others.

Q: So some breeds are more prone to cancers? Are mixed-breed dogs less likely to get cancer?

A: Any time you have an inbred population, you don't know what else is inherited along with the traits you want. People like golden retrievers because they look like golden retrievers. But what else is being passed through that line? Golden retrievers have a strong incidence of cancer. So do boxers, flat-coated retrievers, Bernese Mountain dogs. All of those breeds, and others, have specific cancers that we see. That's showing that there are probably specific genetic components to cancers. But it's still a question of how much is genetics versus environmental factors.

Treatment Options

Because mixed-breed dogs come from a much larger gene pool, they would be less likely to get genetic-based cancers. But that doesn't do anything for spontaneous cancers or environmentally caused cancers.

Q: What can I do to help prevent my dog from getting cancer?

A: The biggest thing is spaying your dog. If you spay a dog before its first heat you'll reduce the chance of mammary cancer eight-fold, just because of the hormonal influence.

Good oral care can help decrease oral cancers. And if you're buying a purebred dog, check it's line to see

if there's a specific kind of cancer in that breed's line.

But overall, prevention is difficult because we don't know the causes of most cancers. I think, rather than trying to prevent cancer, identifying it early and treating it quickly is the better strategy.

To be continued next month...



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

Fire Prevention Tips for the New Year

“When Fire Strikes, Get Out and Stay Out!”

1. Make sure you have a working smoke detector on every level of your home.
2. Plan your escape— know at least 2 ways out.
3. Practice home fire drills.
4. Have a place to “meet up” in the event of an evacuation...in a neighbors yard or under the street light, etc.

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Different Types of Smoke Detectors:

Ionization smoke alarms have a small amount of radioactive material between two electrically charged plates which ionizes the air and causes current to flow between the plates. When smoke enters the chamber, it disrupts the flow of ions, thus reducing the flow of ions, thus reducing the flow of current and activating the alarm.

Photoelectric-type alarms aim a light source into a sensing chamber at an angle away from the sensor. If smoke enters the chamber, it causes light to reflect onto the light sensor which then triggers the alarm.

Both types of technologies have improved home fire safety.

Smoke detectors are available that contain both ionization and photoelectric-type alarms. The benefit of having both types of detection in one alarm are:

Ionization smoke detection is generally more responsive to flaming fires and Photoelectric smoke detection is generally more responsive to smoldering fires.

Installing Smoke Alarms

Install smoke alarms in each level of your home, including the basement.

Make sure there is at least one smoke alarm outside of the sleeping areas.

Mount the smoke alarm high on the ceiling or walls.

Ceiling mounted smoke alarms should be at least 4” from the nearest wall.

Wall mounted smoke alarms should be at least 4” to 12” from the ceiling.

Pitched ceilings—install the smoke alarm near the highest point on the ceiling.

Do not install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts, where their operation may be affected by air currents and dust.

Test your smoke alarms monthly.

Replace your smoke alarm batteries regularly. The rule of thumb is “when you change your clock to daylight savings, change your smoke alarm battery.”

Replace smoke alarms at least 10 years old and older with new ones.

Regularly vacuum or dust your smoke alarm.

Do not paint or place any type of stickers on smoke alarms. Never disable your smoke alarm; not even temporarily.



Some of the Leading Causes of Structure Fires in Homes

Cooking equipment—most cooking fires start with the ignition of common household items such as food or grease, cabinets, wall coverings, paper or plastic bags, curtains, etc. More reported home fires start in the kitchen than any other room in the house.

Heating equipment—people have become more aware of the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in the home. Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, and colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Electrical distribution or lighting equipment (i.e., wiring, switches, outlets, cords, and plugs, fuse and circuit breakers boxes, lighting fixtures, and lamps)—are a leading cause of fire deaths in the U.S.

Intentional fire—if you suspect a family members intentionally setting fires or unduly fascinated with fire, get help immediately.

Candles—remember that a candle is an open flame. It can easily ignite any nearby combustible. Many start in the bedroom. The top five days for home candle fires were Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day, and Halloween.

Clothes dryer—account for a number of home structure fires. The leading cause was lack of maintenance, followed by unidentified or unknown mechanical failure. Clothing was the most common source of ignition in home clothes dryer fires, followed by dust, fiber, or lint. Gas-powered dryers should be regularly inspected by a professional. Cleaning the lint screen and vacuuming the dryer vent can greatly reduce the chances of a fire.



*North Little Rock Sertoma Club and
City of North Little Rock
Annual Christmas Parade
Sunday, December 11, 2011*





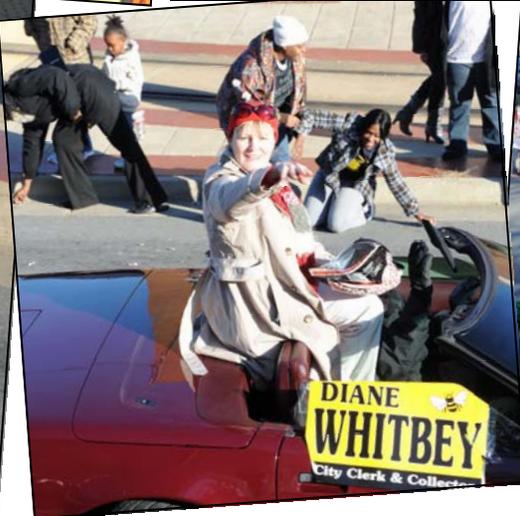
**This year's
Christmas Parade
was filled with
colorful floats,
lots of candy and
loads of laughter!**

Photos by
John C. Jones





Santa was the star of the 2011 North Little Rock Ser-toma Club/City of North Little Rock Christmas Parade. The equine participants made a lasting impression on most of the "city" kids. There were also Princesses and Queens, Spiderman and several politicians including North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays and his family.



**North Little Rock
City Employee
Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
12-16-11**

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Below left: Glinda Craigmyle, Mayor's Office had a double entry (her sweater was two-sided).

Bottom of page—left: Fit 2 Live Coordinator Bernadette Rhodes had the right idea with her sweater which included a flashing snow flake and jingle bells that jingled as she moved around.

Pictured with Bernadette, City Clerk and Collector Diane Whitbey had a colorful find from MM Cohn's from many, many years ago.

Bottom center—P.J. Smith, Parks and Recreation Administration dressed up her patch-work creation with some furry creatures of some sort, that were biting each other's tails!

Bottom right—Jean Hobby, City Services had a lovely green top with glittery stars on it.



Linda Williams—City Services, didn't have a Christmas sweater, but did wear festive (musical) hat.

In the center of the page, a few contestants took it a step further with their Christmas socks (left: Penguins...right: Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer).



The winner of this year's contest (Ms. Sylvia) won a copy of Cary Bradburn's book, *On the Opposite Shore—The Making of North Little Rock*.





Health Matters

Your source for healthy eating and active living

January 2012

Happy New Year!

Own Your Cravings:

Tips for Meeting Your 2012 Wellness Goals

In light of so many resolutions being made this month, I wanted to share excerpts from a blog post about cravings—you know, those foods you just HAVE to have that can derail your health goals. Read on...



~Bernadette, your

Fit 2 Live Coordinator—975-8777

Adapted from a blog post by Laurie Erdman on www.owningpink.com.

Have you ever been going along on your diet, losing weight, when all of the sudden you have the overwhelming urge to have a hot fudge sundae? You try to talk yourself out of it, but just can't. You succumb. You feel good for a few minutes, but then you feel awful. All that hard work seems to unravel.

Let's talk about what typically causes cravings—LIFE!

One of the primary triggers for cravings is our emotional reaction to life. Ever eat a pint of ice cream as you mourned a lost relationship? Eaten a whole pizza while working late under the stress of a deadline? These are all poor food choices made in reaction to life stressors.

Since we can't eliminate these events, how do we deal with the cravings? By acknowledging them. Own them. When we recognize that we are craving that ice cream to sooth the pain of a lost relationship, the ice cream loses its power.

So the next time you crave something that undermines your wellness goals, ask yourself what is going on with you emotionally. Are you upset about work? Are you unhappy in your relationship? Are you bored or uninspired in your job? Do you lack a spiritual foundation? Any of these can lead you to seek solace in food (that's why they call it "comfort" food). A little self-analysis may be the key to keeping you from that brownie—and support your happiness in the long-run.

DON'T FORGET: JOIN THE WELLNESS PROGRAM AND WIN!

Kick off the New Year right by joining the Fit 2 Live Employee Wellness program! It's absolutely FREE to join.

All members that sign up by February 29, 2012 will be entered into a drawing to win an Arkansas Razorbacks gift basket (\$89 value)!!!

Steps to joining:

1. Complete a Personal Health Appraisal through QualChoice (online or on paper)
2. Provide proof of having a physical since July 2011 (or get your 2012 physical free at the Employee Wellness Clinic)
3. Bring proof of both to the North Little Rock Community Center



Stadium cushion, hog snout, pom-pom, mug, foam hand, puzzle, notepad, paper plates, napkins, license plate, and car flag.



STRESS MANAGEMENT

Part 4 of 7

Reduce job stress by prioritizing and organizing



When job and workplace stress threatens to overwhelm you, there are simple steps you can take to regain control over yourself and the situation:

Time management tips for reducing job stress:

- **Create a balanced schedule.** Analyze your schedule, responsibilities, and daily tasks. All work and no play is a recipe for burnout. Try to find a balance between work and family life, social activities and solitary pursuits, daily responsibilities and downtime.

Next month: Prioritizing, Part II

- **Don't over-commit yourself.** Avoid scheduling things back-to-back or trying to fit too much into one day. All too often, we underestimate how long things will take. If you've got too much on your plate, distinguish between the "shoulds" and the "musts." Drop tasks that aren't truly necessary to the bottom of the list or eliminate them entirely.

- **Try to leave earlier in the morning.** Even 10-15 minutes can make the difference between frantically rushing to your desk and having time to ease into your day. Don't add to your stress levels by running late.
- **Plan regular breaks.** Make sure to take short breaks throughout the day to take a walk or sit back and clear your mind. Also try to get away from your desk or work station for lunch. Stepping away from work to briefly relax and recharge will help you be more, not less, productive.

Info brought to you by:

Your City of NLR "Fit 2 Live" Employee Wellness Program
Join FREE! Get big discounts on health and fitness!

For more information, visit www.nlrr.org/employee_wellness or contact Bernadette Gunn Rhodes, Fit 2 Live Coordinator, at 975-8777 or brhodes@northlittlerock.ar.gov.

What to Do When Someone Dies

Last month, a neighbor, friend and dear lady I know died. While looking at her obituary on the North Little Rock Funeral Home's website, I noticed a tab titled "What to Do When Someone Dies". We all know that a fact of life is death...but how many of us really know what to do? With that said, I am including NLR Funeral Home's message in this month's e-Newsletter.

Whether you received a 2 a.m. phone call with the news of an unexpected death or shared your loved one's final moments of a long illness, your initial reaction to the death was likely shock. It doesn't seem to matter how prepared we are—or aren't—a loved one's death often leaves us feeling numb and bewildered. If you're responsible for making the funeral arrangements or executing the will, shock and grief can be immobilizing. Even simple decisions can be overwhelming.

Making the first phone calls

What to do first depends on the circumstances of the death. When someone dies in a hospital or similar care facility, the staff will usually take care of some arrangements, such as contacting the funeral home you choose, and if necessary, arranging an autopsy. You will need to notify family, friends and clergy. It may be easier on you to make a few phone calls to other relatives or friends and ask each of them to make a phone call or two to specific people, so the burden of spreading the news isn't all on you. If you are alone, ask someone to keep you company while you make these calls and try to cope with the first hours after the death.

When someone dies at home or at work

If a person dies at home or at work, first call 911 or the emergency phone number in your area. According to Eva Shaw, author of "What to Do When a Loved One Dies," any death occurring without a physician or medical personnel in attendance must be reported to the police and an investigation held. After the coroner's examination, the body will either be transported to the morgue for autopsy or to the funeral home of your choice, depending on the circumstances of death.

If your loved one was under medical care, be sure to notify the doctor. If you don't know the doctor's name, look for prescription bottles or medical bills. If the person was under the care of a hospice program, call the hospice organization instead of 911.

Call the funeral director

Whatever the circumstances of death, one of your first calls should be to a licensed funeral director. They can help you:

- Transport the body
- Obtain a death certificate
- Select a casket, urn and/or grave marker

- Arrange the funeral, memorial and/or burial service
- Prepare the obituary
- Help you notify the deceased' employer, attorney, insurance company and banks
- Offer grief support or direct you to other resources

Call the employer

If your loved one was working, you'll need to call his or her employer immediately. Ask about the deceased's benefits and any pay due, including vacation or sick time, disability income, etc. Ask if you or other dependents are still eligible for benefit coverage through the company. Ask whether there is a life insurance policy through the employer, who the beneficiary is and how to file a claim.

Call the insurance company

Look through the deceased's paperwork for the life policy. Call the agent or the company and ask how to file a claim. Usually the beneficiary (or the beneficiary's guardian, if a minor) must complete the claim forms and related paperwork. You'll need to submit the death certificate and a claimant's statement to establish proof of a claim. Remember to ask about payment options. You may have a choice between receiving a lump sum or having the insurance company place the money in an interest-bearing account from which you can write checks.

Call Social Security and other organizations

Notify Social Security of the death. If your loved one was covered, the spouse or dependents may be eligible for certain payments or benefits. Also call any unions, professional or service organizations your loved one belonged to. He or she may have had life insurance or other benefits through these organizations.

Gather important papers

Of course the first thing you may be looking for when someone dies is the will or trust. But remember to gather other important papers, such as deeds, business agreements, tax returns, bank accounts, earnings statements, birth and marriage certificates, military discharge papers, Social Security Number, vehicle registration, loan payment books, bills, and any other important papers pertaining to your loved one's affairs. You'll need these to file a final tax return and settle the estate; you may want to consult an accountant.

Executing the will

If you were named the executor of your loved one's will, you've got more work to do. First, you'll need to file a probate case with the court. Although an attorney isn't required in most states, you'll probably want to hire one who is experienced in probate. You may choose to hire the lawyer who prepared the will, but that isn't necessary.



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Depending on the specifics of the estate, probate can be complicated and lengthy. As executor, you'll be responsible for carrying out your loved one's wishes according to the will, paying creditors and balancing the estate. There's no standard amount of time a probate lasts, but some states are initiating laws to expedite the process.

Dying intestate—without a will

If someone dies without a will—dying intestate—the court will appoint an administrator. If you are appointed administrator, your responsibilities will be similar to those of an executor: distributing assets, paying creditors and balancing the estate.

Accessing bank accounts

If you have a joint account with the deceased you may be able to conduct business as usual, depending upon how the account was opened. Otherwise, normally only the will's executor or administrator can access the account after providing the required paperwork to the bank. Call or visit the bank to find out what is required.

Finding help

Wrapping up your loved one's affairs can be tedious and stressful. Find guidance you can trust to help you work out the details, such as a funeral director, accountant, attorney, grief counselor and/or clergy to help you manage the legal, financial and emotional issues a death can bring.

Resources:

"The Mourning Handbook: The Most Comprehensive Resource Offering Both Practical and Compassionate Advice on Coping with All Aspects of Death and Dying" by Helen Fitzgerald

"I Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye: Surviving, Coping and Healing after the Sudden Death of a Loved One" by Brook Noel and Pamela D. Blair

How to Go On Living When Someone You Love Dies by Therese A. Rando, Ph.D.

"Step by Step: Your Guide to Making Practical Decisions When a Loved One Dies" by Ellen Shaw, (Quality Life Resources).

AARP, www.aarp.org.



DeShaun Bennett, (far right) local member from the North Little Rock Jim Wetherington unit of the Boys and Girls Club, is shown in the oval office with President Obama and the other four regional winners of the Youth of the Year contest. Thanks to the continued support of the city, they are building a stronger and safer community, 10 one child at a time.

Below left: Major General William Wofford, the adjutant general of Arkansas greets Captain Nathan Lancaster as he and 10 other members of the 77th Theater Aviation Brigade arrive at Fort Hood.



Below right: The First of the Last – Captain Nathan Lancaster from Little Rock, Ark., is the first of the last members of the Camp Robinson-based 77th Theater Aviation Brigade Headquarters, Headquarters Company to deplane at Fort Hood, Texas following a deployment in support of Operation New Dawn.



LAST RETURNING TROOPS FROM ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD'S 77TH THEATER AVIATION BRIGADE REACH U.S.

The following message and photos were provided by Sgt 1st Class Chris A. Durney, Public Affairs Specialist Arkansas National Guard

FORT HOOD, Texas—Before sunrise (December 17, 2011), 11 weary members of the AR National Guard's 77th Theater Aviation Brigade stepped off an aircraft and onto U.S. soil following a deployment in support of Operation New Dawn.

The Soldiers are the final group of 125 with Camp Robinson-based 77th's Headquarters, Headquarters Company who originally departed the state for a year-long mobilization on February 17, 2011. The end of U.S. operations in Iraq provided for an early return for the Soldiers, with the first wave of 80 troops returning home just before Thanksgiving.

This final flight also marks the first time since 2003 that all Arkansas Guard units will be home for Christmas.

This final wave of returning troops began on December 14 with the arrival of 10 soldiers, followed by another eight on December 15.

While deployed, the Arkansas Soldiers served in Tallil, Iraq providing corps-level command and control for all aviation assets under the United States Division—South (USD-S).

While operations in Iraq have ended, the Arkansas National Guard continues to prepare approximately 3,000 of its Soldiers for a potential mobilization to Afghanistan in the summer of 2012.



Above left: Major Sheryl Justice, Major Shaun Keeter and other members of the Arkansas National Guard's 77th Theater Aviation Brigade, are happy to be back on U.S. soil after arriving at Fort Hood, Texas for demobilization following a stint in Iraq.



Above right: Colonel John Payne, commander of the Arkansas National Guard's 77th Theater Aviation Brigade gets a hug from Major General Wofford, upon his arrival back in the U.S. following his deployment during Operation New Dawn.

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Below: Lt. Colonel Jason Duvall briefs returning members of the Brigade after their arrival at Fort Hood. Their arrival marks the first time since 2003 that all Arkansas Guard units will be home for Christmas.



Little Rock Air Force Base Hosts Honorary Commanders Boot Camp

On December 8, at 7:00 a.m., a group of people met at the Education Center of the LRAFB. This group of volunteers would be the first to participate in a "boot camp" set up to give them a brief version of what the first day would be like for a new airman. They were told to wear sweats and be prepared to have someone in their face. As a participant, I can tell you it was intense. And yes, "in your face." Our group, which was made up of community leaders, a former Arkansas Razorback Quarterback and a television spokesman, quickly learned to listen and follow instructions. We learned basics like how to line up, march, salute, stand at attention and greet others. Master Sergeant Hamrick had our attention immediately. I can assure you, none of us wanted his attention on us. It was a humbling experience as much as it was educational. Young people entering the Air Force go through eight weeks of basic training, before they can graduate to the Air Force. Having had a brief exposure to what their training caused me to have even more respect for the young men and women who choose the military as their career.



Above: Colonel Mike Minnihan, Commander of the 19th Airlift Wing and Lt. Colonel Ken Kopp, 53rd Airlift Squadron Commander present Diane Whitbey, North Little Rock, a Certificate of Completion of Boot Camp.



Above and below, the group learns the basics.

See next page for information on how you, as a citizen can be involved at LRAFB and Camp Robinson/Camp Pike through Community Councils.



Little Rock Air Force Base Community Council

The first meeting of the Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB) Community Council was held August 12, 1955. At that meeting the Council made plans for assimilating into the surrounding communities the anticipated influx of military personnel. At that time it was estimated that 6,000 military members would be assigned to Little Rock and, with them, an additional 8,000 to 12,000 family members.



Since its beginning, the Council has made important contributions to the LRAFB. In 1968 the council was instrumental in convincing the Pulaski County Special School District to construct an elementary school on the base. In 1975 the Council succeeded in getting legislation adopted which would allow military personnel assigned to LRAFB to attend Arkansas universities at resident tuition rates.

The Community Council involves itself at the national level by being constantly aware of what the Federal Government is doing in the area of defense. They are in constant contact with the Arkansas senators and Representatives to Congress as well as the Governor. Many of the elected leaders from Arkansas have been guest speakers at the Council's quarterly meetings. Council members have also met with the Secretary of the Air Force on different occasions; constantly insuring that they are abreast of current trends in military planning.

In recent times, the Council has concerned itself with the Based Realignment and Closure Commissions' (BRAC) decisions, by staying close to Arkansas' congressional delegation and the Major Command (MAJCOM) commanders for both the 314th Airlift wings. Through their efforts, the base's future looks bright.

If you would like to join the **Little Rock AFB Community Council**, contact **Annabelle Davis** at lrafbcmtycnci@aol.com. An application will be emailed. Annual membership dues are \$150 per year which includes quarterly luncheon meetings. Attendance requirements are at least 3 out of 4 annual meetings.

Camp Robinson/Camp Pike Community Council

Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock is home to the Arkansas National Guard and is the principal training area for the Arkansas Army National Guard. It is also used by a number of other military and civilian organizations.

The forerunner to Camp Robinson was known as Camp Pike, named in honor of General Zebulon Montgomery Pike. The camp was awarded to the central Arkansas area due to the efforts of the Little Rock Board of Commerce. The board offered, at no cost to the U.S. government, the purchase and lease of the lands needed to establish the post. On June 11, 1917, Little Rock was awarded the camp, and the money needed to fulfill the promises was raised from public donations. A total of \$500,000 was raised—the equivalent of over \$5 million in year 2000 dollars.

Construction began in June 1917 and was substantially completed in November of that year. Over 10,000 workers were employed in the construction of the camp and costs totaled about \$13 million.

Originally the home of the Eighty-seventh Division, the post served as a replacement training facility after the division deployed to France and then as a demobilization station and home for the U.S. Third Infantry Division after the war ended. In 1922, 6,480 acres of land owned by the United States was deeded to Arkansas with two provisions; that it would be used primarily for military purposes and that the United States could reclaim the land if needed during an emergency.

During the time between World War I and World War II, the post served as the headquarters of the Arkansas National Guard. In addition, a large Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) unit was stationed on the post, and the post hosted Citizen's Military Training Camps (CMTC) each summer. In 1937, Camp Pike was renamed for the late U.S. senator Joseph Taylor Robinson of Arkansas.

The post was Arkansas's second largest city, with an average daily population of about 50,000. An estimated 750,000 soldiers had trained there when raining ended in 1946 and control of the camp, which had grown to 32,000 acres, reverted to the State of Arkansas.

Portions of Camp Robinson were given to other organizations that demonstrated a need to the U.S. government. The wildlife management area (WMA) north of Highway 89 and the land where the North Little Rock airport is located are examples. Most recently, land was designated for use as a National Cemetery.



The Camp Robinson/Camp Pike Community Council is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization sponsored by the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce established to enhance relationships and open dialogue between community leaders and the military, specifically, Arkansas' citizen soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in the National Guard and Reserve. For information on joining, contact Ashley Hight, North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce at 501-372-5959.

**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.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ward 1	Alderswoman Debi Ross	753-0733
	Alderswoman Beth White	758-2738
Ward 2	Alderswoman Linda Robinson	945-8820
	Alderman Maurice Taylor	690-6444
Ward 3	Alderman Steve Baxter	804-0928
	Alderman Bruce Foutch	658-9714
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

This and That

Business Licenses are currently being renewed in the City Clerk's Office. All persons doing business in the City of North Little Rock are required to have a business license. For more information, call 501-340-5317.

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

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

The Leaf Vacuums are running in North Little Rock!

For the **current location**, call the public works hotline at **501-371-8355**, then select option 3.



2012 City Holiday Schedule

Sunday, January 1, 2012	New Year's Day <i>Observed Monday, Jan 2, 2012</i>
Monday, January 16, 2012	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 20, 2012	George Washington's Birthday & Daisy Bates Day
Monday, May 28, 2012	Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 4, 2012	Independence Day
Monday, September 3, 2012	Labor Day
Sunday, November 11, 2012	Veterans Day <i>Observed Monday, Nov 12, 2012</i>
Thursday, November 22, 2012	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 23, 2012	Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, December 24, 2012	Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 25, 2012	Christmas Day

🎵 HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 🎵 JANUARY

Name	Department	Date	Name	Department	Date		
Chris	Hall	Fire	1	Alfred	Cerrato	Fire	17
John	Nannen	Police	1	Mark	Thorn	Fire	17
Rebecca	Henderson	Legal	2	Matt	Soderlund	Police	17
Karen	Dimatteo	Police	2	Craig	Umholtz	Police	17
Pamela	Smith	Parks Rec	2	Donald	Johnson	Parks Maint	17
Tammy	Newton	OES/911	3	Roy	Sanchez	Fire	18
Danny	Bradley	Police	3	Matthew	Mayfield	Fire	18
Michael	Gibbons	Police	3	Janie	Horn	Parks Rec	18
Kevin	Ussery	Traffic	4	Gladys	Jackson	Finance	19
Regina	Henson	Parks Rec	4	James	Craig	Fire	19
Ernest	Peoples	Parks Rec	4	Keith	Melton	Fire	19
Patrick	Isbell	Parks Maint	5	Ernest	Bridges	Police	19
Matthew	Hunt	Fire	6	Jarod	Maynard	Police	19
Jeffrey	Baker	Police	6	Cary	Cooke	Police	19
Bradley	Sims	Police	6	Shirley	Abel	Neighborhood Srv	19
Patricia	Jones	Animal Contr	7	Richard	Abbott	Sanitation	19
Vickey	Woodward	Electric	7	Paul	Reeves, Jr.	Street	19
Robert	Voyles	Planning	7	Mary	Ervin	Comm Dev	20
Patrick	Hays	Admin-Mayor	8	Matthew	Thomas	Police	20
Elizabeth	Johnson	Animal Contr	8	Criss	Gardner	Police	20
Aaron	Chassells	Fire	8	Brent	Treece	Fire	21
Steve	Baxter	Alderman	10	Ray	Layton	Street	21
Michael	Garrett	Fire	10	Beth	White	Alderman	22
David	Dallas	Police	10	Jean	Hobby	UAD	23
Ronald	Messer	Police	10	Wade	Franklin, Sr.	Street	23
Rashunda	Williams	Police	10	Sheila	Hicks	OES/911	24
Kenny	Summons	Sanitation	10	Shakiia	Moore	OES/911	24
Nathan	Wolfe	Fire	11	Darren	Owen	Electric	24
Michael	Nelson	Police	11	James	Houston	Electric	24
Matthew	Brush	Police	11	Steven	Smith	Fire	24
Matthew	Pfleger	Police	11	Michael	Keener	Fire	24
Wallace	Dereuisseaux	Fire	12	Dana	Raeburn	UAD	25
Janet	Hill	1st Court	12	Chauncey	Sims	Police	25
Mark	Woods	Parks Golf	12	Reba	Craig	Police	25
Billy	Grace	Animal Contr	13	Shannon	Carroll	Comm Dev	26
Okey	Dillon, Jr.	Electric	13	Robert	Bryson	Electric	26
Stephanie	Thomas	Finance	13	Judy	Wilkins	2nd Court	26
Anita	Rouse	Commerce	13	Cheryl	Thomas	UAD	27
Matthew	Rowland	Street	13	Charles	Whitfield	Parks Maint	27
Matthew	Price	Electric	14	Gregory	Gaines	Parks Rec	27
Howard	Ross	Police	14	Jeffrey	Bennett	Fire	28
William	Eason	Street	15	Milton	Hinshaw II	Electric	30
Robert	Davis	Parks Maint	15	Terry	Glenn	Street	30
Nicholas	Frey	Fire	16	Latonia	Woods	UAD	31
Chris	Gann	Police	16	Katrina	Wilbon	Parks Rec	31
Roy	McPhail	Electric	17	Steve	Ralston	Parks Golf - Pro	31

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JANUARY EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Department	# of Years	Name	Department	# of Years
Patrick	Hays Mayor	23	Kathy	Davis 1st Court	9
Becky	Taylor Admin	17	Greg	Cullum Planning	4
Steve	Baxter Alderman	1	Danny	Bradley Police	11
Maurice	Taylor Alderman	3	Eugene	Tyree, Jr. Police	31
Debi	Ross Alderman	5	Shelby	Hunter Police	3
Murry	Witcher, Jr. Alderman	21	Joseph	Green Police	3
Charlie	Hight Alderman	11	Matthew	Roebuck Police	7
Beth	White Alderman	3	Vincent	Thornton Police	2
Mary Ruth	Morgan Treasurer	37	Vincent	Ray Police	7
Nathan	Hamilton Admin	1	Mark	Roberts Police	2
Margaret	Powell Admin	15	Justin	Moss Police	2
Linda	Robinson Alderman	9	John	Scott Police	2
Billy	Grace Animal Contr	16	Shawn	Archer Police	2
Diane	Whitbey City Clerk	21	Raul	Dallas Police	1
Bobbie	Dudley City Clerk	3	Donald	Jones Police	1
Debra	Lusk OES/911	22	Rhonda	Huey Police	5
Bud	Gray OES/911	22	Dena	Kerr Police	10
Brenda	Davidson Electric	32	Kandace	Sanders Police	3
Renita	Nobel Electric	21	Brenda	Satterfield Police	4
Mark	Coleman Fire	24	John	Roberts Code	3
Steve	Allen Fire	24	Charles	Binyon Street	34
Norman	Miller Fire	24	Edward	Rhodes Street	15
Steve	Smith Fire	24	John	Anderson Street	28
Mark	Tackett Fire	24	William	Eason Street	28
William	Bailey Fire	24	Charley	Baxter Hays Center	37
Michael	Keener Fire	33	Susan	Russell Hays Center	9
Perry	Tackett Fire	24	Matthew	Martin Parks Maint	1
Gordon	Wittenburg Fire	24	Carey	Mann Parks Maint	2
Mike	Schuller Fire	24	Ronnie	Mitchell Parks Maint	12
Connie	Fowler Health	5	Patrick	Isbell Parks Maint	13
Felicia	Hart Health	30	Jennifer	Janson Parks Maint	2
Vicki	Weed 1st Court	17	Warren	Debusk Parks Maint	3
Margie	May 1st Court	9	Mark	Joseph Parks Golf	4

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Pictured right: Alderwoman Beth White and Fit 2 Live Coordinator Bernadette Rhodes had the opportunity to meet First Lady Michelle Obama while attending a meeting in Washington D.C. last year.

