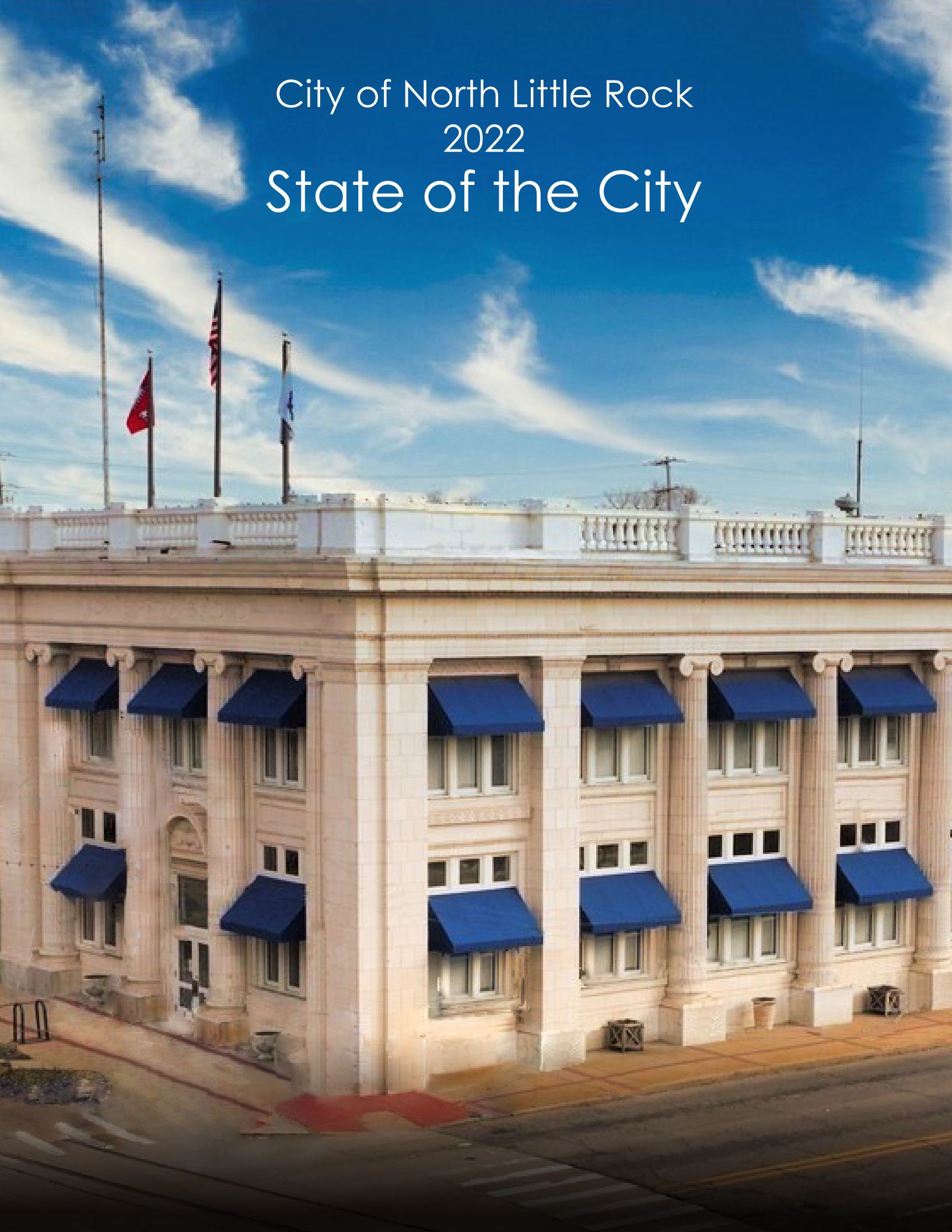


City of North Little Rock
2022
State of the City



Members of the North Little Rock City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, and my fellow residents of North Little Rock, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor during 2022. The City of North Little Rock has so much to be proud of and I am excited about all of the things we accomplished together last year.

During 2022, the City broke ground on a new health care clinic in Rose City, built a new fire station in Burns Park, opened a new pump track, started a new Municipal Identification Program to equip citizens, purchased automated sanitation trucks and new garbage containers for all residents in our city, demolished the old Greyhound Bus station to allow for more growth downtown, began street and drainage work on Faulkner Lake Road and many other parts of our city. Purchased land for a new Central Fire Station in Mid City which will better serve more of our residents. So many excited things are happening in all areas of our city.

I take pride in how hard our city employees work for our citizens and the spirit of community we all share. North Little Rock continues to be a leader in economic development in Central Arkansas and in our state. I am looking forward to what the future holds in 2023 for the City of North Little Rock.

Terry C. Hartwick





AIRPORT

This year, the North Little Rock Airport Commission voted to rename the airport to match its classification with the Federal Aviation Administration and is now the North Little Rock Regional Airport. This classification has to do with the number of aircraft based at the airport, the number of take-offs and landings each year, and the proximity to a metropolitan area.

The airport held its first air show since 2017 in October 2022, and it was a resounding success. Over 10,000 people visited the airport over two days, which featured North Little Rock Regional Airport's first night show. With a car show, static displays of unique, vintage, and military aircraft, and a kids' zone featuring activities by the Arkansas Regional



Innovation Hub and The Wonder Place, there was plenty to do leading up to the all-star performances by some of the top air show performers in the industry. This two-day event was great for the City of North Little Rock, showcasing what a jewel the airport is for our city.

Construction is nearly complete on the new terminal and Fixed-Based Operator (FBO) building, with a new corporate hangar to accommodate jets for some of Central Arkansas'



biggest businesses. This new building will make the North Little Rock Regional Airport a more attractive spot to land and fuel for cross-country transient aircraft, as well as local businesses and plane owners who want to be based in North Little Rock. The additional air traffic will add fuel sales, add tax revenue to the city and the airport, boosting economic development.

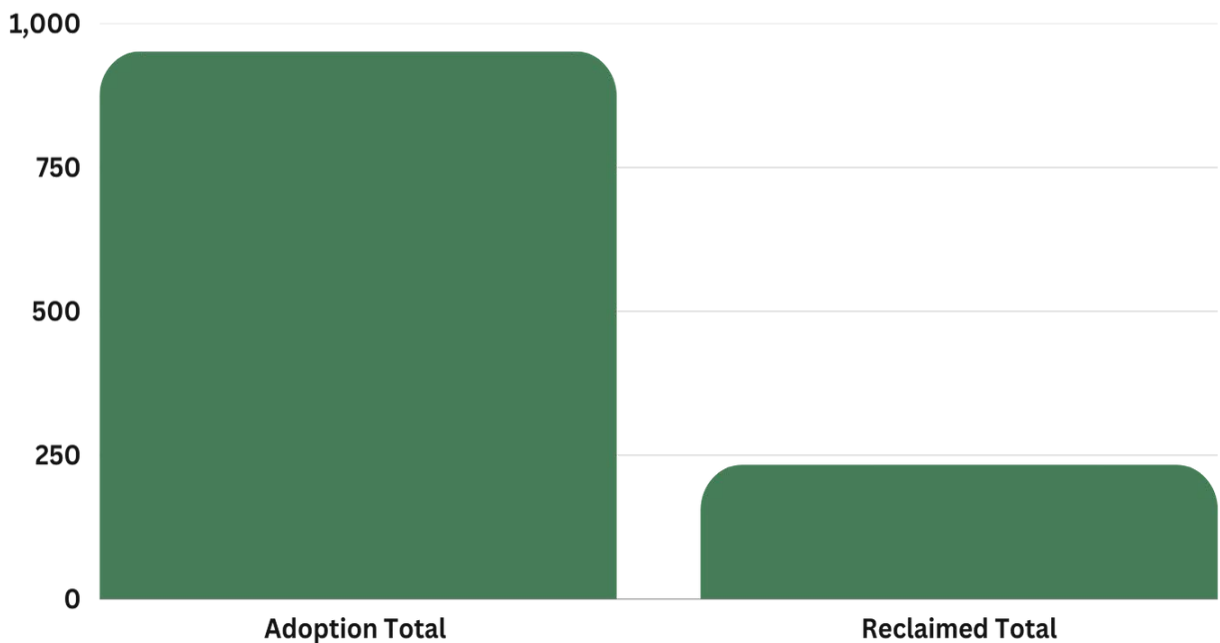
Animal Shelter



Cats Adopted
437



Dogs Adopted
600



Other Statistics

Calls for Service - 5922
Citations Issued - 349
Vouchers Sold - 221

- Five (5) coyotes were removed from the Lakewood/Park Hill area by the city trapper.
- Two (2) Felony Animal Cruelty Cases were investigated.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Prepared **Promises Made, Promises Kept** for the community to educate the public on the **half penny**.
- Wrote and issued **100 news releases** throughout the year.
- Produced the **State of the City** for the City Council and community.
- Maintained the city's email list: churches, neighborhood associations, community leaders, chamber, requests from patrons to receive information.
- Prepared and made over **1,000 posts** on the city's Facebook page and Twitter. Shared 1,200 social media posts from the community on the city's Facebook page relevant to our community.
- Assisted department heads with groundbreaking events, ribbon cuttings, and preparing and sharing information with the community.



PROUD magazine

- Revamped the city's PROUD magazine.
- Published four issues throughout the year and mailed to all residents in our city. Created an online version.

New website

- Conducted extensive research on potential new website designs.
- Facilitated the update of all information on the current city website.
- Conducted numerous meetings with website designer, once selected, and the city's IT department on details.
- Created the Website Design Task Force, which met several times throughout the year and worked as a sounding board.

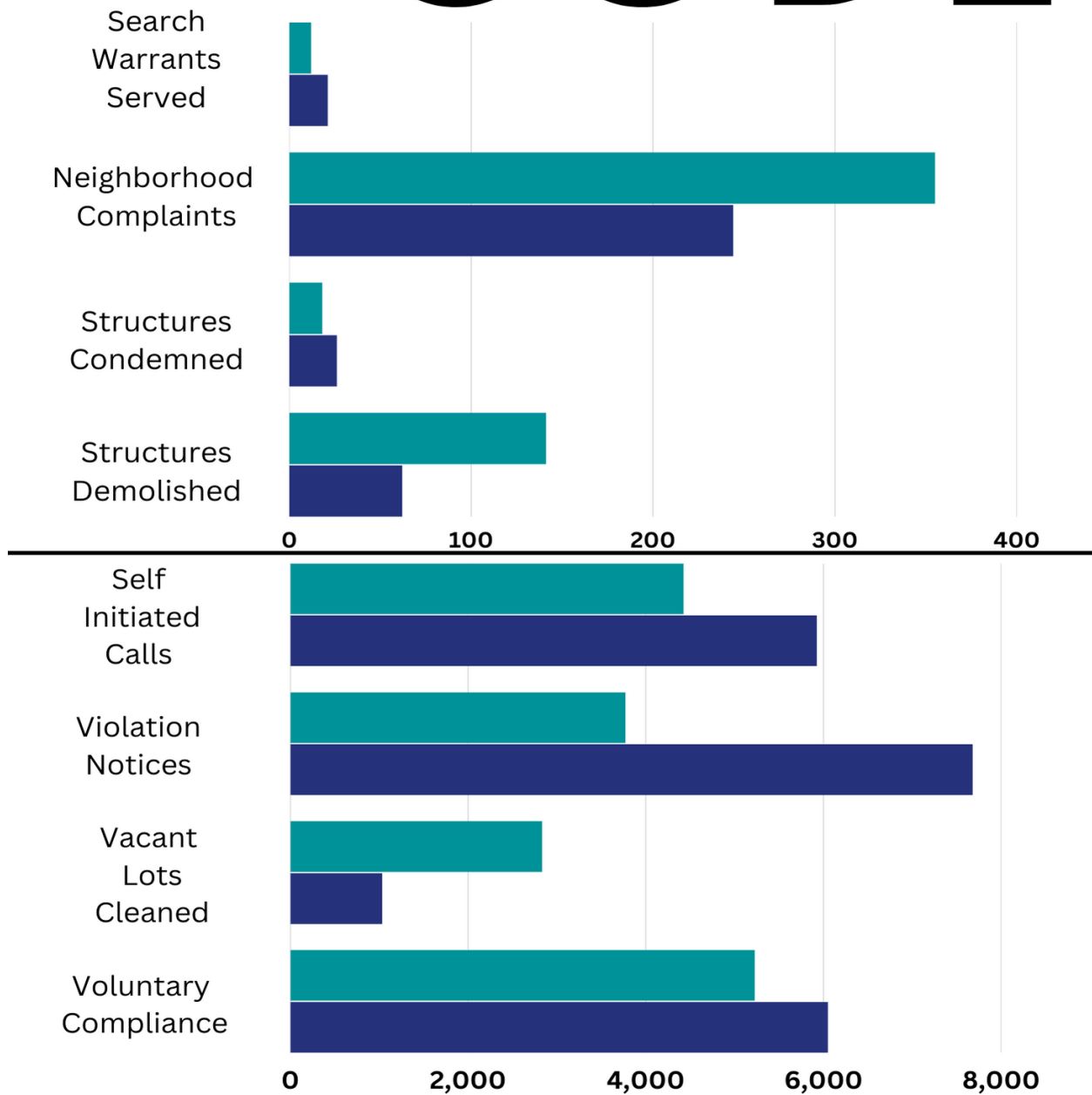
Communications Council

- Created a City Communications council comprised of all communication representatives in

various departments in the city and community.

- Met three times last year and used this group to gather information and push information out. Meetings have been productive, informative, and beneficial.
- Worked with Emergency Services and the North Little Rock Police Department on three new recruiting videos. All videos were published on social media.

CODE



- Officers improved on continuing education.
- Worked with other cities statewide to help establish Code Enforcement procedures for their local government.

■ **2021** ■ **2022**

The North Little Rock Code Enforcement Department worked with other cities throughout the state to help establish code enforcement procedures for their local government. North Little Rock Code Officers participated in several continuing education courses to improve the service they provide.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



This year, the City received \$688,805 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, along with \$383,559 in Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding, which will provide improvements, increased availability of affordable housing, and support for community-based non-profit organizations. This year, CDBG funds supported:

- CareLink's Meals-on-Wheels program which provides hot meals for seniors.
- The North Little Rock Boys and Girls Club Great Futures Program which provides summer and after-school care.
- Street and drainage projects in Wards 1, 2, and 3, in collaboration with the City's engineering department.
- The CDA partners with the Pulaski County Neighborhood Alliance for Habitat (PCNAH) to develop affordable housing using HOME funds. PCNAH began construction of two new single-family homes for low-income residents.
- CDBG-CV (Cares Act) funds are being used to replace the HVAC units at the Hays Center. CDBG-CV funds are intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19—replacing the HVAC units will meet these goals by improving ventilation and filtration.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Over \$340,000,000 in Economic Development projects were announced in 2022 and close to 1,100 jobs created. The city closed on 19 residential lots totaling \$46,000 and five commercial properties totaling \$1,643,687. Two-year total of property sold was \$2,066,889.

Workforce Development

- Worked with Shorter College on issues with their new residents' hall.
- Worked with the University of Arkansas at Pulaski Technical College on their new visioning program.
- Attended the Career Academies event for all ninth graders in the North Little Rock School District.
- Hosted the Make 48 Event at The Innovation Hub. Showcased for the City Council in November.



Rose City Health Clinic

\$4,000,000 investment in our community

20+ Jobs. Estimated completion: spring 2024

This partnership with Baptist Health is the first full-service medical facility in the east part of North Little Rock/Rose City since 2013.



Dollar General Distribution Center

\$140,000,000 investment in our community

600 Jobs. Estimated completion: early 2024

In support of the project the City passed an ACT 9 Bond Tax Abatement issue and ArDOT awarded the city \$809,000 to widen Highway 70.



Lowe's Distribution Center

\$105,000,000 investment in our community

300 Jobs. Expected completion: end of 2023

The city is working to acquire an ACT 9 Bond Tax Abatement issue in support of the project.

Federal Metal

\$17,000,000 investment in our community

45 Jobs. Estimated completion: early 2024

The first, stand-alone facility of its kind will source certain scrap metal products and recycle/refine them using a propriety process. Finished goods will be sold throughout the United States and internationally.

Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel

\$20,000,000 investment in our community

45 Jobs. Estimated completion: the end of 2023

The new, 46,000 square foot office and showroom sits at Interstate 440 and Faulkner Lake Road on 22 acres.

Creative Foam, LLC

\$8,000,000 investment in our community

30 new jobs. Estimated completion: the end of 2024

Purchased the former P&G building in early 2022 and began renovating the 270,000 square foot building.

Applied Technology Group (ATG)

\$1,000,000 investment in our community

200 Jobs

This Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software sales and support company started in 1992 and is now a national company, headquartered in North Little Rock. In partnership with Sage Partners, ATG remodeled the former US Bank Building.



Safe Foods Expansion

\$14,000,000-\$20,000,000 investment in our community

30 Jobs. Estimated completion: mid 2023

A food safety management company, will increase production at its North Little Rock headquarters. The construction of a new blending plant will double the production capacity for Safe Foods' organic food wash with the addition of a new reactor and two bulk storage tanks. The project also includes a new 55,000 square foot packaging facility and warehouse that will allow Safe Foods to manufacture 19 additional product lines for PSSI that will be used to protect consumers from foodborne illnesses.

WinRock International

\$3,000,000 investment in our community

100 jobs

Estimated completion: November 2023

The headquarters will result in an increased capacity of Winrock United States programs staff within in the building. The upgrades to our building include the creation of the Best Buy Teen Technical Center and a solar canopy in our parking lot. This will create an increased capacity of our STEAM educational and entrepreneurial programs, access to Makerspace tools and resources.

Jump Start

Levy: Completed in October 2022

Park Hill: Estimated completion is September 2023

Parklets

Two parklets were constructed on Main Street in North Little Rock during 2022. The concept of parklets, public seating areas that convert curbside parking spaces into vibrant community spaces, such as street seating or curbside restaurant seating, aims to increase transit and foot traffic, help businesses and enhance already busy downtown areas. The Parklet project was a joint venture with the Argenta Downtown Council, Rock Region Metro and the North Little Rock Economic Development Team.

Maly Entertainment

\$28,000,000

investment in our community

300 Jobs.

Construction to begin the end of 2024.

This family entertainment venue is similar to T-Shotz or Top Golf, the project will be located on 30 acres formerly owned by Wild River Country on Crystal Hill Road.





ELECTRIC

Customer Service/Billing

- Eliminated all in-person bill payments in conjunction with the Customer Service drive-thru closure.
 - Received a clean 2021 financial audit report.

Construction

- Four Apprentice Linemen made Journeyman Lineman status.
- Completed construction of a new weight and workout room installed for the Electric Department's employees use to improve their health and strength.

Murray Hydro

- Upgraded multiple systems from analog to digital for modernization.
 - Completed the FEMA river dredging project.

Engineering

- Completed updating all RTUs for our SCADA system.
- Finalized designs for Faulkner Lake Road, Highway 391 circuit to Galloway and new circuits to Highway 30 customers.
 - Completed update of metering system.

Mapping

- Successfully migrated the Milsoft database to a new server.
 - Completed OMS installation and training.

Vegetation

- Nine distribution feeders were trimmed of trees and brush by contractors. This equates to 85 miles of line.
 - Tree tickets completed by our employees = 345

Solar

- In 2022, approximately 165 new solar applications were submitted for review.
 - Updated the value of our solar rate.

EMERGENCY SERVICES



- ESINet (Emergency Services IP Network) was deployed in November of 2022. ESINet is the modernization to NG 911. It gives the center the ability to support images, files and other data being sent through 911, and the ability to be interconnected at local, regional, state and federal levels.
- The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) consolidation plan for the consolidation of the 911 centers for NLR, Sherwood, and Maumelle was submitted to the state for approval.
- The final invoice was submitted to FEMA for the 2019 flood event. Received 172,867 total phone calls (9-1-1 for police and fire, non-emergency for police, fire and other).
- Average duration of 78.1 second per call.

911

Dispatchers Needed



911: 911, North Little Rock.
What is your emergency?
Caller: Someone just got hit by a car!
911: Okay. What is your name?
Caller: Meghan.
911: What is your location/address?
Caller: In the library parking lot.
911: Which Library?
Caller: The one by the community center.
911: Are they breathing?
Caller: Yes! Please send someone!
911: Okay, help is on the way.

- Twenty-nine total dispatcher positions with 11 being vacant. Six of the 18 current dispatchers were hired in 2022.
- Based on staffing levels, recruitment was a big focus in 2022. Recruiting presentations were made at North Little Rock and Cabot High Schools.
- Purchased recruiting ads to run at local Arkansas Department of Motor Vehicle offices.
- The center worked with the Director of Communications to produce a recruiting video to release on social media and other outlets.



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911 DISPATCHERS

Apply online at nlr.ar.gov/jobs



ENGINEERING

Street Resurfacing (Asphalt/Concrete) Program projects: Completed
Street & Drainage WARD/Maintenance Construction projects: Completed



Design/Construction of CDBG Street and Drainage Projects

Marion Street:

Complete
(WARD 1)

Park Place:

Complete
(WARD 2)

West 49th Street:

95% Complete
(WARD 3)

On-Going City-Funded Projects

Faulkner Lake Road Improvements,
McCain Median Improvements,
Tulip Farm Water Line Extension, Burns Park

Pickleball Facility, Burns Park Golf Path Rehabilitation, Travelers' Field Rebuild, Water Damage Restoration, and Design-Build Groundwater Control Project

Administration of On-Going City/State/Federal Funded Projects

EDA Sixth Street Parking Lot Irrigation & Landscape: Complete

Levy Jump Start: 98% Complete

Safe Routes to Amboy and Boone Park Elementary Schools: 95% Complete

Argenta Plaza Enhancements: Complete

Ott Park Trail Improvements: Construction Summer 2023

Pike Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail: 95% Complete

Park Hill Jump Start: 35% Complete

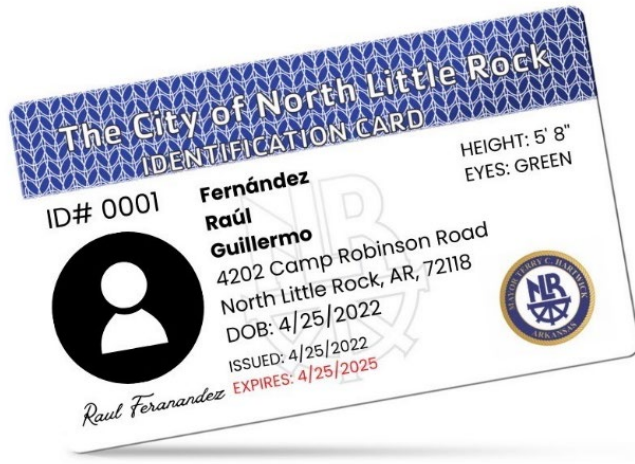
Pike Avenue Improvements Design: 30% Complete (Roundabout to 16th)

14th Street Pedestrian Bridge

Highway 70, left turn lane improvements

Main Street Viaduct Bridge replacement: Seeking Grant Funding

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



Implemented a new North Little Rock Municipal Identification Program in partnership with Seis Puentes Hispanic outreach. An open house was held on June 7th and 415 identification badges have been produced to date.



Received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our 2020 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and submitted our 2021 report for consideration.



North Little Rock citizens voted to extend the half penny for five more years through 2027.

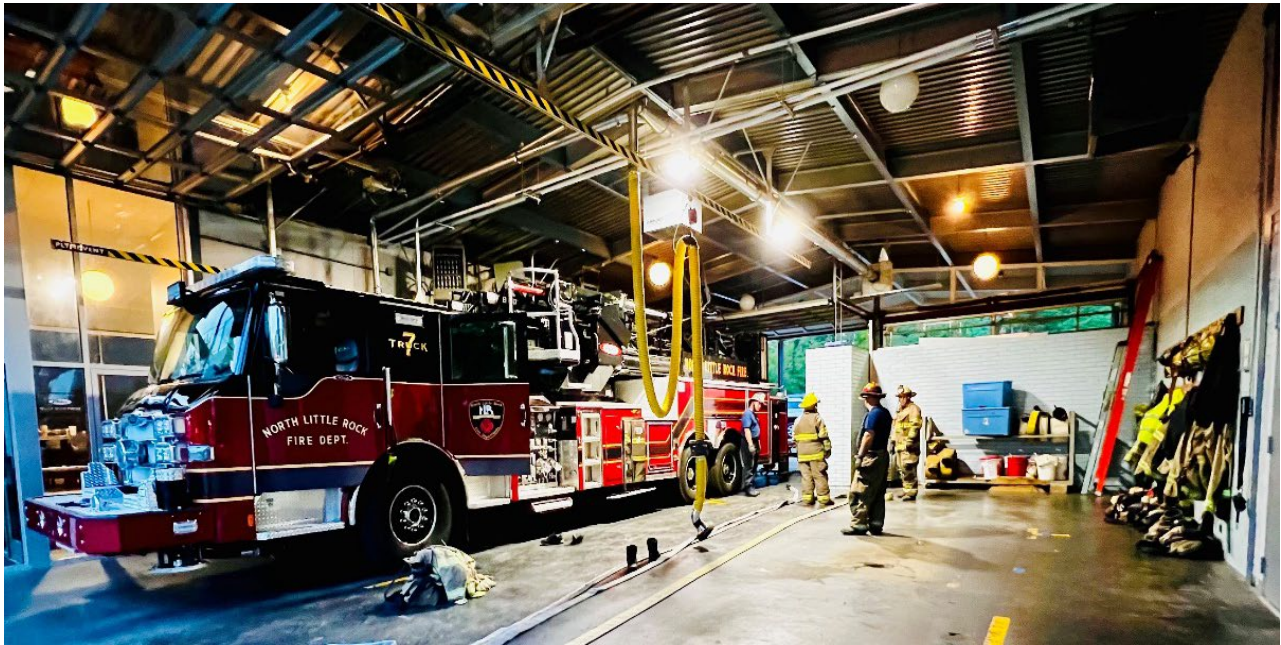
FIRE



Broke ground on a new fire station in Burns Park and have made great progress.



- Acquired new Hurst battery-powered extrication tools for Rescue 6.
- Added active 911 to six fire stations.
- Started new paramedic class with 12 students, three are North Little Rock Firefighters.
- Ten people participated in a 40-hour Instructor One Class.
- CPR training conducted for staff at Hays Senior Center and Saint Joseph's Centers of Arkansas.



Purchased a new aerial truck for Central Fire Station. Ordered two new engines.

- Nine new firefighters participated in a 240-hour firefighter standards class.
- Completed numerous station renovations.
- Joint operations training was conducted with Rock Region Metro; mass casualty; and Camp Robinson, helicopter crash.
- Thirty people attended a three-day extrication class.
- Six people participated in the Nozzle Forward Class.
- Added three new Battalion Chiefs to split the city.
- Worked with architect on new Station 11, east part of town.



New training tower installed.

PRESENTED BY THE
NORTH LITTLE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE

30th Anniversary - National Tour
SEPTEMBER 8TH - 10TH
2022
DICKY-STEPHENS
PARK PARKING LOT

FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGE

Thursday, September 8th
Open Practice Day
Open to the public
9 am- 5 pm

Friday, September 9th
Elementary Field Trip Day
NLR School Kids Relay Race at 9 am
Opening Ceremony at 5 pm
Individual Firefighter Races

Saturday, September 10th
Charity Challenge at 8 am
Opening Ceremony at 10:30 am
Tandem and Relay Races
Dogtown Throwdown
immediately following races

For more information,
contact Captain Dustin Free
at 501-680-2624 or visit
www.nlr.ar.gov/fire

Hosted the Combat Challenge.



Purchased property at 1301 Main for Central Fire Station.



Rendering of Fire Station 11 in the east part of town.



The North Little Rock School district hosted a Fit2Live Day at four elementary schools. Glenview Elementary classes participated in the ninja warrior obstacles course and splash pad thanks to Glenview Community Center. Fit2Live hosted four Cooking Matters classes with the North Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau at Amboy Elementary to educate families on healthier ways of preparing food. Continued to offer COVID-19 booster doses to the public.



Employees: 1) Promoted gym reimbursement for employees totaling \$2,080, 2) Employees earned over \$1,840 in biometric screenings, 3) Fire Station 11 received a new grill to promote healthier cooking, 4) Installed a gym at the North Little Rock Electric Department offices, and 5) Received a \$2,500 micro-grant to fund a community wellness event in the city.

Events: 1) River City Ministries Walk/Run: 17 employees participated, 2) Blue Cross & Shield "Blue & You" Challenge, 3) "It's Raining Relaxation": 20 employees participants, 4) "10 pounds in 10 week" challenge: 37 employees participated, 5) National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) walk to increase recognition of mental health issues, and 6) Two-mile awareness walk in October in honor of breast cancer awareness: 15 vendors and 400 attendees.

HEALTH

Continued to offer COVID booster doses to the public.

Shared information on popup clinics.

Back-to-School Immunization Clinic held in July.

In-person Women Infant and Children (WIC) certifications re-started in October.

Mass Flu/COVID Clinic held at New Hope Baptist Church. Issued COVID home test to clients and public.



Continue to provide COVID testing, reproductive health, sexual transmitted infection testing, immunizations, tuberculosis medications, breast care services, and WIC services. Also, initiated Monkey Pox testing.

HR

Posted 172 vacancy announcements.

Processed 2113 applications.

Worked diligently to create an effective and proactive employee benefits

program to assist employees with various benefits such as: prescription coverage, medical billing assistance and appeals, short and long-term disability, Medicare, retirement questions and any other questions pertaining to benefits.



Facilitated the Mayor's Summer Youth Program with youth interns placed in city departments throughout the city during the summer.

Worked to recruit qualified and diverse applicants by attending various job fairs in Central Arkansas, worked with the Communications Department to help recruit through social media, the PROUD magazine and various local outlets and partners. Developed a partnership with Arkansas Work-Force Mobile Unit to enhance our recruiting goals. Conducted annual Supervisor Training. Preparing to implement an electronic performance appraisals system (NEO-GOV). This will begin in 2023.

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

There are 70 members in the North Little Rock Mayor's Youth Council ages 14 to 18. Members are required to participate in four hours of service per month and complete a community project of their choice. Most years, the total hours served by the Council is over 10,000. The Council is in its 24th year in North Little Rock and serves area nonprofits, schools, and city functions. Examples of these are North Little Rock's Northern Lights in Argenta Plaza, schools' fall festivals, the annual sidewalk art event for the THEA Foundation, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army and filling Christmas stockings for children.



Examples of Council members' projects:

- Keeping a free supply of women's hygiene items in the girls' restrooms at North Little Rock High School.
- Collecting towels, blankets, toys, and kibble for the North Little Rock Animal Shelter.
- Holding drives for the Canvas Homeless Outreach Program: collecting socks, shoes, clothing, backpacks, hygiene supplies and blankets.
- Hosting bake sales to pay for a family's month-long stay at the Ronald McDonald House while their child is in Arkansas Children's Hospital.

- Organizing and holding a fundraiser for Smile Train to raise money to fix a cleft lip and palate for children.
- Collecting books for Little Free Libraries in our city and groceries for the Little Free Pantry in front of Ridge Road Elementary School.
- Collecting backpacks in August and filling them with school supplies for kids at Ridge Road Elementary.





NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

- Helped 18 groups with regular mail-outs to their members newsletters, meeting reminders, and information about special events.
- Loaned equipment to more than 60 events being held by neighborhood groups and nonprofits in North Little Rock.
- Staffed the City Beautiful Commission and the Thomas Cemetery Committee.
- Attended seven National Night Out events in October. Supplied material to those events and loaned equipment to them as well.
- Featured speakers at the National Neighborhoods USA Conference in Little Rock, Immaculate Conception Church in Sherwood, Sustainable Agriculture Panel at The Innovation Hub, Keep North Little Rock Beautiful 10-year celebration, and Mid-Town Neighborhood Association.
- Reached out to the Hispanic Community in North Little Rock by partnering with Seis Puentes in mailing out information for the new Municipal Identification Program and a Back-to-School Supply Give-Away.

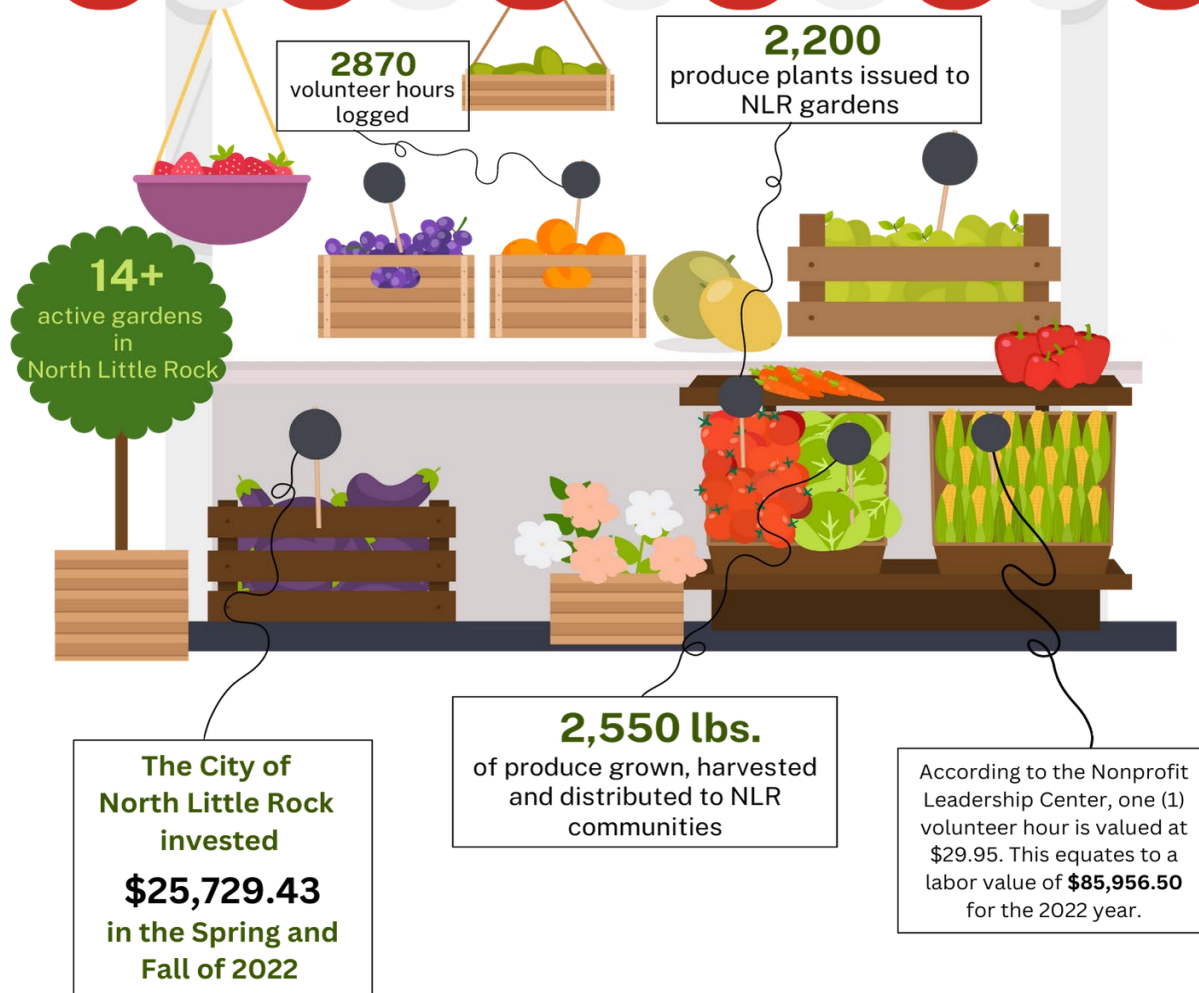


- Contributed two recipes to the Dark Hollow Community Cookbook (a fundraiser for that group), participated in the Amboy Elementary Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, and served at the Amboy BBQ dinner (fundraiser for

that group). We assisted the Dixie Day Committee in lighting up the city park in the Dixie neighborhood.

- Met with 20 group leaders and the Mayor to discuss concerns in neighborhoods and prioritize needs. We attended many neighborhood group meetings throughout the year.

Community Gardens



2021 WINNER of the Arkansas Community of the Year Award
Sponsored by Engage Arkansas and the Arkansas Municipal League

Guest Speaker

- **Food Forum** (10/20/2022) Hosted by The Innovation Hub in partnership with the Arkansas Local Food Network.
- **Neighborhood Food Network** (11/21/2022) Co-sponsored by the Neighborhood Food Network and Moms Across America.

Hosted four (4) Days of Service projects:

- Dr. Martin Luther King Day with Arkansas Dream Center and St. Joseph's Center of Arkansas (SJCA).
- Recipient of Engage Arkansas Mini-Grant for Volunteer Week
- Levy-Spurr Trail clean-up: AmeriCorps Vista
- Flower bomb workshop: Arkansas Dream Center and Engage Arkansas
- Sign-painting workshop: AmeriCorps

Consulted with three (3) municipalities/programs for North Little Rock Community Garden Program, program replication:

- Chattanooga, Tennessee: Neighborhood Program Specialist
- Tulsa, Oklahoma: Farm-to-Table Program Manager
- Monticello, Arkansas: Smart Start Program Director

Assisted with three (3) Central Arkansas agriculture events.

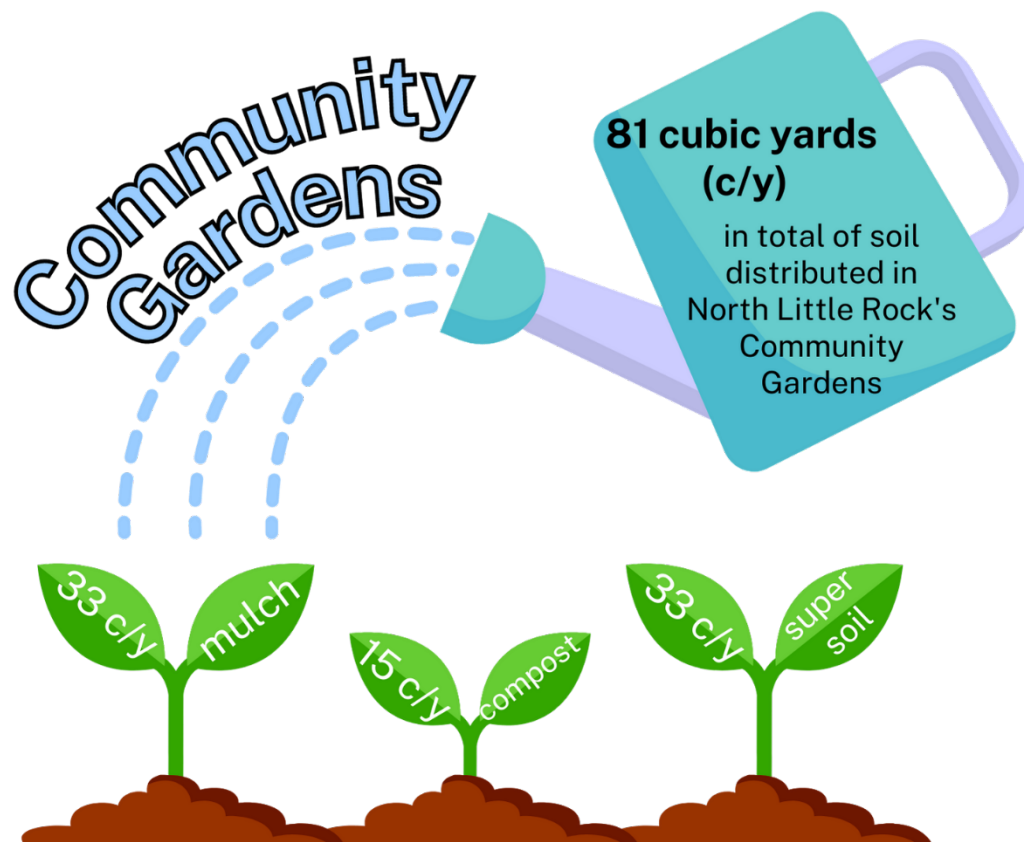
- Watermelon Crawl: Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department
- Tito's Garden Event: the University District Development Corporation, Oak Forest
- Sweet Potato Glean: Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Lighthouse Academy, St. Joseph's Center of Arkansas

Member, Cities of Service Coalition

A coalition dedicated to working with cities to build city-led, citizen-powered initiatives that target specific community needs. Supported by the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation of John's Hopkins.

Urban Garden and Food Access Pilot Study

Collaborated with PhD Student Jen Backer from the University of Southern Illinois to conduct a pilot study measuring the impact of urban gardens. Results have not been published.



PARKS & REC

Programs/Activities at Community Centers

- Over 500 hours of afterschool activities for 223 youth in the ASPIre Program.
- Summer Activities Program (SAPling): 185 participants
- Mini Skills camps: Sports, Creative Arts and Ninja Martial Arts: 60 participants
- Teen Zone afterschool programs and SAPling: 68 participants
- Fall Break, Winter Holiday, and Wild/Wacky Spring Break Camps: 120 participants
- Youth Basketball Program: 24 teams, 186 participants
- Youth Recreation and Competitive Cheerleading: 42 participants



Specialty Programs/Events

- Family Fun Night of Sports and Games, Glenview Community Center: 75 participants
- Healthy Recreation Glow, Skate, All Wheels Family Night, North Heights Community Center: 50 participants
- Community Education & STEM Fest, Sherman Park Community Center: 60 participants
- North Heights Swimming Pool: 1,322 participants. The therapeutic department hosted pool parties for youth and adults with special needs.
- First-Ever Teen Chili Cook-Off, Rose City Community Center: 62 participants
- North Heights Gymnastics: Total of 12 classes, 111 participants
- North Heights Swim Lessons: 36 participants

Staff/Volunteers

- Hired two full-time Program Leaders: Healthy Recreation and Arts and Culture
- Ten teens volunteered over 2,800 hours in the Junior SAPling Program.
- Youth Basketball had four volunteer coaches totaling over 60 hours.

PAVILION AND CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

ROSE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER: 168

NORTH HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER: 163

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER: 203

SHERMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER: 169



PAVILION AND CLUBHOUSE RENTALS: 1,412

MAIN COMMUNITY CENTER: 1,040

Recreation Maintenance

- Exterior cameras were installed at all Community Centers.
- Rose City Community Center: Added a new pavilion with a metal roof and new seating.
- Glenview Community Center: Remodeled the fitness room and installed new equipment.
- North Heights Community Center: Installed a new pool slide, remodeled the pool restrooms to comply with ADA, and installed a new acid pump and motor for the kiddie pool.
- Sherman Park Community Center: resurfaced tennis courts.
- Funland: Removed the old birthday pavilion.
- North Little Rock Community Center: Recorded 888 unique facility rentals, 6214 unique passes/memberships purchased, hosted two maximum capacity adult basketball leagues, and the emergency shelter was activated on two different occasions during the cold temperatures.



Park Maintenance

- Pump Track: Opened the bike park on January 13th, installed new ramps and bleachers later in the year.
- One Heart Playground: A water fountain was installed.
- Stone Links: A new Disc Golf Complex – four (4) disc golf courses for play were added as well as a new pavilion, new basketball court and new bathrooms. Hosted the first Professional Disc Golf Tournament.
- River House: A new central air unit was installed.
- Burns Park Golf Course: A new pavilion was added on Hole 8.
- Burns Park: New picnic tables and grills for pavilions were added.



- The Old Mill: Sewage grinder pumps were replaced and a new North Little Rock sign was installed
- Burns Park RV Park: New directional arrows were installed.
- Hosted the Second Annual Pulaski County.
- Soccer field rentals for practices/games/tournaments: 2048
- Youth baseball field rentals for practices/games/tournaments: 650
- Senior baseball field rentals for practices/games/tournaments: 255
- Installed new chain link fencing along the dugouts at DeJanis senior baseball fields.



New Arkansas Master Naturalists pavilion was added on the River Trail

GOLF



Surpassed green fee and cart revenue from the previous year each month.

Maintained Championship Course in excellent condition for the entire year.

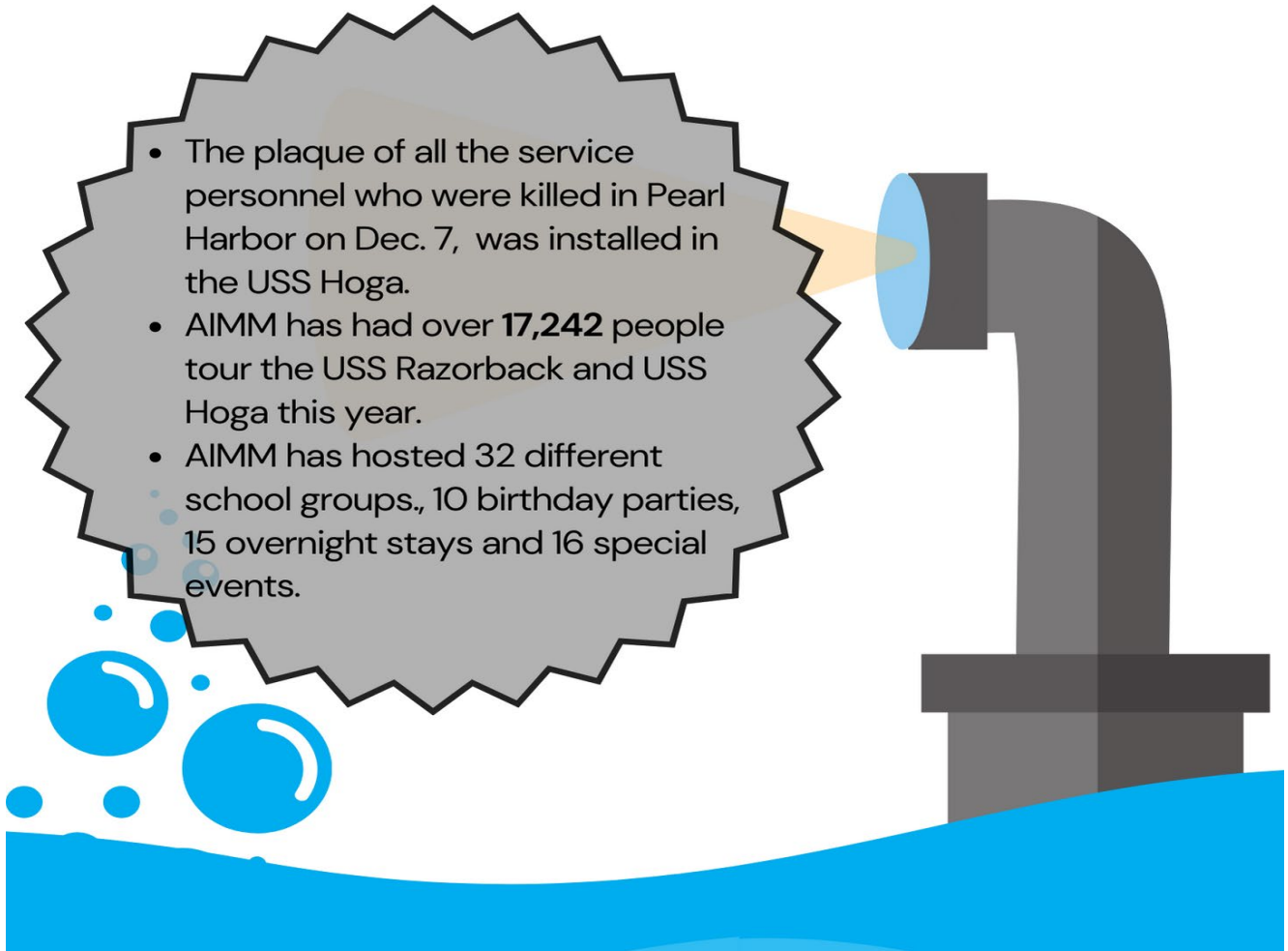
Improved the Tournament Course. Replaced all tee signage on Championship Course. Continued tree pruning. Purchased new equipment.

Upgraded 30 of our oldest golf carts with new gas carts.

Updated numerous Holes: new white fencing, new pergola with new concrete pad, new water fountain, replaced wooden bridge, new wood carvings from dead trees, replaced "Putter Boy" at the practice green, extended cart paths with gravel, and built new rock and mulch gardens.

ARKANSAS INLAND MARITIME MUSEUM

- The plaque of all the service personnel who were killed in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, was installed in the USS Hoga.
- AIMM has had over **17,242** people tour the USS Razorback and USS Hoga this year.
- AIMM has hosted 32 different school groups, 10 birthday parties, 15 overnight stays and 16 special events.



POLICE

- Captain Brian Dedrick represented the North Little Rock Police Department by saying a prayer at the **Arkansas Legislative Prayer Caucus**.

- Partnered with the **North Little Rock Rotary Club** for the *Like Me Reading* program. Officers, along with other volunteers read to kindergarten children within the North Little Rock School District.



- **Drug Take Back** events: netted 1,499 pounds of prescription medication.
- Officers successfully defended their grape-stomping championship title at the Arkansas Italian Food Festival in Little Rock.
- Attended **National Day of Prayer** events with Mayor Hartwick.
- Honored those who have fallen in the line of duty with the **Fallen Officers Memorial**.
- Park Hill Baptist Church provided an appreciation luncheon for officers.
- Hosted the **Boots and Badges Blood Drive**.
- NLRPD Supervisors Association showed appreciation to our dispatchers by providing meals to all three shifts.
- Participated in the **Arkansas Special Olympics** Tip-A-Cop fundraiser.
- Officers greeted students on the first day of school in the North Little Rock School District.
- The city along with Officer Jhailan Rathey hosted a **Winter Gear Collection** for the Unsheltered Community.
- School Resource Officers celebrated **National Pizza Day** by taking pizza to the North Little Rock High School Criminal Justice Class
- Attended 9/11 Appreciation Breakfast at Rockwater Village and a Luncheon sponsored by First Assembly of God in North Little Rock.
- The PAL Titans baseball team played the PAL New Life team for the first official game under the newly installed lights on the PAL's Legion Baseball Field. Chief Patrick Thessing and Mayor Terry Hartwick threw out the first pitches to officially start the festivities. CustomXM of North Little Rock and



Gwatney Buick GMC donated amazing new uniforms for the PAL baseball teams.

- Back the Badges BBQ Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Austin, Texas. Their mission is to make sure the first responder community is appreciated. They grilled all night and fed first responders some amazing Texas BBQ with all the

fixings from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. NLRPD, AR State Police, MEMS, NLRFD, LRPD, Sherwood PD, LR & NLR Communications all took part in this event supporting our First Responders Community, thanks to Back the Badges BBQ Foundation.

- **Justice Center Thanksgiving feast:** NLRPD Fraternal Order of Police and the NLRPD Supervisors Association.
- Participated in the **Season of Giving.**
- The NLRPD Fraternal Order of Police (Lodge 5), and the Supervisors Association contract committee gathered with Mayor Terry Hartwick, Chief Patrick Thessing, and members of the North Little Rock City Council to sign a two-year **Statement of Agreement.**

Faith and Blue Activities:



- Blood Drive**
First Baptist Church,
- Movie in the Plaza**
First Assembly of God,
- Child Safety Seat Installation**
Park Hill Baptist Church,
- Community Forum**
Full Counsel Metro Church

Awards/Recognitions/Achievements:

- Officer Kuadrika Hendrix was awarded a **Purple Heart**.
- Officer Jesse Gossage was awarded the **Medal of Valor**.
- Two Officers graduated from Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.
- Chief Thessing, Capitan Francisco, and Lieutenant Gravett graduated from the Arkansas Leader Course sponsored by the Criminal Justice Institute and the FBI.
- Chief Thessing received the 2021 Chairman's Choice Award for the department's participation in the 2021 North Little Rock Christmas Parade. The award was then presented to the SWAT Team for the decoration of the Bearcat.
- Sergeant Chauncey Sims was recognized for providing safety presentations to the North Little Rock School District's leaders.
- K-9 Rakkie was awarded a **Purple Heart**.
- Victims Advocate Edna Ramirez recognized by the FBI.
- Lieutenant Craig Edwards was awarded the Leadership Award.
- Captain Brian Dedrick graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Swearings-in:

New Officers: Jason Kissack, Alyssa Peters, Danielle Donley, Irving Jackson, Paul Cross, and Kendall Tweedy. Pre-certified Officers: Shana Cobbs, John Fitzhugh, Mitchell Zimmerman, Brett Avigliano, Logan Loftis, Dominic Hooper, Steven Singleton, Karen Alaniz and Charles Lewis. Bailiffs: Bailiff David Pettit and Bailiff Tom Latina



Promotions:

Officer 1st Class Robert Cupps - promoted to Sergeant;
Lieutenant Mark Tubbs - promoted to Captain;
Sergeant Matt Anderson - promoted to Lieutenant;
Officer Wade Tollett -

promoted to Sergeant; Officer John Temple - promoted to Sergeant; Officer Jhailan Rathey - promoted to Sergeant and **Lieutenant Ron Messer - promoted to Captain, pictured above.** **Retirements:** Captain Jay Kovach - 35 years of service; Officer Julie Eckert - 25 years of service; Officer First Class Jon Schwulst - 22 years of service; and Captain Kim Francisco - 28 years of service. **Deaths:** Officer Larry Mickel passed away in April after a long battle with Cancer.

TRAFFIC Services

Sign Shop

Service Request Completed: 212
Signs Repaired or Replaced: 2,209

Other

- City Vehicles Marked: 65
- Raised Pavement Markers Installed: 3,390
- Reviewed and Approved Barricade Permits: 1,520

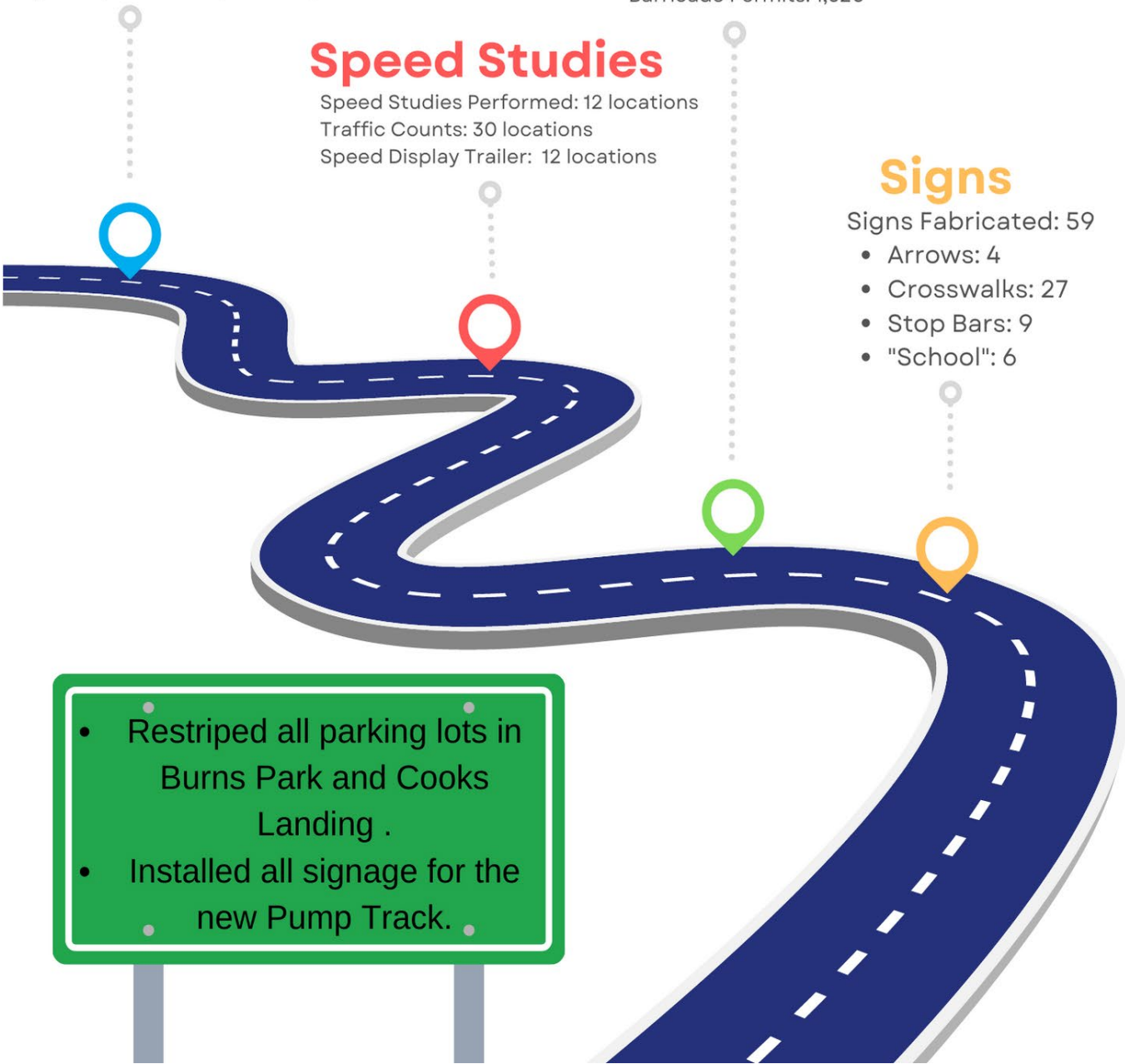
Speed Studies

Speed Studies Performed: 12 locations
Traffic Counts: 30 locations
Speed Display Trailer: 12 locations

Signs

Signs Fabricated: 59

- Arrows: 4
- Crosswalks: 27
- Stop Bars: 9
- "School": 6

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- Restriped all parking lots in Burns Park and Cooks Landing .
 - Installed all signage for the new Pump Track. .

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Large planters, hanging baskets and flowers were placed in Mid City on Main Street. A 14-foot Christmas tree and 10 Christmas decorative lights were purchased for the light poles in Mid City on Main Street and displayed during the holiday season. The Mid City community met to take ownership of their neighborhood and become an official neighborhood association. Our DEI Alliance office has become a role model for advice and mentoring in this area.



PATRICK HENRY HAYS SENIOR CENTER

- The Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center has remained fully open and reinstated 95% of all classes and connections with volunteer leadership.
- Assisted members with health needs, furniture, and new living arrangements including working with Baptist Health and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to supply wellness clinics to Hays Center members.
- Worked with Officer Jhailan Rathey and the City's Unsheltered Community during the Unsheltered Fair and sponsored two children during Moments of Joy held during December.
- Continued to work with Anna Sawyer and the Community Garden Project as the Hays Center provided 139 pounds of fresh vegetables to Hays Center members.
- New air conditioning controls have been ordered. Designs for the front entrance including new security features have been presented to city leadership. Gym equipment received updates to software, repair of equipment seats, mechanics, and cleaning. Pools received software updates, new cleaning products, heater repairs, swimming noodles and weights, and new ladders for access.
- Started trips with bean bag baseball, chair volleyball, and day trips around the state. Forty-two members went to Mackinac Island in May.