

## COVID-19 complicates 2020 Census response ahead of September

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With Arkansas well behind most of the nation in responding to the 2020 Census, local and state officials are accelerating efforts to get Arkansas residents to respond to the decennial survey so that the Natural State won't be undercounted or lose out on future federal funding.

In late July, the Census Bureau began sending out reminder postcards to an estimated 34.3 million U.S. households. This was the final mailing before census takers began visiting nonresponding households across the nation in mid-August. Responding now minimizes the need for census takers to visit homes to collect responses in person.

According to the Census Bureau's online map that tracks the nation's participation in the census, more than 93.3 million, or 63.1% of

households, have already responded online, by phone or by mail (as of August 10). In Arkansas, more than 880,000 households have

completed the 2020 Census questionnaire, putting the state's current response at 57.9%, which ranks 41st out of all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska have the nation's highest response rates at 72.5%, 69.8% and 69.2%, respectively. New Mexico, Alaska and Puerto Rico have the lowest response rates at 53.5%, 50%, and 28.8%. Census takers have begun to interview homes that have not responded to help make sure everyone is counted.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the nationwide start of census taker visits from mid-May to mid-August, giving the Census Bureau the chance to send one more reminder to households encouraging them to respond on their own. The Census Bureau, which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law in December.

### Census Changes Causes Controversy

On August 3, U.S. Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham said the bureau continues to evaluate its operational plans to collect and process data. Dillingham also announced controversial updates that will include enumerator awards and the hiring of more em-

ployees to accelerate the completion of data collection and apportionment counts by our statutory deadline at the end of 2020, as required by law.

"The Census Bureau's new plan reflects our continued commitment to conduct a complete count, provide accurate apportionment data, and protect the health and safety of the public and our workforce," said Dillingham. "Under the plan, (we) intend to meet a similar level of household responses as collected in prior censuses, including outreach to hard-to-count communities."

Households can still respond now by responding online at 2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received. Households that have responded online or by phone in one of 13 languages will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

### Arkansas Undercount, Few Doorknockers

In an email communique regarding Dillingham's recent testimony before Congress concerning the new deadline (September 30), the Arkansas Counts coalition warned that the

earlier deadline supported by the President's administration could hurt Arkansas financially over the next decade. Kara Wilkins, spokeswoman for the nonprofit statewide coalition, said not having traditionally census canvassers knocking on doors after September could cause Arkansas to lose up to \$42 billion in federal funding over the next decade due to an undercount.

"A rushed census in the middle of a pandemic cuts short our efforts to ensure children under five, people of color, rural residents, low-income people, and people experiencing homelessness count," said Wilkins, in a recent email memo. "This will skew Congressional representation, redistricting, and critical funding for every state in the country, including Arkansas."

According to public-private coalition urging residents across the state to complete the census, Arkansas received more than \$9 billion from federal spending programs based on information from the 2010 census. A one percent undercount of Arkansas in 2020 may result in up to nearly \$1 billion in lost funds over the next 10 years, the group said.

Even after getting off to a delayed start this spring, the 2020 Census is likely to be the most expensive in U.S. history—projected to cost of \$15 billion.

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## Have you been counted?

### #CountMeIn



**"Where's Mel"?** Mel has been in hiding the past couple of months...but this month he's back! Be the first person to call 501-975-8617 and tell us where he's hiding and win a prize! (Only 1 win per year!)

**North Little Rock  
Animal Services**

For more information  
call 501-791-8577

## Tips to Successfully Introduce Your Kitten to Your Dog

Found at [petsecure.com.au/pet-training-tips](http://petsecure.com.au/pet-training-tips)

You're about to bring a new kitten home, and you and your family are so excited. There's only one small problem...you're a little worried about how your dog is going to take to this new arrival!

Bringing a new animal, be it a kitten, a cat or another dog, into a household which already has a resident dog can create stress all round. However, there are ways to effectively minimize that stress and help your pets to get along together.

Here are some tips on how to introduce a kitten to a dog, without causing too much friction.

**Prepare your dog for the new arrival.** Even if your dog has lived with other animals before, they still may not take kindly to a new pet coming into their territory. While you may think they're going to get along just fine, you can never be sure what will happen.

Therefore, make a point of giving your dog lots of attention and praise when you bring your new kitten home, to show that they're not going to be a threat to your affection. And remember, dogs can very easily hurt or even kill a kitten, so never leave them alone together in those early days.

**Prepare a room for your new kitten.**

Getting to know a new kitten can be tricky, with or without the added issue of existing pets. One of the best ways to make your new arrival feel at home is to prepare a safe space for them, preferably their own room if that's possible. Put a bed, a litter box, and food and water into the space, and then leave the kitten alone to explore. You may want to keep your kitten completely separate from your dog until it's had a chance to get to know you first.

**Let them get used to each other's scents.** If possible, try to feed your kitten and dog on either side of a door, so that they can smell each other before meeting face to face. Your dog shouldn't be allowed to whine, scratch or bark at the door, as this can be very intimidating for your new arrival.



Another way to introduce the animals to each other is to swap their blankets or put towels with their scents on them in each other's bed. This will help them pick up the scent and become comfortable around it before coming into contact. You can also introduce each animal to the other's space (when they're not there), and let them have a good sniff. Just remember not to let your dog eat your kitten's food or scratch in their litter box.

**Meeting for the first time.** When it's time for your kitten and dog to meet for the first time, keep your cat in their box and put your dog on a leash. This way they can see each other without any physical contact taking place. Make your dog sit, and be prepared to take him or her out of the room if they get too excited. This activity should be repeated until both animals can relax when together. Don't forget to reward both of them for their good behavior by giving them lots of praise and cuddles.

**Moving on.** Once your pets are comfortable being together in the same room, it's time to let your cat out of the box. At this point, you should still keep your dog on its leash. If your cat seems reluctant to come out coax them with a treat, however don't try to force it. Once out of the box, let the kitten explore, keeping your dog at your side. This should be repeated several times a day, until your dog is able to relax when the kitten is exploring.

**Letting your dog off the leash.** When you get to the point where your dog can remain calm while your kitten is in the room, it's time to let them off the lead. Getting to this stage can sometimes take weeks (or longer), so don't worry if it seems to be taking longer than you expected. If you leave your pets home alone

during the day, it may be best to keep them separated until your kitten is a full-grown cat, particularly if you have a dog that sees everything as 'prey'.

**Don't force it, and remember to take things slowly.** Introducing new pets to each other will always take longer than you think, so don't try and force the issue. The key to successfully introducing a new kitten to your dog is to take it very slowly. If your dog is struggling to relax around your cat, it's advisable to keep them separated by a physical barrier when you're not there to monitor the situation. Better to be safe than sorry!

*This information can apply to cat only households, too!  
Take it slow if you have a senior kitty in the house!*



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# North Little Rock Fire Department Emergency Preparedness



Found at [nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Emergency-Preparedness](https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Emergency-Preparedness)

Most disasters are natural disasters, the result of some force of nature, such as tornadoes, wildfires, hurricanes, and floods. Some natural disasters can be predicted, such as hurricanes and severe winter storms, while others such as tornadoes and earthquakes, happen with little or no warning. Some disasters are the cause of human actions, intentional or unintentional. A disaster plan will help with safety, security, and comfort. Regardless of the type of disaster, there are things you can do to prepare.

## General preparedness

- Discuss what to do in an evacuation, and don't forget to include the needs of those with disabilities (and your pets).
- When told by officials, go immediately to a shelter as instructed or to the home of a friend or relative who lives out of the area. Find out about your local shelters beforehand. (During a pandemic this may not be an option).
- Know evacuation routes. Pre-establish several different routes in case certain roads are blocked or closed.
- Family members can become separated during an emergency. Be prepared by creating a plan for how to reach one another. Establish an out-of-area contact (such as a relative or friend) who can coordinate family members' locations and information should you become separated. Make sure children learn the phone numbers and addresses, and know the emergency plans.
- Quiz children every six months so they remember what to do, where to go, and whom to call in an emergency.
- Decide how to take care of pets. Pets are not allowed in places where food is served, so you will need to have a place to take your pets if you have to go to a shelter.
- Post emergency phone numbers (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) by the phone (or store in your cell phone).
- You can download NFPA's free safety tip sheets on a variety of emergency preparedness topics which include: Hurricane safety, flood safety, portable generators, lightning safety, emergency supplies kit, candle safety from the website referenced above.



North Little Rock friends and neighbors. The past 18 months or so have been unpredictable to say the least.

In May, 2019, we had historic flooding in our city...together we got through it.

In March, 2020, life as we knew it changed due to the first positive case of the Coronavirus COVID-19 being discovered in the state. We are getting through it.

In August, 2020, not one but two hurricanes made it ashore along the southern coast of the United States. Hurricane Laura slammed the coast of Louisiana before dawn on Thursday, August 27, 2020, as a Category 4 hurricane, with life-threatening storm surge, inland flooding and damaging winds.

Friends, together, we will get through it all!

Stay positive. Take care of each other. Be kind.



Mayor Joe A. Smith holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects and accomplishments.

Below are highlights from July 2020. You will see that some departments had to change operations due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

**Hays Center**—Reopened to public July 13, 2020 with a capacity of 50 members. The opening included the

aerobic and lap pools, the locker rooms and limited access to some of the exercise equipment. Screeners take temperatures and ask screening questions. Members are required to wear masks unless in the pools or actively exercising.

**Sanitation**—crews continue to pickup garbage and yard waste through pandemic. Garbage / Yard Waste crews collected 3,822.39 tons (5,744,500 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard waste crews collected 42 loads (1,209.20 cubic yards) of green waste. 187 tires picked up. 30 Sanitation Code inspections and 15 re-inspections. Issued 21 notices but no citations.

**Traffic**—AR One Call requests—55, Signs/posts repaired or replaced—426, City vehicles marked with decals—6. Stealth radar used at 2699 Ottawa Drive. Speed display trailer used ta 3101 North Hills Blvd. Traffic signal turned on at North Hills Blvd and The Point Apartments.

**Police**—work continues on The Justice Building (new police and courts building). Swore in 7 new officers. Brings total number of sworn officers to 187. June crime statistics showed an increase of 5% overall for June (compared to 2019). The city has 6 School Resource Officers

**Fire**—Total incidents-1,061, Unit responses-1,902, Residential fires-13, False alarms-84, Vehicle Fire-15, Rescue/Emergency Medical-603, Mutual Aid-1, Hazmat-8. Training hours: 3,180. Building surveys: 186.

**Emergency/911**—Incoming calls-14,190, Non-911-7,165, Wired 911-623, Abandoned 911-13, Wireless 911-6,115, Abandoned Wireless 911-274. Total dispatch entries: 9,148

**Planning**—Inspectors traveled 3,445 miles within the city performing the following inspections: 181 HVAC, 317 Plumbing, 593 Electrical, 134 Building. Issued the following permits: 9 sign, 14 demolition, 2 New Single Family (average cost \$133,090), 68 Residential Remodel (average cost \$11,144), 0 New Commercial, 0 new Multi-family.

**Electric Customer Service**—Payments—39,260, Collections—\$8,735,713. Bad debt—\$19,057.

**Code Enforcement**—Assigned calls—102, Citations—22, Violation Notices—548, Vehicles Tagged—53, Lots Posted—137, Signs Removed—0, Structures Inspected—13, Rental Inspections—15, Food Service Inspections—11, Houses Demolished by city—2, Houses Demolished by owner—9, Vacant Lots Cleaned—59, Lots

with Structures Cleaned—9, Vacant Houses Secured—1, Vacant Lots Mowed—99, Lots with Structures Mowed—25.

**Animal Control**—Incoming:

Dog—109/792

Cat—83/530

Other—1/9

Adopted:

Dog—26/175

Cat—24/110

Reclaimed:

Dog—20/176

Cat—0/7

Euthanized:

Dog—69/432

Cat—55/413

Service Calls—434/3,359

Citations—38/235

Vouchers (Spay/Neuter)—27/157



**Parks & Rec**—Field rentals are going strong. Golf play is up with lots of new golfers. Still only 1 player per cart. RV Campground (at Burns Park) was full July 4 weekend. AR Hunger Relief Alliance watermelon harvest at Stone Links Park supplied food pantries in the area. Planning under way for opening the ASPire after school program (this month). All pools are open and following CDC Safety guidelines. Funland open and had 500 visitors in July. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum tours are open. 267 visitors last month. *Where's Shep been?* In case you've missed him, our famous *Goose Chaser* has been out on sick leave due to some serious health concerns. Please wish him a speedy recovery!

**NLR Convention & Visitors Bureau**—Visitors/Welcome Center and Gift Shop continues to be open and doing great. New items added for purchase. Downtown RV Park had 504 reservations—average stay 3 days—total 1,305 camping days. Added tables and chairs to Argenta Plaza to coincide with Argenta Outdoor District events (see photo next page).

**Census 2020**—Census Enumerators are now going door to door in the city. If you don't want someone coming to your door, then complete the Census form. By now, you should have received it by mail. You can also go to the Census website at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov). For more information contact Margaret Powell at 501-975-8605.

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September!

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**Finance**

**Year to Date Revenue & Expenditures  
as of July, 2020**

**Revenue**

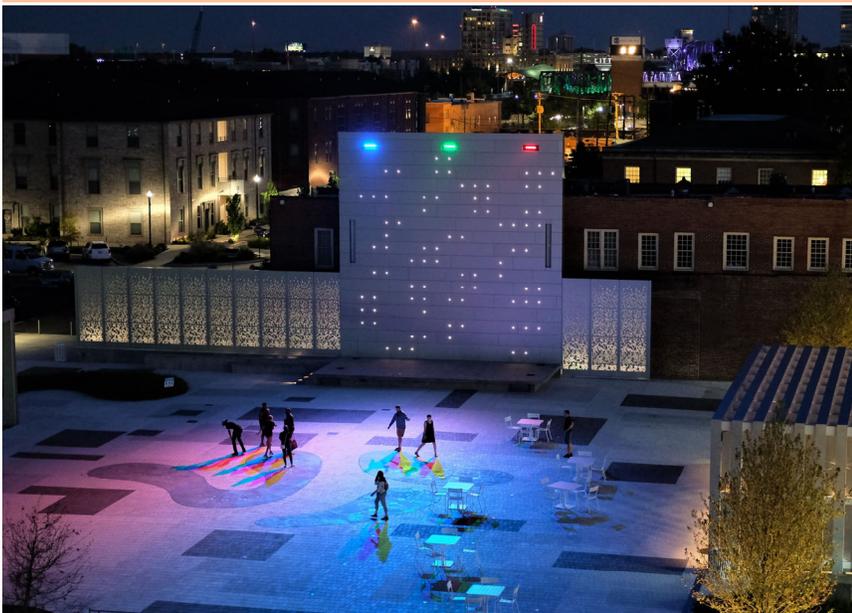
Taxes-other	467,519
Licenses/Permits	265,544
Fines/Forfeitures	170,676
Taxes—sales	4,114,657
Intergovernmental	--
Franchise fees	151,096
Charges for Services	145,267
Miscellaneous	48,249
Net Transfers	(329,057)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,033,951</b>

**Expenditures**

Administration	141,173
Animal Shelter	70,038
Special Appropriations	629,968
City Clerk	39,623
Emergency Services	200,248
Finance	56,925
Public Safety-Fire	1,873,553
Health	6,289
Legal	62,349
1st Court	56,894
2nd Court	62,595
Human Resources	84,691
Commerce	32,878
Planning	97,813
Public Safety-Police	2,363,925
Code Enforcement	117,152
Public Works	639,477
Neighborhood Services	17,449
Sanitation	414,935
Vehicle Maintenance	94,095
Senior Citizens Center	87,397
Communications	12,910
Fit 2 Live	16,937
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,179,314</b>

**Electric**

39,440 customers  
\$8,817,302 revenue  
210,580 kw peak power  
60 sq miles—territory  
11,252 transformers  
555 miles of wire  
10,458 street lights  
5,032 security lights  
82 lighting repairs  
39,401 smart meters  
Major outages: none.

**Argenta  
Outdoor Dining  
on Main Street  
Huge Success!**

The North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau (NLRCVB) partnered with the Argenta Downtown Council (ADC) and its Director Chris Ken who spearheaded the events. The first event was held August 8, 2020, and was a great success!

Subsequent events will be held through the month of September. Photo left of Argenta Plaza and seating area courtesy of NLRCVB.

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According to a recent report by the U.S. Governmental Accountability Office (GAO), the success of the decennial population count largely depends on how well the Census Bureau manages upcoming peak operations as the COVID-19 virus spreads across the country.

*The 2020 decennial census will be crucial in helping direct the distribution of some \$1.5 trillion a year in federal funding for programs like Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start, Title I and the National School Lunch Program. Federal officials use census data in two broad ways: to determine individual and organizational eligibility for these programs, and to apportion funding. Medicare and Medicaid are the largest census-guided federal programs. About two-thirds of the \$1.5 trillion in federal money distributed in FY2017 went toward these two programs.*

Based on the Census Bureau's digital map, Arkansas's self-response rate is 4.4 points behind its final 2010 rate, meaning a greater share of non-responding homes will need to be counted in-person—an especially challenging task now that the Census Bureau has shortened the door-knocking timeframe by 4 weeks.

About 901,000 Arkansas households have filled out the questionnaire on their own to date, according to the Census Bureau online map. That means about 655,130 homes need to be visited by a census taker to count everyone else in-person or to determine if housing units are vacant.

The self-response rate does not mean only that percentage of Arkansas's population was counted in 2000 and 2010, or as the 2020 Census count unfolds. It represents the percent of households that mailed back their census forms on their own. The Census Bureau still must count the remaining households in person during the nonresponse follow-up operation. But there is a greater risk that some people will be missed or counted incorrectly, officials said.

In a June 4 analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data, the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C., estimated that as many as 27,600 Arkansas residents may be undercounted in 2020. This projection could be reduced if Arkansas's self-response rate is higher than expected.

An undercount in the 2020 Census is likely inevitable. The big question is by how much. Demographic changes over the last decade suggest that the population in 2020 will be harder to enumerate," said Urban Institute researcher Diane Elliott. "Hard-to-count groups—including complex

households, renters, young children, immigrants, and people of color—will represent a larger share of the population in 2020 than they did in 2010.

Our projections show that even under the lowest-risk scenario—where we assume that the 2020 Census will perform exactly as the 2010 Census did—the national population count will be less accurate," concluded Elliott, principal research associate for progressive economic research group.

Governor Asa Hutchinson signed an executive order a year ago to create the state Census 2020 Complete-Count Committee. The 20 person public-private panel, led by Fort Smith Mayor George McGill, also was created by the governor to ensure all Arkansas residents are accurately counted during the 10-year survey, especially in areas of the state determined as "hard-to-count" census tracts.

Officially, the Census Bureau recently projected that the U.S. population was 330,222,422 on January 1, 2020. This represents an increase of 1,991,085, or 0.61% from New Year's Day 2019. Since that last census in 2010, the population has grown by 21,476,884 or 6.96%. Those same estimates put Arkansas' current population at 3,017,804, up 3.5% or 101,773 from a decade ago.

That ranks Arkansas as the nation's 33rd-largest state, sandwiched between Nevada and Mississippi at 32nd and 34th respectively. Arkansas's mostly rural population surpassed the 3 million mark for the first time in state history at the end of 2017, according to Census estimates.

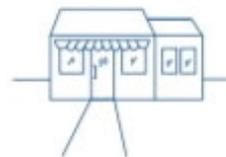
# CENSUS 101: WHAT, WHY, & WHEN

The Census Bureau's mission is to serve as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy. The Census Bureau collects information through the decennial census, the American Community Survey, the economic census, and many other surveys.

Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors. People in your community use Census Bureau data in all kinds of ways, such as these:



**Residents** use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



**Businesses** use Census Bureau data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and these create jobs.

**Local government officials** use the census to ensure public safety and plan new schools and hospitals.



**Real estate developers** and city planners use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.



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Book Chat with Julie features author Kathleen Fuller on Argenta Branch Library's Facebook page starting Sept. 10. They'll discuss her Amish Fiction and other stories - plus, Julie will have some great recommendations as well!

The Argenta Branch Facebook page also hosts **Ms. Kathy's Mystery Craft Boxes** for children on Sept. 20 and **Kory's Drawing with Clip Studio** videos.

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**We had these August Birthdays:**

MARILYN WILLIS	LAMAN	2
MICHAEL CHURCH	LAMAN	11
KATIE VISCO	LAMAN	2

**We have these September Birthdays:**

CAROL KIRKPATRICK	LAMAN	12
SHELBY REED	LAMAN	14
ROBIN CAMPBELL	LAMAN	18
ASHLEY BROWN	LAMAN	24

**August Anniversaries:**

JASMINE ROBERTS	LAMAN	4 YRS
EMILY ROZARIO	LAMAN	3 YRS
LILITH MCFARLIN	LAMAN	3 YRS
GINNY WILLIAMS	LAMAN	2 YRS

**And these September Anniversaries**

SUSAN SHIRLEY	LAMAN	32 YRS
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- 2** Please wear a mask to approach the table. Returns continue to be accepted only in the book drops during this time, and the buildings remain closed. After you pickup your items, the staff member will come back out to clean the table for the next delivery.
- 3**

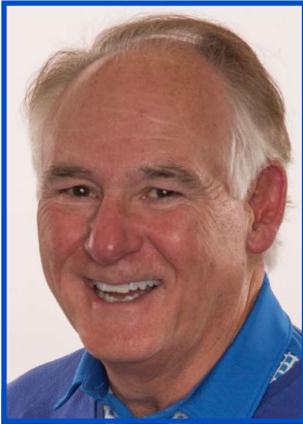
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# Candidates for Municipal Offices in North Little Rock

*Note: candidates are listed in position order, then alphabetical order. Photos were found on Google*

## North Little Rock Mayor



Terry C. Hartwick



Alice Kunce



Debi Ross



Tracy Steele

## North Little Rock City Council Ward 3, Position 1



Ronald (Ron) V. Harris



Harlan Hunter



John Parker

To learn more about any of the above candidates look for them on social media (Facebook) or contact them. Contact information can be found at [www.pulaskiclerk.com/elections](http://www.pulaskiclerk.com/elections). Scroll down to Municipal Candidate Filing, then scroll down to North Little Rock. There you will find telephone numbers and/or email addresses for each. Elections are important. They decide who will represent the residents of our city and the areas we reside in. The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Early voting begins October 19, 2020. General Runoff Election (if needed) will be December 1, 2020.

*Candidates who filed for North Little Rock Municipal Office but were unopposed are:*

City Clerk/Treasurer: City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey

City Council, Ward 1: Nathan Hamilton

City Council, Ward 2: Council Member Maurice Taylor

City Council, Ward 4: Council Member Charlie Hight

## Betty Crocker™ Smothered Chicken and Gravy

### Ingredients

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
3 to 3.5 pound cut-up broiler-fryer chicken  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced  
3 green onions, cut into 1-inch pieces  
3/4 cup Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour  
1/3 cup soy sauce  
3 1/2 cups hot water  
1 teaspoon onion powder

### Steps

In deep 12-inch skillet, heat oil over low heat 5 minutes. Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper; place in hot skillet. Cover chicken with yellow and green onions. Increase heat to medium. Cook 10 minutes; turn chicken. Cook 10 minutes longer or until golden. Reduce heat to low; cook 5 minutes longer. Turn; cook 5 minutes. Remove chicken from skillet. Place in large pot or Dutch oven; set aside.

Continue heating skillet over low heat. In medium bowl, stir flour, soy sauce, 2 cups of the hot water and the onion powder with wire whisk or fork until smooth.



In hot skillet, cook flour mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly with wire whisk or fork, until mixture boils and thickens. Gradually stir in remaining 1 1/2 cups hot water until smooth.

Pour gravy over chicken in large pot. Heat to boiling; reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally. (Note: gravy may stick to pot).

Serve with rice. Delish!

## Betty Crocker™ Yellow Butter Cake with Chocolate Buttercream

### Ingredients

2 cups Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup butter, softened  
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
3 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
3/4 cup milk  
1/2 cup sour cream

### Steps

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottom and sides of 2 (8-inch) round cake pans with shortening; lightly flour. In small bowl, mix flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.

In large bowl, beat 3/4 cup butter and the granulated sugar with electric mixer on medium speed, scraping bowl occasionally, about 2 minutes or until fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time, just until smooth. Stir in 2 teaspoons vanilla. On low

speed, beat flour mixture into sugar mixture alternately with 3/4 cup milk, beating after each addition, until smooth. Scrape side of bowl occasionally. Beat in sour cream. Pour evenly into pans. Tap pans on counter 2 to 3 times to eliminate air bubbles from batter.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

### Frosting

1 1/2 cups butter, softened  
3 cups powdered sugar  
3/4 cup unsweetened baking cocoa  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla

In medium bowl, beat Frosting ingredients with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and spreadable. Place first cake layer on plate, and spread 1 cup frosting over top. Place second cake layer on top of first. Frost side and top of cake with remaining frosting.

Store loosely covered at room temperature.



Have you ever mixed Candy Corn and peanuts together? No??? Well, you are in for a treat! Tastes just like a Payday Candy bar!





**Peddlers Permit  
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**  
Issued: 7/01/2020  
Expires: 10/1/2020



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

**Question:** *My neighbors son mows my yard for \$30, is he required to have a business license?*

**Answer:** **Yes...**if a (legal) service is provided and the person is paid, then it considered conducting business and a Business/Privilege License is required.

**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 History Commission**



If you or someone you know has items of a historical interest (photos, newspaper clippings, keepsakes, etc.) to City of North Little Rock, please consider donating them to the NLR History Commission.

For more information, call 501-371-0755 or email [nlrhistory@comcast.net](mailto:nlrhistory@comcast.net).

The North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau wants to help promote your upcoming events! Visit [www.NorthLittleRock.org](http://www.NorthLittleRock.org) or call Stephanie Slagle (Director of Marketing) at [stephanie@northlittlerock.org](mailto:stephanie@northlittlerock.org) or 501.404.0378 to submit your events.

The following businesses are **not permitted** to go door to door in our city at this time:

- Security Alarm Companies**
- Pest Control Companies**
- Telephone Service Providers**
- Yard Service**
- Tree Trimming**
- House Painting**
- Meat sales (from a vehicle)**

The above types are just a few businesses that commonly go door to door during the summer months.

To see a list of issued permits, visit the city website at [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://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. All licensed door to door peddlers are **required to have the ID issued by the City Clerk's Office with them at all times.**

*Currently, we have NO permitted door to door solicitors*

**The final notice has been mailed to businesses located in or doing business in the City of North Little Rock that have not renewed their 2020 Business/Privilege License.** 2020 Penalties were waived through June 30, 2020 due to COVID-19.

However, all delinquent accounts are now past due. The penalty beginning July 1, 2020 is 50% of the total due.

**All persons** doing business **of any kind** within the city limits of North Little Rock are required to have a Business/Privilege License. This includes home-based such as lawn care or internet sales.

**\*\*If a business operates 1 day into the new year, it is required to obtain a business license at the full fee.\*\***

If you have any questions, please contact the North Little Rock City Clerk's Office 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](mailto:Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov).

The City Council Agenda can be found at [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://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, Ember Strange	975-8802
Information	975-8888
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	975-8855
Planning, Shawn Spencer	975-8835
Purchasing, Mary Beth Bowman	975-8881
Utilities Accounting, Terrell Milton	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 Ron Harris	804-0928 758-2877
Ward 4	Charlie Hight Jane Ginn	758-8396 749-5344

### **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 Amy Fields	975-3755
District Court Judge Randy Morley	791-8562
District Court Judge Paula Juels Jones	791-8559

### ***Telephone Numbers for City Hall***

Mayor's Office.....	501-975-8601
Joe A. Smith	
City Clerk & Treasurer.....	501-975-8617
Diane Whitbey	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Jim Billings	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Fit 2 Live.....	501-975-8777
Isaac Henry	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling  
schedule for the month of September



Aug 31—Sept 4 recycle  
*Sept 8--12 no pickup*  
Sept 15--18 recycle  
*Sept 22--25 no pickup*  
Sept 29--Oct 2 recycle

# September Anniversaries

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>
MILES III, DAVID	Animal Cont	17	PERKINS, BETTY	Parks Fundland	1
TAYLOR, WOODIE	City Clerk/Treas	6	FRANKLIN, ROOSEVELT	Parks Maint	1
MIDDLETON, DEBORAH	Courts 1st	5	GAINES, GREGORY	Parks Rec	39
FREEMAN, KIM	Electric	43	PARKER, GLENDA	Parks Rec	26
BELL, JAMIE	Electric	30	ALLEN, RACHEL	Parks Rec	12
WOODWARD, GREGORY	Electric	30	REEVES, MICHAEL	Parks Rec	2
PETTIT, LEONARD	Electric	23	HENTON, RHODA	Parks Rec	2
PRICE, MATTHEW	Electric	13	CARMICAL, BRANDT	Police	25
BROWN, ANTHONY	Electric	11	EDISON JR, ROBERT	Police	25
SMITH, BRIAN	Electric	11	MILES JR, CHARLES	Police	25
SCHULTZ, KRISTIN	Electric	10	THESSING, PATRICK	Police	25
BURLESON, SUSAN	Electric	10	DEDRICK, BRIAN	Police	23
BETTIS, RICKY	Electric	6	FRANCISCO, KIMBERLY	Police	23
NORTHCUTT, JARED	Electric	5	PETTIT, DAVID	Police	22
DOWDY, JEREMY	Electric	4	SHAHAN, MICHAEL	Police	22
STRIPLING, WILLIAM	Electric	4	LYON, JOHN	Police	21
DERRICK, ZACHERY	Electric	2	CANTRELL, PAUL	Police	20
OGINSKI, JOSHUA	Electric	2	GRAVETT, JEFFREY	Police	20
ALLEN, BRANDON	Electric	1	MITCHELL, BRIAN	Police	20
CURTIS, CHRISTOPHER	Electric	1	SCHWULST, JON	Police	20
FENNESSEE JR, CORNELIUS	Fire	33	MOYSTER, BRUCE	Police	19
PAYNE, CEDRIC	Fire	33	NICHOLS, CARLA	Police	19
SANCHEZ, ROY	Fire	33	FISHER, JON	Police	18
DEREUISSEAUX, WALLACE	Fire	33	NEELEY, JAMES	Police	18
TETKOSKIE, ALAN	Fire	31	ANDERSON, MATTHEW	Police	11
THORN, MARK	Fire	31	DIMATTEO, KAREN	Police	11
BUFORD, BEAU	Fire	27	HAMMONS, PHILLIP	Police	11
DELLORTO, DANIEL	Fire	27	NOEL, ASHLEY	Police	11
GUAJARDO JR, ALEX	Fire	27	TOLLETT, YANCY	Police	11
HALL, CHRIS	Fire	27	WILLIAMS, RASHUNDA	Police	7
WILSON, CARL	Fire	26	HAWKINS, JASON	Police	5
MILLER, JON	Fire	23	BARBER, TYLER	Police	3
SHOEMAKER, MARK	Fire	23	HOPSON, BILLY	Sanitation	20
SARTIN, KENNETH	Fire	5	TUCKER, ALTORIA	Sanitation	12
COX, BRYEN	Fire	2	WILLIAMS, LYNN	Sanitation	8
KOLB, MATTHEW	Fire	2	PARKS JR., JAMES	Sanitation	1
ABEL, SHIRLEY	Neighbor Srv	25	AGNEW JR, MACK	Senior Center	2
CULLUM, LEANNA	OES	4	REEVES JR, PAUL	Street	32
OSBORNE, STEVEN	OES	3	SAVARY, JON	Traffic	43
JOHNSON, MAKAYLA	Parks Fundland	1	USSERY, KEVIN	Traffic	31
POUNCY, CASSHAWN	Parks Fundland	1	EVERETT, THOMAS	Traffic	21
RHODES-LAMB, BRYEN	Parks Fundland	1	NUTT, MATTHEW	Traffic	2
SANDERS, SHARON	Parks Fundland	1			

# September Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>
HARRIS, RON	Council Member	1	KNOERNSCHILD, JASON	Fire	18
FINCH, MARK	Electric	1	BRANCH, CAROLYN	Police	18
HENDERSON, AARON	Fire	1	DOLAN, CAROL	Police	18
OAKLEY, BRIAN	Fire	1	WIGGINS, MARK	Police	18
CASH, RONALD	Vehicle Maint	2	BREWER, THOMAS	Parks Maint	18
JOHNSON, JAMES	Parks Rec	2	BRYANT, TAMMARRAH	Parks Rec	18
PATTON, CHRIS	Fire	3	CREWS, CHRISTOPHER	Vehicle Maint	19
SCHRADER, DUDLEY	Fire	3	SMITH, JOE	Admin	20
COVINGTON, SHKERIA	Parks Funland	3	NOBLE, RENITA	Electric	20
MERZ, CARISSA	Police	4	USSERY, EBBIE	Electric	20
MCCOURT, KEITH	Electric	5	ROBERTSON, BILLY	Vehicle Maint	20
NOLES, KEVIN	Electric	5	TENNER, ANDREAUS	Vehicle Maint	20
BRUNO, SHERRYL	Police	5	BUTLER, CLINT	Fire	21
PETTIT, DAVID	Police	5	BLANKENSHIP, GREGORY	Police	21
HOLMAN, AARON	IT	5	CARMICAL, BRANDT	Police	21
BARTLETT, JAMES	Electric	6	ANNIS, CARSON	Parks Rec	21
ALLEN, STEVE	Fire	6	JOHNSON, DAJSAMONE	Parks Funland	21
MAGGARD JR, DON	Police	6	TREADAWAY, MICHAEL	Fire	24
MARTIN, TEMEKA	Parks Rec	6	LIVINGSTON, KENNETH	Police	24
HEINRICHS, ERIC	Electric	7	HALSEY, JACKIE	Electric	25
PETTIT, JAMIE	Parks Maint	7	SCHULTZ, KRISTIN	Electric	25
BALL, TATANA	Parks Funland	8	KING, JEN-CHUAN	Police	25
JONES, WILLIAM	Police	9	ANDREWS, ROMMIE	Street	25
WASHINGTON, MARKEITH	Parks Rec	9	PERRY, MICHAEL	Parks Maint	25
MATHIS, JOSEPH	AIMM	9	THOMPSON, TIARA	Parks Rec	25
MAHANAY, EARL	Fire	10	BARENTINE, RONALD	Parks Golf	25
AGNEW JR, MACK	Senior Center	10	BARTLETT, CONNIE	Police	26
EISENHOWER, COREY	Fire	12	ADAMS, STEVE	Street	26
HUTCHISON, JARRETT	Fire	12	BROWN, GREGORY	Fire	27
SEHIKA, JOHN	Street	12	MORSHEDI, SIAVASH	Police	27
REYNOLDS, DAVIN	Police	13	HENDRIX, KUADRIKA	OES	28
MCCULLAR, JOHN	Public Works	13	BELL, JAMIE	Electric	28
DAVENPORT, JOSHUA	OES	14	HARTWICK, RYAN	Electric	28
PECKAT, CHARLES	Police	14	GINN, JANE	Admin	29
THESSING, PATRICK	Police	14	EDWARDS, CHADWICK	Police	29
FREEMAN, KIM	Electric	15	COUCH III, LEE	Parks Rec	29
YOUNG, ANTWONE	Sanitation	15	STOWELL, JONATHAN	Electric	30
MCKEE JR, THURMAN	Traffic	15	GUAJARDO, BILLY	Fire	30
PLAUDIS, THOMAS	OES	16	DAVIS, CORDELL	Police	30
HENDERSON, CHRISTOPHER	Police	16	JACKSON, LINDA	Police	30
MILLER, MICHAEL	Police	16	CHRISTOPHER, MARCUS	Street	30
WADLEY, THOMAS	Code	17	MAHAN, JACOB	Traffic	30
JOHNSON, MAKAYLA	Parks Funland	17	ALLEN, RACHEL	Parks Rec	30
SHEA, NICHOLAS	OES	18	MILLER, MYNA	AIMM	30