



# NLR Neighborhood News

## The 2020 Election Rewrote the Book on Voting

There has been a sea-change in how people vote. Last year's election was effected by a variety of factors including social distancing and fears of COVID-19 and changes on state and local levels of accessibility to polling locations. Even with all factors considered, the changes in how people voted was amazing.

In 2016 60% of people voted in person on Election Day, 19% voted in person at early voting sites, and 21% voted absentee or by mail. Compare that to 2020 when an amazing 46% voted absentee and another 26% voted early at polling sites, leaving only 28% voting in person on Election Day. Less than 1/3 of the votes cast were at polling sites on Election Day. The number of people voting in person on Election Day has been steadily decreasing since 1992, but last year's drop of more than 50% was unprecedented. Two states with huge shifts in voting methods were New Jersey with 86% voting absentee in 2020 versus 7% in 2016 and Vermont with 72% voting absentee in 2020 versus 17% in 2016.

According to the Survey on the Performance of American Elections (SPAЕ) conducted by staff at MIT (Doctors Charles Stewart III and Kenan Sahin) some proposed changes in how and when we vote are very popular. Approximately 90% of people surveyed want paper ballots backing up any voting system. More than 70% want: photo IDs; changes in registration required when one moves; nonpartisan election officials; and making Election Day a national holiday.

As the SPAЕ concluded, "This has been the most administratively challenging election in history. We've seen already many people saying this was the most secure and best-run election in history. Especially when we add degrees of difficulty. According to our surveys, voters had a good experience and saw it as well-run. Partisan divisions are clear at a mass level. This is going to have significant consequences in the months and years ahead as we plan the next steps of election administration in the United States."

For more information go to [fivethirtyeight.com](https://www.fivethirtyeight.com) "What Absentee Voting Looked Like In All 50 States" published on February 9, 2021 and to MIT Election Data and Science Lab's "A Summary of the 2020 Election: Survey on the Performance of American Electors" published on January 22, 2021.

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



### Memorial Day - Monday, May 31

City offices closed.  
Sanitation and Recycling  
will 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.



### Independence Day - Sunday, July 4

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



**Thanksgiving -  
Thursday, November 25 & 26**  
City offices closed.

Sanitation and Recycling run one day late  
Friday & Saturday.



### Labor Day - Monday, September 6

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



**Christmas - December 23 & 24**  
City offices closed.  
Sanitation and Recycling run regular  
Monday-Friday routes.

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*“This we know: the Earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the Earth. All things are connected like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.”*      *--Chief Seattle*

### Recycling Reminders -- Curbside Cart three (3) basic recycling rules:



**ONLY** empty plastic bottles and jugs.

**ONLY** empty aluminum, steel, and tin cans.

**ONLY** 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 cartons or paper items that contained liquid. No food, food scraps, yard waste, or anything that can spoil or rot.*

For more information regarding recycling go to: **MyDoRight.com**.



## City of North Little Rock Trash And Yard/Bulky Waste Schedule.

Garbage should be taken to the curb no earlier than 6 pm on the day before pickup. Garbage must be in bags and bags placed in a garbage can to keep animals from scattering the garbage. Residents are required to furnish their own trash cans.

Recycling items should be placed in the green bin that is provided and taken to the curb no earlier than 6 pm on the day before pickup. Recycling runs every other week. Instructions on the recycling bin lists items that can be recycled. All trashcans and recycling bins must be moved from the curb and put behind the front of the house by 6 pm on pickup day.

Bagged leaves will be picked up each week. Yard waste includes: bagged grass clippings, bagged leaves, bagged pine needles, shrubbery, hedges, plants (without pots), limbs unpainted/unfinished wooden furniture and/or boards. **Yard waste must be separated from household stuff (bulk waste).**

Bulk waste includes items that are too large and bulky/heavy for regular garbage collections. This includes couches, mattresses, minor amounts of carpet, finished/painted furniture, minor amounts of remodeling materials, rubbish and appliances (must have compressors and/or freon removed).

Contractors hired to work on yards or houses are responsible for removing debris. The city will not pick up material from hired contractors. Do not blow or rake leaves or yard waste into the street. Household stuff should not be put out at the curb earlier than 6 pm on the day before pickup.

The City will not pick up bricks, masonry, concrete, paint, household chemicals, hazardous materials, or appliances with Freon.

Items not made for outside use should not be stored outside in yards, on porches or on carports. This includes furniture and appliances. You may have a freezer or refrigerator if it is in use and is not visible from the street or is on a covered carport. Do not use tarps, blankets, or plastic or fabric sheets to cover items on a carport. You cannot store scrap metal, dismantled equipment, or inoperable vehicles in a residential area.

If you have any questions regarding North Little Rock's trash pickup call (501) 371-8340. For recycling questions call Waste Management at (501) 565-0191.



HOUSEHOLD



YARD



BULKY



# 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 McClellan,

## **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)

## **Lakewood Community Watch**

Tap Pace, 416-0747

## **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  
Newk's 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  
Cedric Vaughn, 479-799-2347

## **Willow Beach Neighborhood Assn**

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 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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**2021  
Recycling Weeks**

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

May 9 & 23

June 6 & 20

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.

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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  
 Sign Board  
 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.  
 120 Main St., 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, 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 St., 2nd floor, west end

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## Nature Conservation Efforts Can Succeed Outside the Box



There are more than 12,000 offshore oil and gas platforms worldwide. As they age and produce less oil and gas, they become less profitable for the companies that own them. A problem is that removing them is incredibly expensive and labor intensive but they cannot be allowed to just rust and fall into disrepair. So the question becomes, what to do with these closed platforms?

In 1984 the National Fishing Enhancement Act was passed by Congress. Part of the act was to encourage Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas to put plans into effect to encourage oil companies with platforms in the Gulf of Mexico to turn their platforms into artificial reefs. And, in fact, more than 500 platforms have been converted.

Converting a retiring well to a reef involves capping the well and removing the upper section of the structure. The remaining structure then becomes the reef. Half the oil company's savings goes towards maintaining the platform, marine conservation and education.

These converted rigs are among the most productive fish habitats in the world, providing wildlife with food, shelter from predators and safe breeding habitats. In fact, some critically endangered fish populations have revived using the new artificial reefs. Gulf of Mexico reefs have become hotspots for diving and recreational fishing. They provide shelter for young fish and when those fish mature, instead of having to head out into the open sea, they can simply move down the platform to greater depths without leaving the safety of the artificial reef.

*Why is it that scuba divers and surfers are some of the strongest advocates of ocean conservation? Because they've spent time in and around the ocean and they've personally seen the beauty, the fragility, and even the degradation of our planet's blue heart.*      -- Sylvia Earle

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