



NLR Neighborhood News



History Of The Military Heights Neighborhood--

This article is provided by the Military Heights Outreach Association.

The Military Heights Subdivision known as North Argenta was established in 1898 by Argenta Real Estate Developers, Edward Meeks and John Cuneo. The lots ranged from \$9.00 to \$69.00. Lots were located north from 22nd street to 29th street and west from railroad to popular street. The neighborhood was primarily residential and became home to predominately black population of educators, blue collar workers and business owners. There were five churches (Church of God and Christ, First Baptist, Lee Chapel AME, Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Mt. Sinai Christian), seven grocery stores (Henderson, Hobbs, Jenkins, Joshlin, Kheil, Niel, and Wilkerson), one construction company (Smith Brothers General Contractors) two garages (Halibert, West mason) and nine café's/jute joints (Blue Diamond, Green Front, Jitterbug Inn, Mose Thompson, Roseland, Redus, Streeters). Some say the name "Military Heights" was derived from Fort Logan H. Root, a military installation which began training soldiers. Residents said, because of the number of entertainment centers and frequent visitation of the soldiers, the community then became known as "Military Heights".

The first black elementary school, Jackson Park, was located at 2023 Maple Street. In 1920 Hill Side Elementary was constructed on the corner of 29th Railroad and was closed in 1965. In 1928, the construction of the North Little Rock High School began and it opened its doors in the year 1930 to white students. In 1957, Military Heights received attention for its six black young men, Eugene Hall, Frank Henderson, William Mack Henderson, Richard Lindsey, Gerald Person and Harold Gene Smith, who attempted unsuccessfully to integrate North Little Rock High School.

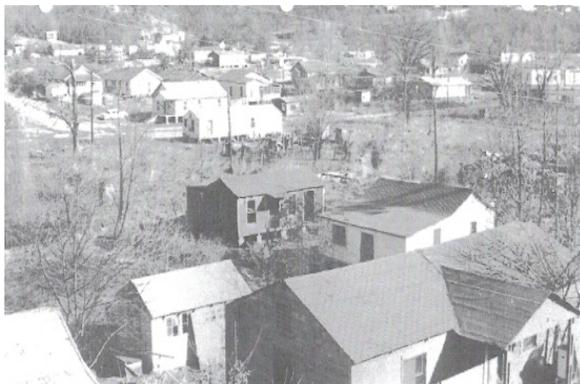


Photo by NLR History Commission

In 1964, the first Urban Renewal Project of North Little Rock attempted to replace the black residential area with commercial emphasis. Protests from community leaders, Odell Harrison, Fred Henderson Sr., Grant Henderson, Willie J Marshall, John W Smith Sr., Joseph T Smith and Cloyd Trent, partially blocked the commercial plans. However, there was a minimum commercial emphasis which included the North Little Rock Community Center, United States Postal Office, Library, and Doctors Row. Urban Renewal project subsequently focused upon replacing the substandard housing with new 75% brick construction.

A neighborhood park was constructed as an amenity. In 2014 Military Heights Outreach Association was instrumental in the renovation of the park.

Halloween Safety Tips --

- 1.) Keep pets inside and gated so they can't exit out an open door.
- 2.) Wear face paint in place of a mask.
- 3.) Remove all outside trip hazards and make sure there is adequate lighting outside.
- 4.) Do not allow any treat consumption until an adult has had time to inspect all treats.
- 5.) Have reflective strips on all clothing.
- 6.) Make sure all children are supervised by an adult.

Stay Safe And Have A Happy Halloween!

NLR School Desegregation --

Submitted by the NLR History Commission

A few weeks from the date of publication of this newsletter will be the 55th anniversary of an important NLR event that has been lost to history. In September 1966 the first black students enrolled at NLRHS and began attending classes. The exact number of these teenage civil rights pioneers climbing the Ole Main steps is unknown, however, recent research shows approximately 45 black students transferred from Jones High School to enter NLRHS.

The North Little Rock History Commission in October 2020 approved a project to find the 45 black trailblazers and request their giving an oral history (interview) for the Commission's permanent archives of North Little Rock. The project is still underway and 17 of the desegregation group have been found. Six men and 11 women soon will be sitting with History Commission staff to tell their own experiences as the first black NLRHS students -- recollections of friends, faculty, sports, academics and student clubs. (The recent Covid virus surge is delaying scheduling the oral history interviews; lower virus statistics will enable the interviews hopefully in the next six months.)

Among the 17 "found" trailblazing Wildcats, 11 live in the immediate area -- 3 in Little Rock, 3 in Jacksonville, 2 in Sherwood, 2 in Alexander and 1 in Scott. Six trailblazers live out-of-state -- 2 in Texas (Dallas and Austin), 1 in Chicago, 1 near Kansas City, 1 in Omaha Nebraska and 1 in the Los Angeles area.

Sadly, 18 of the first 45 desegregation group have died. One of the reasons for the oral history project is the History



National Night Out 2021 in North Little Rock is Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Neighborhoods throughout North Little Rock will be celebrating. Contact the president of your neighborhood to locate an event near you. Contact information for neighborhood presidents are located on page 4 of this publication.

City of North Little Rock 2021 Holiday Schedule



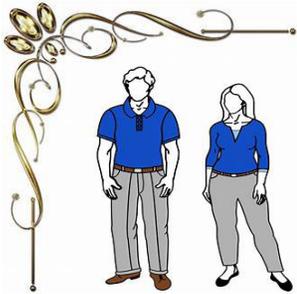
Labor Day - Monday, September 6
City offices closed.
Sanitation and Recycling run one day late this week.

Commission's worry that these pioneers would disappear with no public record of the events of 55 years ago. All in the first NLRHS desegregated class of 1966-67 are 69 or 70 years old today.

All of the black students transferred from Jones High School. Raymond Burnett, principal of NLRHS in 1966, made several recruitment presentations to Jones HS students and also visited in a few of their homes to encourage transferring to NLRHS. Jones HS, the all black high school, was closed by the NLR School Board in 1970.

Ten students still remain on the History Commission's search list and remain uncontacted. These students are - Blenda Jean Brown, Mae Frances Bryant, Helen Cooper, Rosie Ford, Brenda Lee Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Cloriece Miller, Tina Robinson, Marie McCullough and Helen Faye Buckley.

The "found" pioneering Wildcats are Mercedes Mitchell (now Alexander), Sherry McKindra (now Cobb), Tony Cotton, Mary Louise Ballard (now Cotton), Donnie Ray Cross, Tommy Ford, Cheryl Guy (now Hall), Barbara Ann Mitchell (now Hicks), Albert Charles Murphy, Lloyd Scales, Jr., Venetta Womack, Delores Jean Tuggle (now McGruder), Melva Camp (now Cooper), Barnett Jordan, Barbara Moutry, Rosalyn Sykes, and Sonja Williams.



Welcome To - Code Corner

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



It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to cause, permit, maintain or allow the creation or maintenance of a nuisance within the City of North Little Rock.

Inoperable, wrecked or abandoned motor vehicles, or any parts thereof

The parking, keeping, or storing of inoperable or wrecked motor vehicles, or any parts thereof, at any other location, or unauthorized area thereon, in the City is declared to be a nuisance and may be cited for violation of subsection 3.2.8 and, if necessary, abated as provided in subsection 8.3.2.1.



Nuisance Structures. Any building or other structure which is in such a dilapidated condition that it is unsafe or unfit for human habitation, or kept in such an unsanitary condition that it is a menace to the health or safety of people residing in the vicinity thereof, or presents a more than ordinarily dangerous fire hazard in the vicinity where it is located shall constitute a nuisance. 8.3.4



Questions? Contact the Following

All dates are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.



Amboy Crime Watch

1st Thursday, 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

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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Issue	Deadline Date
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Jan/Feb 2022	December 1
March/April 2022	February 1
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**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.

**2021
Recycling Weeks**

September 12 & 26
 October 10 & 24
 November 7 & 21
 December 5 & 19

2022

January 2, 16 & 30
 February 13 & 27
 March 13 & 27

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, 2:00 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— Thanks to a new program offered through the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, teachers looking for ways to incorporate the outdoors into physical education can have ready-made curriculums ready to go for the next school year. The Outdoor Adventures program created and administered through the Outdoors Tomorrow Foundation enables teachers to choose from a variety of outdoors skills to create a semester-long class that qualifies for a physical education credit.

According to Scot McClure, director of education for OTF, 655 schools have signed up for the program throughout the nation, with the latest addition being right here in The Natural State. Cabot Freshman Academy recently joined in, creating education opportunities that vary from angling and archery to paddlesports and camping.

Outdoor Adventures curriculum is for kindergarten to 12th grade and incorporates existing AGFC programs like Arkansas National Archery in the Schools, Boating Education and Hunter Education. The recent passage of Senate Bill 161 allows all Arkansas public schools to incorporate hunter safety courses into their physical education and health and safety curriculum.

Additionally, AGFC education staff and facilities continue to serve teachers with training, resources, and experiences that support the curriculum units as they develop them for their own students.

“Helping students find their outside is what we love to do and partnering with teachers through this curriculum really expands outdoor skill and conservation education throughout the state,” said Hollie Sanders, assistant chief of education for the AGFC. “Bringing the outdoors inside the classroom is a great way to combine the opportunity for STEM education, physical education, and life skills for each student.”

“In Arkansas, there are many schools who have accumulated much of the gear over the years, but the teacher may not know how best to incorporate it into their lessons and activities,” McClure said. “They already have the equipment, but need the daily lesson plans, and that’s where we can really help.”

Visit www.agfc.com/en/education or call 501-223-6300 to learn more about education programs offered by the AGFC. For more information on signing up for the Outdoor Adventures program, contact Scot McClure at 469-805-2390 or email scot@GoOTF.com.

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