Housing & Neighborhood Programs

Keeping Our City Beautiful Neighborhood by Neighborhood

A Newsletter of the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs **July 2019**

A Message from the Director

A poem to welcome new neighbors to the Neighborhood

We receive you with open arms
And much respect bestowed
We pray you'll love the subtle charms
Of your newfound abode
We're certain, once you're settled well
We will finally meet
We'll have so many stories to tell
Once your move is complete.

Welcome to our neighborhood
We're glad you've come to stay
We're sure the chances are quite good
We'll pass along the way
If you should ever have a need
Please know that we are near
Our neighbors are our friends, indeed
And we're glad you are here.

We receive you with open arms
And much respect bestowed
We pray you'll love the subtle charms
Of your newfound abode
We're certain, once you're settled well
We will finally meet
We'll have so many stories to tell
Once your move is complete.

Welcome to our neighborhood
We wish you all the best
We're sure the chances are quite good
That we will both be blessed
Our hearts are like an opened door
Through which, friendship shall roam
The best of times are still in store
Greetings, you're now at home.

Jill Eisnaugle

2019 Conference held in Palm Springs, California

This year's 44th annual NUSA (Neighborhoods, USA) Conference was hosted in Palm Springs, California. Attendees from Little Rock included city board members, City of Little Rock staff, and community members. Residents raised the necessary funds throughout the year to attend the annual conference that was held May 15-18, 2019. Neighborhoods throughout the United States came together to share vital information regarding services, projects, events, ideas, etc., to better our communities. The conference included participants from Japan and the Bahamas who shared similar issues concerning the elderly and younger populations. Workshops covered various topics relating to sustainability, diversity, fundraising, community preparedness and technology. Little Rock will serve as the host city for the 2020 NUSA Conference, which will mark the third time that Little Rock has been the host city.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

World Changers 2019 Event

The Department of Housing & Neighborhood Programs Community Development Division completed 16 homes using Community Development Block Grant funds to do minor repairs and painting of elderly citizens during the week of June 10-14, 2019 in partnership with World Changers and Community Churches. A press conference was held on Tuesday June 11, 2019, at Carl Hines home at 1508 E. 38th Street with attendance from Mayor Frank Scott Jr., City Manager Bruce T. Moore, City Director Joan Adcock, citizens, World Changers staff and several City of Little Rock staff. This year marked a 16-year partnership between the City of Little Rock and World Changers (a faith-based organization).

City of Little Rock

Down Payment Assistance Program

Community Development Division
Telephone: 501-371-6825

www.littlerock.gov

Notice to First-time home buyers:
Please have your lender call to find out how you can get to up to $5,000 in DPA!

Community Development Division Homes For Sale

4709 Charles Bussey Blvd – 3 BRs, 2 Baths, 2 Car Garage, For Sale - $135,000.

4711 Charles Bussey Blvd – 3 BRs, 2 Baths, 2 Car Garage, For Sale - $135,000.

WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER LAUNCHES
"Little Free Library"

Heart of Arkansas United Way and the West Central Community Center opened a new Little Free Library on Monday, June 3, 2019. The new Little Free Library was installed at the West Central Community Center in partnership with US Bank and Caterpillar who offered volunteer support for the library's installation. The Central Arkansas Library System provided the first books for the library. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department installed two benches in an effort to make the reading more enjoyable.

Little Free Libraries are the world's largest book-sharing movement and provides free space for individuals to take a book or share a book with their community. The community, staff, and 21st Century students shared in the festivities, which included a welcome from Director Doris Wright, along with the launching of Mayor Frank Scott, Jr.'s "Frankly Reading Summer Program"

Free Little Library (WCCC)

Mayor Frank Scott, Jr. & Director Wright

Resource Specialist reading on break

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

TEAM UP WITH CATCH!

The Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless (C.A.T.C.H.) is a consortium of member organizations and individuals addressing the issue of homelessness in the Central Arkansas area comprised of Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski and Saline Counties. This designated area is also referred to as the Central Arkansas Continuum of Care (CoC) community strategic planning process. This initiative includes a broad base of stakeholders who meet regularly to plan for various service needs and to ensure U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements are being met.

These activities are in preparation for the annual Homeless Assistance application process referred to as the Super NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability). CoC members apply for awards to provide an array of services that include outreach, supportive services, transitional housing and permanent housing projects. The CoC partners with numerous agencies in carrying out its mission of providing a community-based system for empowering the homeless and those at risk of homelessness to access housing and services that meet their needs. Currently, the funded providers include Better Community Development, Little Rock Community Mental Health Center, Our House, and Pulaski County Housing.

For additional information please visit our website www.catcharkansas.org

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!! BACKYARD CONVERSATION HELD ON JUNE 15TH AT MOTHER ANNIE ABRAMS MUSEUM 1925 WOLFE STREET

TOP: Opening remarks and introduction by Mother Annie Abrams

Presentation of Proclamation to Mother Annie Abrams by the Honorable Frank Scott Jr.

TOP: Rev Wheeler Parker, Mayor Frank Scott Jr., MLK Commission
Mr. DuShun Scarbrough

Rev. Wheeler Parker sharing with crowd events leading up to the kidnapping of his cousin Emmett Till

SAVE THE DATES!!!!!!!!!!

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

Quarterly Neighborhood Connection Meeting
When: July 27th
Where: Willie Hinton NRC - 3805 W. 12th St.

LRPD Quarterly Meetings

July 25, 2019	Southwest Quarterly Meeting 6401 Baseline Rd.	6:00 pm
October 10, 2019	12th Street Quarterly Meeting 3917 12th St.	6:00 pm
October 17, 2019	Northwest Quarterly Meeting 10001 Kanis Rd.	6:00 pm
October 24, 2019	Southwest Quarterly Meeting 6401 Baseline Rd.	6:00 pm

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019
POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

October 1, 2019

"Don't forget to leave your porch lights on"

LITTLE ROCK ANIMAL VILLAGE

Another Wonderful Addition is Coming to the Animal Village

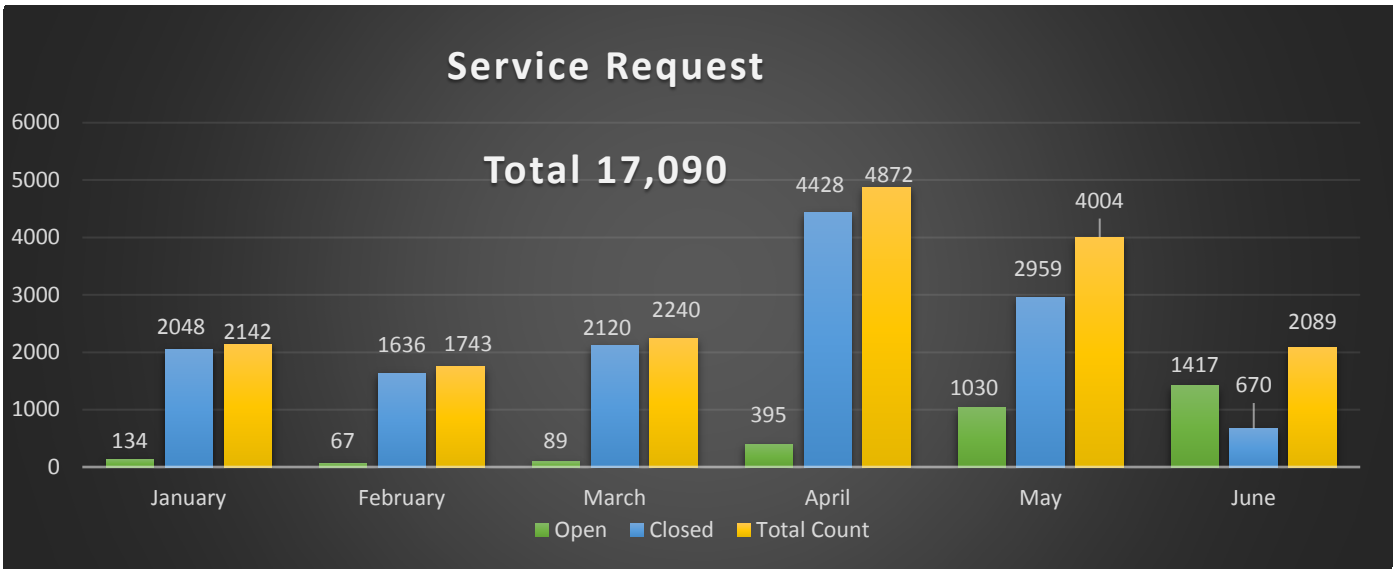
Construction has started and will be completed by September for a new "Quarantine Area" for dogs. This area will house up to 20 kennels and allow staff to separate animals going on transports from the other dog population at the shelter. By having this additional space it will extend of dog runs by twenty allowing the facility to hold more animals.

The new quarantine area totally constructed and paid for by donations is just one of the improvements to the Animal Village. The Veterinary Clinic, Education Room, full facility generator and the Communal Cat Area are other improvements paid for with donations given to the Animal Village. The Department continues to look at ways to improve the facility and exhibits pride in knowing the facility is setting an example to other municipal shelters on animal housing and issues related to Animal Control.

We are thankful to Friends of the Animal Village for their work in helping raise the funding for all the improvements.

Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division actively works in neighborhoods to provide resources and information to our citizens to help improve the overall quality of life. The Code Enforcement staff has held several *CodeStat* meetings to provide information to the citizens about the concerns in their respective ward or code district. The purpose of the ***CodeStat*** meetings is to provide you as neighborhood leaders an update of the current 311 code enforcement service requests. The meetings also afford residents an opportunity to present any specific concerns to city staff. The following chart highlights statistics regarding the total number of service request from January 1st through June 14th for the Code Enforcement Division.



Out of 17,090 service requests for the Code Enforcement department, 14,075 requests were entered by a code officer year to date. In addition, code officers have entered 3,133 Bulky item pick-ups that the solid waste department handles as part of their regular operations.

Little Rock Land Bank Commission

Mission Statement

The mission of the Little Rock Land Bank Commission is to reverse blight, increase home ownership, stabilize property values, provide affordable housing, improve the health and safety of neighborhoods within the City of Little Rock, and maintain the architectural fabric of the community through the study, acquisition, and disposition of vacant, abandoned, tax delinquent, and City lien property while collaborating with citizens, neighborhoods, developers, nonprofit organizations and other governmental agencies.

Featured Property

7909 MANN ROAD

Commercial Property- 6 units

Lot size 16,240 +/-

Building size 2,628 +/-

Contact: Redevelopment Administrator @ 501-371-4848

Little Rock

WELCOMES

NUSA
Neighborhoods, USA
Building Stronger Communities

MAY 2020

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ALL POSITIONS

PLEASE CONTACT: Carrie Young – 501-766-3317

NEIGHBORHOODS

The fabric of our communities