



Housing & Neighborhood Programs

Keeping Our City Beautiful Neighborhood by Neighborhood

A Newsletter of the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs

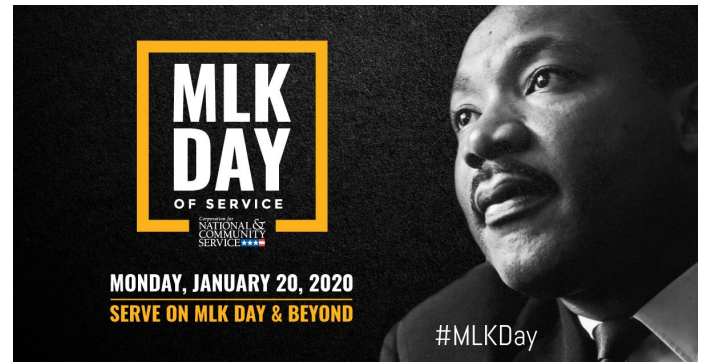
January 2020

A Message from the Director

On behalf of the Department of Housing & Neighborhood Programs (HNP), Happy New Year! Our goals and expectations for 2020 will enable us to have an effective and productive year. Although we have many challenges ahead, our staff is excited and ready to serve the citizens of Little Rock with common courtesy and a great attitude. It is our mission in the Housing and Neighborhood Programs Department to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Little Rock by encouraging quality, affordable development and redevelopment while working closely with neighborhood organizations to identify resources needed to strengthen and make improvements in their areas; and to protect the health and safety of the citizenry through the efficient implementation and enforcement of environmental and animal services.

“What is Courtesy? Courtesy is when we act with consideration for others – not pushing in a line, but letting someone else go first; thanking someone for what they have done for us; requesting something politely. Courtesy is important because it enables people to interact with each other so that each person and their actions are valued, acknowledged and respected. Courtesy improves the quality of our lives by eliminating much needless stress and friction – it makes life more enjoyable. (Please & Thanks)”

Kevin D. Howard
Interim Director



JOIN US

COMMUNITY DAY of SERVICE

Life and vision of

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

JANUARY 20, 2020

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Location: West Central Community Center
4521 JOHN BARROW ROAD

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72204

We will pick up trash and debris from the following areas: Kanis Road from Barrow to Rodney Parham; 36th street from Colonel Glenn to John Barrow; and surrounding areas.

After the cleanup please join us for Hamburgers & Hotdogs. The gym will also be open for the youth to participate in basketball.

Sponsored by

West Central Community Center

Little Rock Animal Village

Little Rock Animal Services is proud to announce 2019 is the third year in a row we have saved over 3,000 animals. What does the impact of this do to help our neighborhoods? That is over 9,000 dogs and cats in the last three years not reproducing. The number of animals coming into the Animal Village has decreased by over 25% in the last 10 years. Our plan has always been to make pets easy to adopt, knowing they would be spayed/neutered, and help us to reduce the number of unwanted litters.

2019 also saw us start a new program to microchip all animals adopted from the Animal Village. This is all paid for with donations and will alert us to any owned stray that originally come from the Village. A simple call and the owner can come and pick up their pet instead of animal waiting and not knowing if their owner will be coming.

Last year was the opening of the "Transport Quarantine Area" so we could hold the animals going to rescue away from those just coming in. This is to insure the health of the animals in our custody and ready for a ride to a new home. Last year was another wonderful year here at the Animal Village, we plan for 2020 to be our best year yet!



Community Development Division

Community Development Houses 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.

1519 E. Twin Lakes Drive – 3 BRs, 1 ½ Baths, 1 Car Carport, For Sale - \$123,000.

9712 Kensington Drive – 3 BRs, 2 Baths, 2 Car Garage, For Sale – 137,500.

Did you know nine (9) out of ten (10) millennial renters want to purchase a home, but only 4.9% believe they will be able to do so in the next year. Many young adults cite home affordability issues as a key deterrent. In some cities, however, millennials are bucking this trend with higher rates of homeownership.

In its fifth annual study, SmartAsset.com uncovered where millennials are buying homes by analyzing millennial homeownership rates and the 10-year change in under-35 homeownership in 200 of the largest cities. Little Rock cracks the top 50 cities on our list, which are displayed in the data table at the end of our report.

The full report, including the methodology and key findings, can be found here:

<https://smartasset.com/mortgage/where-are-millennials-buying-homes-2020>.

Information provided by “Smart Asset”



City of Little Rock Down Payment Assistance Program

Community Development Division

Telephone: 501-371-6825

www.littlerock.gov

First time home buyers have your lender call to find out how you can get approved to up to \$5,000 in DPA!

Community Development Divison Congratulations!

Kevin Howard, Community Development Manager from the City of Little Rock was voted in as Chairman of the National Community Development Association Region VI Board, Southwest (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) for 2020, this morning (November 1st, 2019).

Congratulations to him as he provided excellent training this week during the Regional Conference October 30th–November 1st 2019 on HOME Best Practices and Rehab Best Practices. Keep up the great work!



Great presentation Kevin Howard!

Landbank Divison

**Redevelopment Administrator (Ruby Dean) receives
certificate for completing 16 Sessions of the
Leadership Training Program held on
December 18, 2019**



Landbank Divison

The Land Bank Division Successfully Disposed of 19 Lots and 1 Structure in 2019

- 2806 W. 13TH
- 3420 W. 15TH
- 6200 MABELVALE CUTOFF
- 1415 VALMAR
- 3519 W. 11TH
- 3620 MARYLAND
- 1011 S. WOODROW
- 1021 S. WOODROW
- 2818 W. 11TH
- 3415 & 3419 W. 14TH
- 2101 S. VALENTINE (STRUCTURE)
- 1705, 1709, 1719, 1919, 1805, 1921, & 1923 S. Cedar Streets

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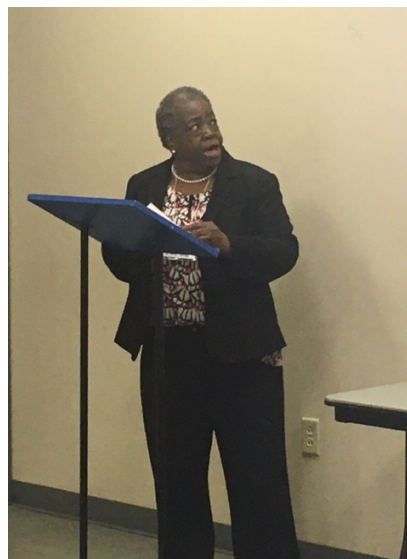
LANDBANK'S FEATURED PROPERTY

2301 S. MARTIN

PURCHASE PRICE: \$20,000.00



Resource Specialist Divison



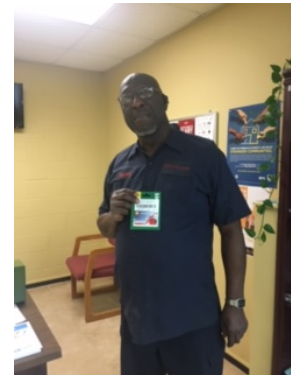
West Central AARP's Age-Friendly Communities network

AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, senior citizen advocacy group met on November 21st with the West Central /John Barrow community resident to begin discussion that focused on evaluating the quality and accessibility of services for residents age 55 and older throughout the city. It's comprised of one member from each of the city's seven wards and eight at-large members.

Little Rock Police Bi-annual Patrol Division Meetings

Street Station 3999 West 12th March 12th 6:00 pm Northwest Substation 10001 Kanis Rd March 19th 6:00 pm Southwest Substation 6401 Baseline Rd. March 26th 6:00 pm	12th Street Station 3999 West 12th October 8th 6:00 pm Northwest Substation 10001 Kanis Rd October 15th 6:00 pm Southwest Substation 6401 Baseline Rd. October 22nd 6:00 pm
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NUSA 2019 Fundraiser Raffle Drawing Recipients



Great American Citywide Clean-up

The 11th Annual Citywide Cleanup
March 14, 2020

We would like to also encourage you to get involved in the Adopt-A-Street Program, a partnership between KLRB and LR Public Works. Learn more about the AAS Program on our website <http://www.keeplittlerockbeautiful.com/get-involved/litter-prevention/adopt-a-street/>

Neighborhood Connections Meeting

Willie Hinton Resource Center
Saturday, January 25, 2020 8:00 a.m.10:00 a.m. 3805 W. 12th
"Continental breakfast will be served"

Code Enforcement Division

Code Enforcement Retirement



Morris Hunter joined the City of Little Rock Code Enforcement Division April 22, 2013. During his six (6) year, eight (8) month and nine (9) day tenure, Morris has been a Regular, Senior Code Officer and Court Team Code Officer. Morris has been a valuable asset to the Code Enforcement Division. Morris was an active officer within the community. He then took on the leadership role as a Senior Code Officer where he supervised a Code Enforcement team and District. Later on he became a part of the Code Enforcement Court team where he played a vital part in the court cases. Morris has been a significant contribution to Code Enforcement Division.

Code Enforcement Academy

We closed 2019 with the addition of two new code enforcement officers. Our City of Little Rock instructors for the academy were Senior Officers Jones, Herndon & Sims assisted by the Supervisor-Operations, Officer Hall. The academy also included five (5) guests from surrounding cities within the state of Arkansas. They were, Gregory Williams (Helena-West Helena), Moncrief Dodds (Dumas), Chase Stines (Russellville), Rodney Davis (Marion), Edward Richardson (Osceola).





Mayor's State of the City Address

On Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m., Mayor Frank Scott, Jr. will deliver the 2020 State of the City address from Heifer Village in downtown Little Rock. The address is an evening event this year to allow more residents to participate. To further facilitate more resident engagement, the City will host watch parties at three community centers:

Dunbar: 1001 W. 16th

Southwest: 6401 Baseline

West Central: 8616 Colonel Glenn

A light dinner will be provided. Mayor Scott's address will focus on 2020 priorities including the City's economic outlook through jobs growth, workforce training, and early childhood education.

Little Rock

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MAY 2020



NUSA Board of Director's Meeting along with Director Joan Adcock and East Little Rock Neighborhood Association President Ronnie Jackson on October 10th and 11th 2019

NEIGHBORHOODS

The fabric of our communities

VOLUNTEERS FOR NUSA NEEDED IN ALL POSITIONS
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