



NLR Neighborhood News

“Elected to Serve the Public Good and Represent the Interests of All the Citizens in Your City”

“The changes of administration, which in every government and in every age have most generally been epochs of confusion, villainy and bloodshed, in this our happy country take place without any species of distraction or disorder.” Margaret Bayard Smith – American author and political commentator on the election of 1800.

A 2014 study concluded that 68 countries had never had a peaceful transfer of power due to an election since 1788.

We now have new administrations both at the national and at the municipal level.

Daniel I. Weiner, of the Brennan Center for Justice, said, *“A peaceful transfer of power – particularly from one political party to another – is, in my mind, the ultimate expression of the rule of law and of a society governed by the law, not by individual rulers... it was George Washington’s great contribution to the American political tradition when he voluntarily gave up the presidency. It established an unbroken tradition of presidents yielding power, including to their bitter political opponents.”*

Now, on a much smaller scale, we have a transition of power in the office of Mayor of North Little Rock. For the first time in eight years, a new mayor will be taking office, and it is only the second time in 32 years that we have a new administration.

On a local level, the mayoral race was a hard fought contest that required a runoff election as required by state law when a candidate does not reach the 50% + 1 vote level. The runoff saw considerably fewer voters than the general election. This probably indicates that the driving force bringing many voters to the polls was the national presidential election and the offices of Mayor and of Councilpersons, while important, were not the races many voters came to the ballot box to decide.

To many of us this is failure to return to the polls to settle a runoff election for a municipal office is always surprising. No level of government directly affects local residents more than their municipal government. From zoning to law enforcement, from paving streets to traffic flow, the municipal government functions closer to the citizenry than any other level of government. When the federal government shuts down for three weeks we feel the effects, but it is nothing like the impact a local government shutdown would deliver. Imagine no trash pickup, no fire or police presence, and no electricity delivered for three weeks. The impact of that lack of service would make the federal government shutdown pale in comparison.

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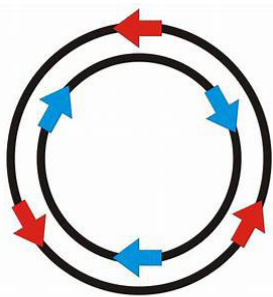
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So, now that the election is over, what can we expect?

We can expect this new administration to reach out and represent all the citizens of North Little Rock. Political considerations, both for and against in the election, will be put aside and the new Mayor will be the Mayor for all citizens of North Little Rock. This is not revolutionary; It is simply good government. As a primer for newly elected municipal officials in Maryland pointed out, *“First and foremost, you were elected to serve the public good and represent the interests of all citizens in your city or town. It’s important to understand that candidate competition should end with the election results. Now that you are elected, it’s time to meld individual opinions to achieve group objectives.”*

We look forward to working with our neighborhood associations across the city and with Mayor Hartwick to ensure that all neighborhoods receive the benefits of being an important part of North Little Rock. Having spoken with the new Mayor, we know that he too is looking forward to that. Mayor Hartwick has assured us that he will be reaching out to all neighborhoods and neighbors because he knows strong neighborhoods make a strong city.

Did you know that some people have inner monologues and some don’t?



Many people have conversations with themselves inside their heads. They have an inner monologue - an inner voice narrating their thoughts during the day. These people’s thoughts are like sentences they “hear”. It is rather like having a narrator speaking during your day inside your head. (Personally I would choose Morgan Freeman’s or Hoyt Axton’s voice if I could.) Interestingly there are also people who do not have an internal monologue. These people have abstract non-verbal thoughts and have to consciously verbalize their thoughts.

Studies show that some individuals never experience internal monologues at all. In the words of Russell T. Hurlburt, psychology professor at the University of Nevada, “some people talk to themselves a lot, some never, and some occasionally”. Harvard University researchers found that visual and verbal thinking may be highly linked. People with a clear inner monologue typically have stronger mental visuals to accompany their verbal thoughts.

Most of us never realize there are people who actually think differently than we do.

A good example of “different thinking” is synesthesia. Synesthesia means that one of a person’s senses is understood by another sense (or senses). For example some people perceive letters or numbers as having different specific colors for each letter/number. Some people perceive numbers, months, or days of the week as precise locations in space. (For example 1980 may be seen as physically being farther away than 1990.) Another form of synesthesia involves the association of sounds with colors. Everyday noises such as a closing door may trigger seeing colors. Some people see musical notes as colors. Interestingly, different people with synesthesia may see different colors for the same musical notes. One person with synesthesia reported that words trigger tastes. She can “taste” peoples’ names. One Missouri artist, Melissa McCracken paints music. Her vivid paintings are her attempt to capture her daily experiences so others can understand the brilliant, color saturated world in which she lives.

How amazing that we may think differently on a very basic level and that we rarely think that others may be experiencing our world in a very different way.

2021 Offers Some Opportunities

Many neighborhood associations stopped meeting in 2020 following the social distancing guidelines set up by the Governor and State Health Department. With COVID-19 cases still rising, but with the promise of vaccines offering hope for the future, it looks like the first part of 2021 may also be a time of waiting. This offers our neighborhood groups the opportunity to examine their founding documents and rework them to get a new start in the second half of 2021.



This is an excellent time to review your organization's records and record keeping.

Are your bylaws current? Are there internal contradictions in them? Do they make sense? Do they reflect what you are now doing and how you want to continue doing your work as an organization?

Do you have copies of all of your minutes of your meetings?

Are your financial statements up to date? How transparent is your organization financially? Do you send an annual report to your membership listing expenditures and sources of income? Does the bank have the updated card showing the current people authorized to sign checks for your group?



If your group is a 501-c-3 nonprofit with the IRS, have you filed the necessary paperwork to keep your status current?



If something happens to your record keeper, will you have access to all of your paperwork? Leadership changes, illness or death can lock an organization out from accessing important documents.

If you would like a fresh view of your bylaws, or if you need a second place to keep copies of your bylaws, financial statements, etc. that you can access, Neighborhood Services will be happy to hold copies of your paperwork for your group. If you would like, we will look over your bylaws and articles of incorporation for possible corrections and updates.

Contact Neighborhood Services if you have any questions regarding their services for your neighborhood organizations.

Strong neighborhood organizations strengthen our neighborhoods.

Questions? Contact the Following

All dates are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

Amboy Crime Watch

1st Thursday, 6:00
Amboy United Methodist,
311 Military
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
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, 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

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
Bethel AME Church, 600 Cedar Street
Deborah Rhodes, Ph: 351-9558

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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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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March/April	February 1
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**2021
Recycling Weeks**

January 3, 17 & 31

February 14 & 28

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.

**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
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

City offices will be closed for the following holidays --



**New Year's Day
January 1**



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18**



**Presidents Day
February 15**

2021 City of North Little Rock Holiday Schedule

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 18 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 15 - George Washington's Birthday/Daisy Gatson Bates Day

May 31 - Memorial Day

July 4 - Independence Day (Observed on Monday, July 5)

September 6 - Labor Day

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 25 & November 26 - Thanksgiving

December 24 - Christmas Eve (Observed on Thursday, December 23)

December 25 - Christmas Day (Observed on Friday, December 24)

January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day (Observed on Friday, December 31)

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