

North Little Rock Neighborhood News



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Rail Road Safety

A car or person is hit by a train every three hours in the United States.

With **61** at-grade crossings, North Little Rock's history of growing up as a railroad town is evident.

A study in California of train/vehicle crashes indicated that 73% crashes occur at crossings with gates; that 27% of the drivers drove around the lowered gates; that 59% of the vehicles were still moving when hit; and that in 21% of the accidents the car actually ran into the train.

Some drivers do not see warning signals such as descending gates, flashing lights, and blowing train whistles as a cause to stop. Rather they view the warnings as a signal that a decision must be made about yielding to the train. This is very dangerous. Objects coming directly at you instead of across your field of vision are harder to judge as far as speed and distance. It is also difficult to judge trains properly because people underestimate the speed of large objects like locomotives. In-car distractions also play a key role in poor decision making at the crossing.

Pedestrians hit by trains are often wearing head phones and are unable to hear the train coming. Modern trains are quiet. They are closer and faster than they appear. They also overhang the tracks by at least three feet on either side of the tracks. Loose straps can extend out even further.

A 200 ton locomotive with 100 railcars can weigh 6,000 tons. It is to your car like your car is to a soda can. The same train traveling at 55 miles per hour needs more than one mile – or 18 football fields – to stop.

If your vehicle is stuck on a railroad track and a train is going to hit you, run from your vehicle. Run against the direction of the train to avoid the debris that will be thrown down the track after the impact of the crash.

Do not cross tracks until the lights have stopped flashing. Do not cross tracks immediately after a train passes because a second train may be hidden from view by the first. Do not walk on tracks, through train tunnels, or on trestles. Never walk around or behind lowered gates at crossings. Never walk or crawl between or under stationary train cars. The train may jerk in either direction at any time. Do not attempt to jump aboard railroad equipment. A single slip could cost you your life or a limb.

We in North Little Rock grew up with railroads. Make sure that your life is as long as it should be by following the above safety rules around trains, crossings, and tracks.

May/June Events in North Little Rock

**May 7; 11:00 am until 6:00 p.m. -
Buzz BBQ, Riverfront RV Park**
Signal Media, (501) 661-1037

**May 7; 10:00 am until 4:00 pm -
North Little Rock Mini Maker Faire**
Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub
201 East Broadway, (501) 907-6570

Patio on Park Hill

Thursday, May 12: 5 pm until 8 pm
Lakehill Shopping Center, 4000 JFK Blvd.

Admission is
\$1 for adults/kids under 12 free.

Proceeds benefit the
Park Hill Business & Merchants Association.

A shuttle will be running from the parking lots
at C and JFK. Good food, good music,
good people, good entertainment, and good
times. That is what Patio means in Park Hill.

Come enjoy it for yourself.

May 14; 8:00 am until Noon Great NLR Cleanup

Following the cleanup a "thank you" party
will be provided at
Burns Park, John Irving Pavilion
starting at 11:30 am.

For more information contact Keep North
Little Rock Beautiful at www.KNLRB.org;
email - Green@KNLRD.org
or phone (501) 350-8775.

**May 14; 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm -
Legends in Argentina**
The Plaza, 520 North Main Street
Legends of Arkansas, (870) 540-9867

**May 14; 9:00 am until 2:00 pm -
American Heart Walk,
North Shore Riverwalk**
American Heart Association, (501) 707-6585

**May 21 & 22; 8:00 am until 2:00 pm -
Community Fest**
Paradise Baptist Church, 820 H Street
(501) 847-0879

**May 21; 10:30 am until 2:00 pm -
6th Annual Linking the Community
to Health Services**
First Baptist Church, 811 Scipio A. Jones
(501) 626-0157

**June 4, 6:00 am until 4:00 pm -
Tour De Rock**
CARTI, (501) 626-3373

**June 18, 7:30 am until 8:00 am -
Father Awareness March**
Agape Community Temple of Servants
(ACTS) Church, 1224 W. Frankling Street
(501) 339-5532

**June 18 -
Aaron Crawford
Anti Violence Peace Walk**
(501) 791-6499

**North Little Rock
Farmers Markets open
each Saturday morning
until noon on Main Street
in downtown NLR.**



**City offices will be closed on
Monday, May 30, 2016
for Memorial Day.**



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Recycling



Waste Management of Arkansas has a contract with the City to pick up recycling. Recycling is picked up every other week on the same day as garbage pickup by the city. The green bins should be moved to the curb no earlier than 6 pm the night before pickup and should be removed from the curb no later than 8 am the day following pick up.

Instructions on the lid of the bin tell what can be recycled. Non-recyclable material should not be put in the bin. When the bin is rolled to the curb, the side with the metal bar should be facing the street. Putting non-recyclable stuff in the bin can result in the bin being removed by either Waste Management or the City.

2016 Recycling Weeks

**May 1, 15 & 29
June 12 & 26
July 10 & 24
August 7 & 21
September 4 & 18
October 2, 16 & 30
November 13 & 27
December 11 & 25**

**Put your bins to the curb
by 7:00 a.m. the day of
your regular household
garbage pick up. Put
them away by 8:00 a.m.
the next day.**



**To Report Electrical Outages
In North Little Rock**

Call 1-888-728-4004.

This is a toll free number.

**To report potholes or
street damage
in your
neighborhood.
Call North Little Rock
Street Department
at 340-5356,
or use the new
City of
North Little Rock
Report & Repair App!**



Questions? Contact the Following

All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

Amboy Crime Watch

Every 1st Thursday, 6:00
Amboy Methodist Church
311 Military/Mary Ann Conley 758-1208

Amboy Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House
corner of Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.
Jonathan Chamblee, (502) 321-9617
jnc@atw-photo.com

Argenta Community Development Corporation Board

Every 4th Thursday, 5:30
500 West 13th Street, 374-0622.

Argenta Neighborhood Boosters

Every 1st Thursday, 6:00
NLR Heritage Center, 506 Main Street
Terri Imus, 920-7371

Baring Cross Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
ACTS Church, 13th & Franklin Sts.
Harlan Hunter, 541-1591

Dark Hollow Community Development Corporation

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:30
1400 Pine Street
Belinda Burney, 376-8144

Dixie Addition Community Development Corporation

Every 3rd Monday, 7:15
914 "H" Street
Lee A. (Buck) Jeffrey, 240-5376
buckj@att.net

Glenview Neighborhood Association

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00
Glenview Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.
Ronald Hollis, Jr., 993-7170

Hillview Village Apartments Neighborhood Watch

Every 2nd Tuesday, 5:30
Hillview Village Apt. Clubhouse
Lynn Goodson, 758-0011

HOLT Neighborhood Association

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Gardner Memorial United Methodist
Kim Burgess, 812-9807

Indian Hills Neighborhood Association/Crime Watch

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30
North View MBC, 6801 JFK Blvd.
Stephen Whiting, 425-1942

Keep North Little Rock Beautiful

Every 2nd Tuesday, 5:30
NLR Visitors Bureau, Burns Park
Randy Naylor, 350-8775 or
Lisa Smith, 791-2568; KNLRB@aol.com
or www.Facebook.com/KNLRB

Lakewood Community Watch

Tap Pace, 416-0747

Meadow Park Neighborhood Assn.

Every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00
Bethany Baptist Church
308 Eureka Gardens Road
Evelyn Creal, 945-2870

Melrose Outreach

Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.
Margo Tenner, 372-3810 or 374-7842

Military Heights

Every 2nd Thursday, 6:30
North Little Rock Community Center

NAACP

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00
Bethel AME Church, 600 Cedar Street
Deborah Rhodes, Ph: 351-9558

Neighbors United for Levy

Every 1st Monday, 6:30
North Heights Recreation Ctr, 4801 Allen
Jennifer Johansen, 771-0520

North Little Rock CPA Alumni

3rd Tuesday in February, May, August
& November, 6:30
Downtown Police St., 8th & Main Streets
Curtis Gatewood, Jr., 258-1821

North Little Rock Friends of Animals

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30
North Little Rock Community Center
Joy Stevens, 758-5482

North Little Rock Landlords Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
NLR Community Ctr, 2700 Willow St.
Gail Blucker, 835-6679

Park Hill Neighborhood

1st Tuesday, 6:00
Location: Idlewild Park Historic Building
Intersection of D, North Cedar & Plainview
John Gregan, 758-7159
johnngregan@att.net
<http://www.historicparkhill.com>
<http://groups.google.com/group/parkhill>

Ridge Road Village Neighborhood Watch

Every 4th Thursday, 5:00
4748 Ridge Road
Michelle Johnson, 771-7500

Rose City Neighborhood Association

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
Rose City Police Substation
Dennis Fisk, 519-2789

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Association

2nd Thursday, 7:00
January, March, June & September
Alice Kunce, (573) 353-2270 or
Carol Crow, 753-9044

Sertoma Club of North Little Rock

Every Wednesday, 12:00 noon
Newk's on Warden Road

Sherman Park Neighborhood

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
8th St. Baptist Church
Corner of Hickory & SA Jones Sts.

Stone Links Neighborhood Association

Every 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Stone Links Golf Course Clubhouse
Shannon Armand, 218-3277

Willow Beach Neighborhood Association

2nd Tuesday in March & October, 6:30
Church at Willow Beach
John Santoro, 607-1755



**City of North Little Rock
City Hall 300 Main Street**

Elected Officials

Mayor Joe Smith 975-8601
 City Clerk, Diane Whitbey 975-8617
 City Attorney, Jason Carter ... 975-3755

Aldermen

Ward 1

Debi Ross 753-0733
 Beth White 758-2738

Ward 2

Linda Robinson 945-8820
 Maurice Taylor 690-6444

Ward 3

Steve Baxter 804-0928
 Bruce Foutch 658-9714

Ward 4

Murry Witcher 835-0009
 Charlie Hight 758-8396

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The following neighborhoods currently have pages:

Amboy
 Argenta
 Dark Hollow
 Dixie Addition
 Glenview
 Holt
 Indian Hills



Lakewood
 Levy
 Meadow Park
 Park Hill
 Rose City
 Scenic Hill
 Stone Links

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North Little Rock City Meetings

City Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00 p.m.
 NLR City Hall, 300 Main Street

Planning Commission Sign Board

2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
 120 Main Street, 2nd floor, west end

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday, 4:45 pm/300 Main St.

History Commission

2nd Tuesday, 6:00 pm/506 Main St.

Historic District Commission

2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm/506 Main St.

Parks & Recreation Commission

3rd Monday, 5:00 pm/2700 Willow St.

City Beautiful Commission

3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m.
 4601 Fairway Avenue

Senior Citizen Commission

Every 4th Monday, 3:00 p.m.
 401 West Pershing

Planning Commission

Board of Adjustment & Appeal
 Last Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.
 120 Main Street, 2nd floor, west end



Warmer Weather Reminders

With the warmer weather everyone is ready to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Take time to remember . . .

1.) Garage/Yard sales are limited to several a year. Any signage for sales must be removed at the close of the sale. You cannot put signage of any kind on utility poles and signs should not block the view of traffic. If you have any questions regarding garage/yard sales contact North Little Rock Code Enforcement at 791-8581.

2.) All businesses operating within the city limits of North Little Rock must have a current business license. This includes anyone doing yard work including teenagers. If you have any questions regarding a business or if a license is needed call the North Little Rock City Clerk's office at 975-8617.

3.) Anyone soliciting door-to-door within the city must have a photo ID issued by the City of North Little Rock. If you have any questions regarding whether someone is licensed call the North Little Rock City Clerk's office at 975-8617 or call the North Little Rock Police non-emergency line at 758-1234.

4.) Keep your vehicles locked and items of value out of sight. Warmer weather means more people out walking the streets at all hours. It's so simple to walk by and lift

the door handle to see if the door is locked. Never leave a gun in your vehicle.

5.) Don't leave your home with windows/doors open or unsecured. Trim back any plants/bushes/trees that prevent your neighbor from clearly seeing your home.

6.) If you hear your dog or your neighbor's dog barking, get up and see what is causing the dog to bark. If it's the moon kindly speak to your neighbor about the situation. If it's someone looking suspicious call the police.

7.) North Little Rock has a leash law. Do not let your pets run the neighborhood. It's for their safety as well as yours and your neighbors. Did you know you are liable if your dog bites someone?

Pets need fresh water and a shady place out of the sun to rest. They also need a dry place to stay when it rains.

You are not allowed to chain a pet to a post or tree. If you have to put your pet on a cable it must be attached to a runner. Questions??? Contact the North Little Rock Animal Shelter at 791-8577.

Follow these tips to help you and your family have a happy and safe summer.

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