EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK

Monday, April 17 – Breakfast at City Hall beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 18 – Breakfast at J. E. Davis beginning at 7:30 am

Tuesday, April 18 – The Great Race; City Hall Rotunda at 2:00 pm

Wednesday, April 19 – Breakfast at the Zoo beginning at 8:00 am

Wednesday, April 19 – Employee Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, April 20 – D’Feud Trivia Contest; City Hall Rotunda at 2:00 pm

Thursday, April 20 – Treats for Zoo and War Memorial Park employees

Friday, April 21 – City Hall Olympics beginning at 11:00 am

Friday, April 21 – BBQ Lunch beginning at 12:30 pm

Friday, April 21 – TGIF for SW Little Rock employees beginning at 3:30 pm

Saturday, April 22 – Employee Picnic at Allsopp Park; 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

City Manager Bruce T. Moore
Invites you to a reception honoring the nominees for the
2006 Mahlon A. Martin Employee of the Year Award

Tuesday, April 18, 2006
4:30 in the afternoon

The Rotunda of Little Rock City Hall
500 West Markham

Departmental Finalists

Douglas Coffman, Fire
Starla Ellison, City Manager’s Office
Jason Elmore, Information Technology
Steven Green, District Court – Traffic
Richard Hawkins, Parks and Recreation
John Honea, Public Works
Ellen Hughes, Human Resources
Terry Hughes, City Attorney’s Office
Eleanor Louis, Community Programs

Marvin Marks, Fleet
Norma Myers, Housing & Neighborhood Programs
Roy Osborn, Planning and Development
Ann Rademacher, Zoo
Lareeta Robinson, Parks and Recreation
Greg Smith, Police
Richard Walker, Fleet
Clay Waters, Finance
MAYOR DAILEY ANNOUNCES NEW DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

Flanked by members of Little Rock’s Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission (RCDC) and area educators, Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey announced the creation of Diversity Councils in area high schools. This program was made possible by a $35,000 grant from the Arkansas Department of Education. The Department’s director, Dr. Ken James was also present at the announcement.

“Since 1994, Little Rock’s Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission has been creating programs to increase our awareness of—and appreciation for—other backgrounds, cultures, and races,” said Mayor Dailey. “The creation of Diversity Councils is the next step in their efforts,” he continued.

Diversity Councils will be established at public, private, and parochial high schools in Central Arkansas to sponsor programs and activities to promote diversity, tolerance, and appreciation of different cultures. Student representatives from each participating school will be selected to serve on a Youth Advisory Council to work with the RCDC’s Education Committee.

Currently six schools are participating in the effort: Little Rock Central, Mount St. Mary’s Academy, Pulaski Academy, Mills, North Little Rock, and North Pulaski. Five more high schools are interested in participating, according to Carlette Henderson, RCDC executive director.

“Since 2004, the RCDC has sponsored the ‘Keeping It Real’ youth summit, which brings high school students from Central Arkansas public and private schools together for a day of inspiration, fellowship, and unity,” said Henderson. “Each year, this event empowers students to realize that they really can change the course of our City, State, Nation, and World for the better. But “Keeping It Real” is only for one day. We know that there are 364 other days in which we still need to equip youth. The Diversity Councils are the tools for this to happen.”
SCENES FROM THE LITTLE ROCK MARATHON

Lining up for the start of the race.

John Hones of Public Works drove the Pace Car.

The MEMS color guard presented the colors for the race.

Running along Kavanaugh on mile 15.

Vice Mayor Barbara Graves sounds the horn to start the Marathon.

Spectators gather in downtown to cheer on the runners.
TOLEFREE NAMED NEW LR PARKS DIRECTOR

Former Assistant Director Returns to Little Rock from Atlanta

Proving the old adage wrong, Truman Tolefree comes home to Little Rock to become the Director of Little Rock Parks and Recreation effective April 17, 2006. Tolefree returns to lead the department where he worked from 1976 to 1995. From 1991 to 1995, he served as Assistant Director of Little Rock Parks and Recreation. He left Little Rock to become Deputy Director of the Bureau of Recreation for Atlanta’s Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs. In 2000, he was named Director of the Bureau of Recreation.

“I have known Truman for several years,” stated City Manager Bruce Moore in making the announcement. “He was here when I first started with the City, and I look forward to working with him again. Truman offers a unique set of leadership qualities. He knows Little Rock: the people and the parks. But because of his decade in Atlanta, he has also has the fresh perspective of an outsider.”

“Truman is well-known for his commitment to customer service,” stated Mayor Jim Dailey. “I know that he will continue to emphasize working with the citizens as he leads the City’s dynamic Parks and Recreation Department.”

Tolefree has a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He also has taken additional coursework at North Carolina State University and UALR. He is a graduate of Leadership Greater Little Rock, and a member of the National Recreation and Parks Association, and the United States Tennis Association.

Tolefree succeeds Bryan Day who was named Assistant City Manager in 2005. He will lead a department with 50 parks, seven community centers, the Adult Leisure Center, War Memorial Fitness Center, four swimming pools, two tennis centers, the River Market, the Riverfest Amphitheatre, the Little Rock Marathon, the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, three golf courses, plus a catering service.

LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT 2ND QUARTER NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

W.W. Williams Northwest Patrol Division
Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
NW Substation, 10001 Kanis Rd.

Southwest Patrol Division
Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
SW Substation, 6401 Baseline Rd.

Downtown Patrol Division Meeting
Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
Willie L. Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center, 3805 W. 12th Street

If you have questions, call Doris Scales, 379-1526
CALL OF THE WILD EVENT CELEBRATES ZOO'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

The Little Rock Zoo celebrated its 80th birthday Saturday, April 1, with NFL Jacksonville Jaguar and former Arkansas Razorback Matt Jones. The Verizon Wireless Call of the Wild featured a parade, free face painting for kids, birthday cake and Yarnell’s ice cream, costumed animal characters, free giveaways, and “Creature Feature” educational live animal demonstrations.

Jones, who was drafted ninth overall in the 2004 NFL draft after spending four years with the Razorbacks, was available for photos and autographs in front of the Zoo’s Jaguar exhibit.

Verizon Wireless South Area President and Little Rock native Jack Plating presented a donation on behalf of Verizon Wireless to the Little Rock Zoo Conservation Fund, in addition to a special gift presentation to the Zoo’s Big Cats.

“Verizon Wireless is proud to be a strong community partner of the Little Rock Zoo,” Plating said. “The Zoo is one of the treasures of Arkansas and we are committed to helping enrich the lives of our customers and their communities.”

Celebrating its 80th birthday this year, the Little Rock Zoo began with just two animals, a trained circus bear and an abandoned timber wolf in 1926. Today, it is the second most-visited attraction in Arkansas, drawing more than 350,000 people annually.
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**Employee of the Year Reception – 4:30**
**City Board Meeting – 6PM**
**Movies in the Park-sundown**
**LRPD 2nd Quarter meeting**
**NW Patrol – 6:30pm**
**Employee Picnic-10:30-2:30**
**Zoovies – 7pm**

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**Farmer’s Market Opens**
**City Board Agenda Meeting – 4PM**
**Farmer’s Market**
**Neighborhood Connections**
**Zoovies– 7pm**

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**City Board Meeting – 6PM**
**Movies in the Park-sundown**
**Farmer’s Market**
**Zoovies– 7pm**

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**Farmer’s Market**
**Zoovies– 7pm**

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Human Resources Director, Don Flegal
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Parks & Recreation Interim Director, Mark Webre
Planning & Development Director, Tony Bozynski
Police Chief, Stuart Thomas
Public Works Director, Steve Haralson
Zoo Director, Mike Blakely

District Court 1 (Criminal), Judge Lee Munson
District Court 2 (Traffic), Judge Vic Fleming
District Court 3 (Environmental), Judge David Stewart