



NLR Neighborhood News



Resuming Meetings --

Since the pandemic started, many neighborhood groups have decided not to meet in person. In some cases people kept in touch using social media, like Facebook or NextDoor. Some groups continued to send out information using monthly newsletters, while some groups simply ceased to be.

Active neighborhood groups are key to the health of our neighborhoods.

Meetings allow neighbors to interact with each other. Knowing your neighbors can be a significant contributor to a person's wellbeing. A study showed that friendships with neighbors was more important than contact with family members in lowering feelings of loneliness and worry. Other studies have shown that contacts with neighbors increase feelings of wellbeing; while decreases in those relationships can result in increased sadness, nervousness, hopelessness and feelings of worthlessness. This is especially concerning when looking at the results of social isolating during the pandemic.

Meetings allow residents to meet and hear from police officers that patrol their specific neighborhoods. It allows officers to update residents on any ongoing crime issues the police are having to deal with, and it allows residents to pass information to their police officer.

Meetings allow residents the opportunity to meet elected officials and talk with city employees about issues in their neighborhoods. Relationships between the group, and the individuals in the group, and city employees can be formed. Questions about policies and city responses can be answered and citizens can get a broader knowledge of how the different city departments function.

Meetings allow for sharing of information between residents on issues of importance, for example the rezoning of properties allowing businesses into a neighborhood. In some cases residents may or may not want to have a particular business next to them. Meetings help mobilize a community to threats as well as benefits from businesses locating in or nearby.

Meetings make it easy for elected officials to meet with groups of constituents to discuss issues and legislation without having to go to individuals' houses. Active neighborhood residents are an effective way to spread information out to their areas.

Meeting in person, instead of on line, enforces a certain civility in discussions that online discussions can lack. We have all seen trolls trash talking on discussions of issues on the internet. People say things hiding behind an anonymous keyboard that they would never say in person. Discussions can become degraded and there gets to be too much background noise for serious voices to be heard.

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Conley Park - Decorated by the Dixie Day Celebration Committee



The Dixie Day Celebration Committee, under the leadership of Carla Y. Fennessee (daughter of Doris Allen) lit up Conley Park in the Dixie Neighborhood. This year's lights were in honor of the late Doris Allen, chairman of the Dixie Day Celebration, Inc. who passed away in February 2021.

Each street in the neighborhood was assigned a tree trunk to decorate along the "C" Street side of Conley Park. The organization "Team Tank" assisted with this project.

Other projects completed this year:

- COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Clinic
- 30th Annual Dixie Day Celebration
- Trunk or Treat and Halloween Movie Night
- Lights in Conley Park



The residents of Dixie are looking forward to more improvements and activities in 2022.

Resuming Meetings continued.

Events are more difficult to coordinate over the internet than in actual meetings with other interested parties. Projects that impact our neighborhoods, from cleanups to block parties to gathering school supplies for kids or food drives for food pantries are easier when meeting to plan them.

Your neighborhood group needs to start meeting again as soon as it is safe to do so. If you are not meeting regularly, think of getting information out to your residents through a newsletter like five of our groups are already doing. Your neighbors need to know the group still exists. If some major issue arises, residents need to know there is a forum to address issues and help resolve them.

Meet. Regularly. Starting ASAP. Your neighborhood will be better for it.

Recycling Reminders -- Curbside Cart Basic Recycling Rules:

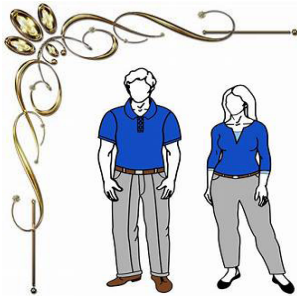
North Little Rock residents can now recycle clean, clear, glass bottles and jars along with empty food and beverage gable top cartons.



Empty plastic bottles and jugs.
Empty aluminum, steel, and tin cans.
Paper, cardboard, newspapers, junk mail, and paperboard (*like cereal boxes, but without the plastic liner*).

Flatten all cardboard to fit inside the cart.

No plastic bags or other items that could wrap around or tangle up (like clothes, cords, or wire). No food, food scraps, yard waste, or anything that can spoil or rot. For more information regarding recycling go to: **MyDoRight.com.**



Welcome To – Code Corner

North Little Rock Code Enforcement can be reached at (501) 791-8581 or by email at nlrcodeenforcement@nlr.ar.gov.

Commonly Asked Questions:

What happens if I don't cut my grass or correct other violations stated on a notice from the Code Enforcement Department?

- You could be issued a citation to appear in court.
- The City can cut the grass at a cost of \$185.00 per cut.

What happens if I don't pay the bill?

- A lien is filed against your personal property for the cost of abatement.

How much is the fine if I go to court?

- You could be fined up to \$500 if the violation is continuous in nature. The penalty for allowing the continuance thereof is a fine not to exceed \$250.00 per day for each day that the violation is unlawfully continued. The judge will determine the fine.

If I have a substandard structure needing to be demolished, what steps should I take to remove it?

- Call 811 and have all utilities disconnected.
- Contact the North Little Rock Planning department and obtain a demolition permit.
- Make sure the site is cleared of all debris and the ground is leveled.

Can I, or someone else, live in a travel trailer in my yard?

- No.

If my landlord has not made the repairs that I requested can I stop paying rent?

- No, that will give your landlord grounds to evict you for non-payment of rent (please refer to the Attorney General's Office Landlord and Tenant Rights).
- Contact our Rental Inspector to schedule an appointment to help address the issues.

Can I store an inoperable or wrecked vehicle in my yard?

- No, the parking, keeping, or storing of inoperable or wrecked motor vehicles, or any parts thereof, is considered to be a public nuisance.

Can I park my car in the yard?

- Yes, unless you are in a restricted parking district, which does not allow parking on the grass.

Can I keep or store my household furniture outside?

- Not if the furniture or other items are manufactured for indoor use.

Complaints NOT handled by the Code Enforcement Department:

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| • Animal complaints | Animal Control | 501-791-8577 |
| • Pot holes | Street | 501-340-5355 |
| • Permits (Building, Plumbing, Electrical, etc.) | Planning/Permits | 501-975-8835 |
| • Trash not being emptied/illegal dumping | Sanitation | 501-371-8340 |

For additional information, please refer to the City of North Little Rock Nuisance Abatement and Property Maintenance Code on the City's website: nlr.ar.gov or call 501-791-8581

Questions? Contact the Following

All dates are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.



Amboy Crime Watch

3rd Monday, 6:00
Burns Park Hospitality House,
Military Drive & Joe Poch Road
Paula Lively, 501-350-7649
acw@aol.com

Amboy Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House
Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.
Michelle Holt, 501-348-6953
Petminders@live.com

Argenta Neighborhood Boosters

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:00
NLR Heritage Center
506 Main Street
Katie Gleason, 501-773-6189

Baring Cross Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
ACTS Church
13th & Franklin Sts.
Harlan Hunter, 501-541-1591

Cobblestone Crime Watch

2nd Tuesday, 6:30
January, April, July & October
Suni Mc Clelland, 501-920-5330
sunimcclellad@gmail.com

Dark Hollow Community Development Corporation

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:30
1400 Pine Street
Belinda Burney, 501-376-8144

Dixie Addition Community Development Corporation

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
914 "H" Street

2nd St. Neighborhood Watch Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
Sherman Park Rec. Center
624 North Beech Street

Glenview Neighborhood Assn.

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00
Glenview Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.
Tim Deloney, 501-553-8703
timrdeloney@comcast.net

HOLT Neighborhood Assn.

3rd Monday, 6:30
March, June, August & November
Gardner Memorial United Methodist
Joy Cameron, 501-374-9520

Keep North Little Rock Beautiful

Every 2nd Monday, 6:00
Rockwater Marina Clubhouse
Randy Naylor, 501-350-8775 or
Lisa Smith, 501-791-2568;
KNLRB@aol.com
or www.Facebook.com/KNLRB

Meadow Park Neighborhood Assn.

Every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00
Bethany Baptist Church
308 Eureka Gardens Road
Michael Davis, 501-442-0744

Melrose Outreach

Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.
Phone: 501-372-3810/501-374-7842

Military Heights Outreach Assn.

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

NAACP

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00
P.O. Box 5571
North Little Rock, AR 72119
Deborah F. Rhodes, Ph: 501-819-3890
nlrnaacp201@yahoo.com

Neighbors United for Levy

Every 1st Monday, 6:30
No Heights Recreation, 4801 Allen
Doug McDowall, 501-758-1668

North Little Rock Landlords Assn

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
NLR Community Ctr, 2700 Willow St.
Gail Blucker, 501-835-6679

Park Hill Neighborhood

1st Tuesday, Odd months only, 6:00
Idlewild Park Historic Building
Corner of D, No. Cedar & Plainview
John Gregan, 501-758-7159
johngregan@att.net

Ridge Road Village Neighborhood Watch

Every 4th Thursday, 5:00
4748 Ridge Rd, Phone : 501-771-7500

Rose City Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
Rose City Police Substation
Broadway & Lynch Drive
Ken Abel, 501-791-8500, lv message
Nlrrosecityneighborhood@gmail.com

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Assn.

2nd Thursday, 7:00 in
January, March, June & September
Randy Naylor, 501-350-8775

Sertoma Club of NLR

Every Wednesday, 12:00 noon
US Pizza on Warden Road

Sherman Park Neighborhood

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
8th St. Baptist Church
Corner of Hickory & SA Jones Sts.
Artis Boykin, 501-766-0200

Stone Links Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00
Stone Links Golf Course Clubhouse
Marie Hollowell, 404-259-2957

Willow Beach Neighborhood Assn

2nd Tuesday in March & October,
6:30 Church at Willow Beach
John Santaro, 501-607-1755

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

Elected Officials

Mayor Terry Hartwick 975-8601
City Clerk, Diane Whitbey 975-8617
City Attorney, Amy Fields 975-3755

Council Members

Ward 1

Debi Ross 753-0733
Nathan Hamilton 952-7679

Ward 2

Linda Robinson 945-8820
Maurice Taylor 690-6444

Ward 3

Steve Baxter 804-0928
Ron Harris 758-2877

Ward 4

Charlie Hight 944-0670
Jane Ginn 749-5344

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Comments? We would like to hear from you. If you have neighborhood meetings or activities to be placed in the newsletter, please mail, fax, email or call the information to us. Are you reading someone else's copy? If you would like to be placed on our mailing list, contact our office.

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**North Little Rock 2022
Holiday Schedule**

**New Year's -
City offices closed on Friday,
December 31.**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 17**

**George Washington's Birthday
February 21**

**Memorial Day
May 30**

**For Sanitation holiday pick up
schedule call 501-371-8340.**



**2022
Recycling Weeks**

January 2, 16 & 30
February 13 & 27
March 13 & 27
April 10 & 24
May 8 & 22
June 5 & 19
July 3, 17 & 31
August 14 & 28
September 11 & 25
October 9 & 23
November 6 & 20
December 4 & 18

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.

Recycling Questions?
Call Waste Management
at (501) 565-0191.

**North Little Rock
City Meetings**

Thomas Cemetery Committee
1st Monday, 6:15 pm
Levy Baptist Church,
3501 Pike Ave.

NLR Airport Commission
3rd Thursday, 12:00 pm
120 Main Street, Room A
City Services Building

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

Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday, 4:00 pm
300 Main Street

History Commission
2nd Tuesday, 5:30 pm
506 Main Street

Historic District Commission
2nd Thursday, 5:30 pm
506 Main Street

**Parks & Recreation
Commission**
3rd Monday, 5:00 pm
2700 Willow Street

City Beautiful Commission
3rd Monday, 1:30 p.m.
3427 North Magnolia Street

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

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)



Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center— Deer are on the move in The Natural State. That means hunters and motorists in Arkansas should keep a watchful eye out, particularly at dawn and dusk.

In addition to the increased deer activity, the shortened days place rush hour during the peak times of day when deer are on the move.

One way to increase safety is simply slowing down. Giving yourself a split-second longer to see and react to deer along the side of the road often can be the difference between a safe braking job and a dangerous situation. Give yourself a few extra minutes in the morning and at night to get where you're going and arrive safely.

When it is dark, use your high beams whenever the road is free of oncoming traffic. This will allow a deer's eyes to shine, even when along the side of the road, so that you are prepared if one starts making its way toward you.

While jokes abound about deer crossing signs and the Arkansas Department of Transportation simply moving them to a crosswalk to let deer cross in those areas, the signs are there for a reason. According to ADOT, these signs are placed at areas where they have been requested by people observing multiple instances of animals crossing the road and where vehicle collisions have occurred.

Never swerve to avoid a deer in the road. Swerving can confuse the deer on where to run. Swerving can also cause a head-on collision with oncoming vehicles, take you off the roadway into a tree or a ditch, and greatly increase the chances of serious injuries. If a deer does move into your path, maintain control and do your best to brake and give the deer time to get out of your way.

If you do collide with a deer or other large animal call emergency services if injuries are involved, or local law enforcement if no one is injured but damage has been caused to your vehicle. Also give the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission a call at 800-482-9262 to report the road kill. Report the incident to your insurance company as soon as possible.

A frequent question to the Game and Fish Commission is, "If I hit and kill a deer on a road, can I keep the deer for meat?" The answer is yes, and it does not count on a hunter's season limit. But be sure to report it, so that the AGFC can issue a check number for the vehicle collision so that officers will know where the deer came from. Once a wildlife officer records the incident, he or she also may know of a needy family in the area who would take the meat.

Please notify Neighborhood Services of any address change. Bulk rate mail will not be forwarded.



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