



Housing & Neighborhood Programs

Keeping Our City Beautiful Neighborhood by Neighborhood

A Newsletter of the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs

January 2019

A Message from the Director

On behalf of the Department of Housing & Neighborhood Programs (HNP), Happy New Year! We look forward to an exciting and productive year in 2019. The various functions and responsibilities of HNP are challenging; however, our staff stands ready to continue serving the citizens with great enthusiasm and vigor. The responsibilities of the department are quite expansive and contribute greatly to the quality of life in our various neighborhoods. During the past year, the department was involved in several activities and experienced many accomplishments. In the following paragraphs, I will highlight a few activities/accomplishments from 2018:

- Over 7,000 residents were provided healthcare services through the City’s CDBG program with St. Vincent
- Over 7,600 meals were served through Meals on Wheels Program funded through our Community Development Division
- Over 2,900 pets were rescued or adopted through services at the Animal Village
- 4,884 3-1-1 requests were addressed by Animal Services
- 34,597 3-1-1 Service Requests were handled by code enforcement staff
- 3,528 weed lots were cut by HNP staff
- 129 properties were boarded and secured
- Over 3,600 people attended city-sponsored National Night National Night Out events
- Our Community Service Coordinator supervised individuals that completed over 10,000 hours of community service work throughout the City

“The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor.” Humbert H. Humphrey



Resource Centers Partnership

Goodwill Industries of Arkansas will be conducting various trainings throughout the city. Several of the neighborhood resource centers and community centers have been identified as locations for persons to visit to receive various trainings such as resume writing, job readiness, dress for success, record sealing clinic and much more. Jennifer Francomano, Career Services Manager and Housing and Neighborhood Programs staff look forward to a lasting and very productive partnership.

Neighborhood Connection Meeting

Southwest Community Center
Saturday, January 26, 2019
8:00 a.m.10:00 a.m.
6401 Baseline Rd.

“Continental breakfast will be served”

Great American Citywide Clean-up

The 10th Annual Citywide Cleanup
March 9, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Kick off will be at Southwest Community Center





“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

Dr. Martin Luther King,

AMERICORPS MLK DAY OF SERVICE



The City of Little Rock AmeriCorps Urban Safety and Environmental Program members, along with Boys and Girls Club of Central Arkansas AmeriCorps members, are planning a project day at Whetstone Boys and Girls Club in honor of Martin Luther King, Junior National Service Day. The hope is to bring together AmeriCorps and interested community members together to be a part of a service project to honor our commitment to national service and each other in the community.

The project will be painting the interior walls of the foyer and north hallway. The hope is to be able to repaint the interior a more suitable color for a children's center. The project is a fairly sizeable undertaking and may span most of the day (9 AM-3 PM). There are also opportunities to help before the project with preparing the Club for the painting if you cannot attend the service day.

For more information please contact Matthew Higgins at (501) 379-1552 or (501) 607-8618.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION QUARTERLY MEETING

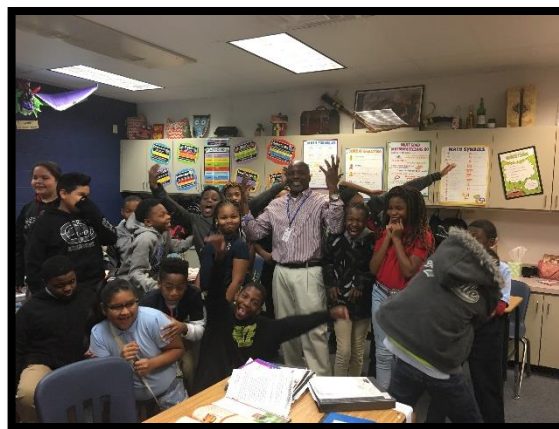
LRPD Southwest Division Quarterly Neighborhood meeting was led by Captain Max Spriggs, Division Commander. The purpose of the meeting was to provide statistics and respond to comments and questions from residents. Although, Southwest was higher in Burglary/B&E., citywide, overall the Division had the lowest crime rate at 28.53% for the last three months. Captain Spriggs informed the crowd that some of the vehicles that were broken into were unlocked. The captain asked residents to remove valuables and lock their doors. Also, he asked residents not to leave vehicles running unattended.



The southwest Little Rock area has a population of 50,079 and covers 40.2 square miles.

National Reading Day

Resource Specialist Larry Johnson had an awesome time participating in the VIPs Reading Day at Bale Elementary School. Mr. Johnson read books to 5th grade classes during the day. The students have requested Larry to return to read to them on a regular basis. Larry is scheduled to meet with the school librarian to discuss becoming a weekly reader/mentor.



West Central Resource Specialist, Ruby Dean, read to first graders at Romine Elementary on National Reading Day in Public Schools.



LRPD Quarterly Meetings

Neighborhood Associations are encouraged to attend

Southwest Police Patrol Meeting
 Thursday, January 31, 2019 @ 6:00p.m.
 Southwest Patrol Division
 6401 Baseline Rd., Suite 2
 Little Rock, AR

CVSS and Billy Mitchell Club Love your Block Project

Kathleen Countryman, Capitol View-Stiff Station Resource Specialist, participated in the CVSS Love Your Block Grant project at the Billy Mitchell Boys & Girls Club. The project consisted of constructing a new covered bench at the bus stop in front of the building. Club kids assisted with painting and planting of flower bulbs. Many neighborhood residents worked diligently at getting the bench built.



The Oak Forest Community Welcomes the OK Program

The Oak Forest community is the new home to the OK Program. Resource Specialist Larry Johnson helped welcome the young male mentoring group on Saturday January 12, 2019, to the new location at 2100 S. Tyler. The larger facility is equipped with a kitchen area, large meeting rooms, game room and much more.



Code Enforcement Officers compete against Senior Citizens in Beanbag Baseball



Partnering with the West Central Seniors Citizens. (Community Service Project)

West Central Code Enforcement Officers and Company competed in a friendly game of baseball beanbag against the West Central Badgers.

As one of their community service projects, the West Central code officers annually compete against the senior citizens in beanbag baseball. The game was intense as the code officers were determined to win the game after a disappointing loss last year.

The game ended with the following score:

West Central Badgers: **13** West Central Code Officers: **12**

Another Wonderful Year for Little Rock Animal Services

The year 2018 ended with a bang for the animals of the Animal Village. In December, a total of 179 dogs and cats, plus one rabbit were adopted. In addition, 83 dogs and cats were reclaimed by their owners or sent to rescue organizations. In total, 3,103 animals found new homes or were reunited with their owners. This is slightly below last year's total, but with 100 fewer animals entering the shelter, it resulted in a higher percentage of animals finding homes.

Friends of the Animal Village have continued to fundraise and sponsor adoption events, heartworm treatments, and full vetting services for all animals being transported or going to rescue organizations. In total, the organization has donated over \$100,000 in 2018 to care for the animals.

The continued success of the Animal Village is dependent upon volunteers helping to care for stray and unwanted animals of our city.



NUSA 2019 Banquet

Plans are on the way for the 2019 Association Appreciation Banquet. This year's Banquet will be held at Centre @ University located at 6401 W. 12th Street on March 22, 2019, at 6:00p.m.



Public Meetings

Community Development Division Staff will be hosting Public Meetings in March 2019 in preparation for the 2019 Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan. The plan will outline funding and activities to be accomplished through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act, (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. The purpose of the meetings is to receive comments on community development and housing needs, development of proposed activities, review program performance, inform the public of the 2019 planning process, and to increase citizen involvement. The meeting locations and dates are listed below:

<u>LOCATION(S)</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Willie Hinton NRC	3805 West 12th	3/4/19	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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Southwest Community Center	6401 Baseline Rd.	3/14/19	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wright Avenue NRC	1813 Wright Avenue	3/25/19	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
West Central Community Center	4521 John Barrow Rd	3/28/19	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Homes For Sale



FOR SALE

3502 Cobb Street – 3 BRs, 2 Baths, 2 Car Garage, For Sale - \$128,500.



FOR SALE

1308 S. Jones Street – 3 BRs, 2 Baths, 2 Car Garage, For Sale - \$128,500.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Kevin Howard, Community Development Manager, has been elected as the National Community Development Association Region VI Legislative Chair for 2019. He will be representing Region VI at the 2019 Winter Legislative Conference in Washington, DC January 23-25, 2019. Kevin will be responsible for putting together the 2019 Impact Booklet for our Congressional leaders to review past Community Development Projects funded with CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds.



- Eliminate Drafts Around Electrical Boxes
- Turn Down the Furnace
- Seal Air Leaks in Ductwork
- Use natural light to heat your home
- Switch to LED light bulbs
- Change Furnace Filters
- Turn Down Your Water Heater
- Use Caulking and Weather-stripping
- Only use exhaust fans when necessary
- Invest in Insulation
- Get a humidifier to add moisture to the air
- Keep furnace clean and unblocked
- Only heat rooms in use and close doors to rooms not in use

