



# NLR Neighborhood News

## The End of the Beginning or the Beginning of the End?

As of June 2, 2021 (the date this article is being written) the death toll in the United States by COVID-19 stands at 595,000. The average number of deaths over the past seven days is 584 deaths per day. In Arkansas we have experienced 341,000 cases with 5,834 fatalities. That means 11 percent of our population has had the virus and almost two people out of every thousand has died.

When quoting statistics it is easy to overlook that those deaths leave holes in our families, our friends, in our society. Each death leaves survivors without a loved one, and this doesn't even touch of the people who survived but whose lives have been changed by this disease. Throw in the huge amount we don't know because this is a novel virus and it is easy to be crushed by the losses so far and the uncertainty of the future.

So what can we learn from history about pandemics?

Perhaps the major thing to learn is that pandemics pass. If they did not we would not be here today. The Black Death caused by the Bubonic Plague killed between 75 million and 200 million people worldwide. It peaked from 1347 to 1351. And yet, while it peaked in 1351 it did not go away. Bubonic Plague was present somewhere in Europe every year between 1346 and 1671. It was also in at least one location in the Islamic world every year from 1500 to 1850. The black plague continued to be present, even infecting San Francisco from 1900 to 1904.

At some point pandemics move from being pandemics (infections across many countries or continents) to epidemics (infections located in a particular country or people), to being endemic (which means the illness is a constant presence in a particular people or country). For example malaria is endemic to parts of Africa and ice is endemic to Antarctica. Ebola is endemic to parts of Africa but every few years it becomes an epidemic and health officials are always concerned it could become a pandemic some day. Fortunately, we have an effective vaccine and the medical community keeps close tabs on Ebola infections.

Sometimes pandemics slow because the disease has killed so many people it runs out of populations that are dense enough and vulnerable enough to infect, like the bubonic plague. Sometimes pandemics slow because enough survivors have developed at least a partial immunity and the severity of the disease decreases. (For example the difference between the Spanish Flu A/H1N1 which killed between 17 and 100 million people worldwide and the seasonal flu which comes through almost every year.) People still die from the flu, but not in numbers originally seen. And in fact the flu was a non-factor in the United States in 2000 because the precautions against COVID-19 (social distancing, wearing masks, better sanitation through hand washing) effectively ended the transmission of seasonal flu.

Some diseases, like Smallpox, which were responsible for pandemics have been eliminated by immunizations. Anyone over a certain age has a smallpox vaccine scar. Younger people don't, because the immunizations effectively eliminated the disease. A similar story is Polio, which killed 9000 people in the United States from 1948 to 1952 and paralyzed many more but was defeated by a vaccine.

If history is the judge, COVID-19 will change. It will become less lethal and more endemic. We may have to have COVID-19 vaccines every year, like the flu shot, to boost our immunity to it. End of the beginning? Or, beginning of the end? Either way we will be seeing this disease in some form for many years, but if we are lucky the worst is behind us and our world can return closer to normal.

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## City of North Little Rock Remaining 2021 Holiday and Sanitation Schedule



### Independence Day - Sunday, July 4

City offices closed Monday, July 5  
Sanitation runs regular  
Monday-Friday Schedule.  
Recycling runs one day late.



### Labor Day - Monday, September 6

City offices closed.  
Sanitation and Recycling run one day  
late this week.



### Veteran's Day - Thursday, November 11

City offices closed.  
Sanitation runs regular Monday-Friday routes.  
Recycling runs one day late Friday & Saturday.



### Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 25 & 26

City offices closed.  
Sanitation and Recycling run one  
day late Friday & Saturday.



### Christmas - December 23 & 24

City offices closed.  
Sanitation and Recycling run regular  
Monday-Friday routes.

## Ten Digit Phone Dialing Coming In October --



According to an April article written by Neal Earley in the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette, beginning in October residents will be required to dial the area code with all phone calls. The change won't be required until October 24, 2021. Now is the time for residents to start practicing dialing the ten digits. This mainly affects landlines, most cell phone companies already require the area code when dialing.

The reasoning for this change is due to the creation of a new three digit hotline for suicide prevention. Beginning July 16, 2022 callers who dial 988 will be directly connected to the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Until the 988 hotline number is activated, you can reach the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255.

**"My belief is that communication is the best way to create strong relationships."**

-- Jada Pinkett Smith

Read more at  
<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/jada-pinkett-smith-quotes>

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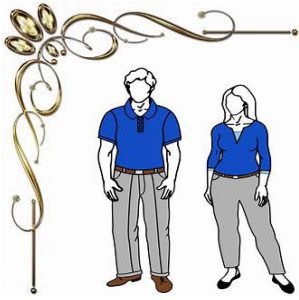
**Wildlife continued from back page.** A small sign next to each camera explains its purpose and offers a scannable QR code that links to the study's website, a story map developed by Kim Sparks, Administrative Analyst in the Research, Evaluation and Compliance Division and the AGFC's Geographic Information Systems team. The site features noteworthy images taken so far and an overview of the effort's goals.

The project is much more than simply taking pictures of animals and capturing rarely seen animal interactions, it has the potential to spawn many research opportunities for students at Hendrix College.

"The database of images and times of events can be used for many projects that focus on interactions between humans and wildlife," Gramza said. "Data from this study could be used for many future projects, including graduate student research, planning future development in ways that benefit wildlife, and working with communities to promote positive interactions between humans and wildlife."

Program participants are hoping to use images from the study to help people in urban environments make a connection with wildlife and natural resources wherever they occur. Visit the Central Arkansas Urban Wildlife Project website for more info.





# 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:nlrcodeenforcement@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.**

**Outdoor Storage.** The keeping of items that are not fully enclosed within a structure allowed by other city ordinance or code. This definition does not include furniture or other items manufactured for outdoor use kept on a covered front porch, or a deck, patio or porch at the rear of the structure.



**Grass or Weeds.** All property owners and occupants within the municipal boundaries of the City of North Little Rock are required to cut weeds and grass that exceed eight inches in height in all residential districts; or exceed 24 inches in height on lots in all commercial zone districts.



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# 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, 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  
Petmindes@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, 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, 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, 553-8703  
timrdeloney@comcast.net

## **HOLT Neighborhood Assn.**

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

## **Indian Hills Neighborhood Association/Crime Watch**

Stephen Whiting, 425-1942

## **Keep North Little Rock Beautiful**

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

## **Meadow Park Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00  
Bethany Baptist Church  
308 Eureka Gardens Road  
Michael Davis, 508-1108

## **Melrose Outreach**

Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00  
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.  
Phone: 372-3810 or 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: 819-3890  
nlrnaacp201@yahoo.com

## **Neighbors United for Levy**

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

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

## **Ridge Road Village Neighborhood Watch**

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

## **Rose City Neighborhood Assn.**

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

## **Scenic Hill Neighborhood Assn.**

2nd Thursday, 7:00 in  
January, March, June & September  
Randy Naylor, 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, 372-7490

## **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, 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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**Tourism In NLR**

Scott Sudduth Vice President of Tourism Development for the North Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau is responsible for sales, marketing, community outreach, and development of tourism for North Little Rock.

The mission of the NLR Convention and Visitors Bureau is to attract visitors to North Little Rock, invite them to stay in the hotels, eat in the restaurants and encourage them to spend money in the community.

When your neighborhood starts meeting again, he is available to come speak at one of your meetings about tourism, its impact on North Little Rock and Arkansas. For more information contact Scott Sudduth at (501) 404-0397.



**2021  
Recycling Weeks**

July 4 & 18  
August 1, 15 & 29  
September 12 & 26  
October 10 & 24  
November 7 & 21  
December 5 & 19

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, 6:00 pm  
506 Main Street

**Historic District Commission**

2nd Thursday, 6:00 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



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## Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) -

WITT STEPHENS JR. CENTRAL ARKANSAS NATURE CENTER--When bears and deer occasionally wander into city streets and suburbs, the news always takes notice, but all sorts of wildlife make a living right in the middle of many cities around the country. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and Hendrix College have launched a new research and outreach project that may shed some light on how wildlife in urban areas adapt to the presence of people.

Remote cameras have been placed throughout many urban parks in central Arkansas to capture wildlife interactions in some of the most unlikely of places. The cameras are triggered by motion and heat and can take images day or night with infrared technology to give researchers a complete picture of each location where they have been placed.

AGFC's Research, Evaluation and Compliance Division and Geographic Information System Team, Maureen McClung, Associate Professor at Hendrix College and Kirsten Bartlow, the agency's Watchable Wildlife Program coordinator, worked together to establish locations for the project.

"Arkansans are more aware of wildlife than people in many regions of the country, but people are still shocked when they see some of that wildlife in their own backyard," Bartlow said. "And this project will help them not only realize those animals are there, but what sort of benefits they provide."

Ashley Gramza, a social scientist with the AGFC, agrees, noting images already collected of hawks and foxes controlling rodent populations.

"It may also open people's eyes to some unintended consequences from their actions," Gramza said. "With all the foxes that we see eating rats, you could see how putting out rat poison could harm more than just the animals you're trying to remove."

According to Gramza, 30 sites have been selected in a corridor following the Arkansas River Valley from Pinnacle Mountain near Roland to David D. Terry Park near Scott. Each site is on public property, ranging from plots of manicured grass to wetlands and forests.

"Some of the sites are actually visible to people," Gramza said. "Sites were selected randomly on public land through the study area to offer a variety of habitat types and settings, then we used a promising-looking tree closest to the selected point to attach the camera."

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