



# NLR Neighborhood News



## 2020

### The Year of Creative Thinking

As we come to the end of 2020 the one thing we can say is, we all had to learn to think outside the box. The year started with plans for completing the 2020 Census. Events were organized, a schedule was set, then COVID-19 hit. The North Little Rock Census committee had to rethink planned events scheduled to reach residents and adjust accordingly. Everyone pulled together and made it work.



During this time of the COVID the City of North Little Rock managed to keep all full-time staff working for the residents. City buildings were closed, access was by appointment and proper protocol only. Unlike other cities, North Little Rock did not have to lay off any full-time employees. A few part-time employees were furloughed but only for a temporary time. No services were cut or affected. In addition, the Hays Senior Citizen Center and Neighborhood Services kept staff busy by making face mask for senior citizens in-between tending to their daily responsibilities.

Most neighborhood meetings were canceled for safety reasons. National Night Out was held with few events taking place. Social media allowed most neighborhood organizations to know what's going on in their neighborhoods. North Little Rock neighborhoods have remained strong in spite of the COVID-19 demands.

2020 is an election year. By the time you read this newsletter the elections will be over. North Little Rock will have either selected a new mayor or we will be in the middle of a run-off. While our national elections are important, the local elections will have a more direct effect on our lives. Four qualified candidates ran for mayor and each ward had a seat up for re-election. Beth White Council Member for Ward 1 will be retiring as of January 1, 2021. Nathan Hamilton was unopposed for this position. Ward 2 had no challengers for the seat Maurice Taylor holds. Ward 3 had Ron Harris up for re-election with two challengers, John Parker and Harlan Hunter. In Ward 4 Charlie Hight did not draw any opposition. The Neighborhood Services office is looking forward to working with our new mayor and all the Council Members in 2021.

For those who have consistently called for change, we expect to see you at all our neighborhood meetings once they resume. You've had your voice heard, now it's time for you to put yourself into action. Our neighborhoods need you!

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## **NLR History Commission Mini Christmas Tree Contest Message --**

The North Little Rock History Commission will not hold the annual Christmas Open House and Neighborhood Tree Decorating Contest this holiday season of 2020. As the city of North Little Rock has cancelled the annual Christmas Parade in downtown, we also made the decision to cancel our indoor festivities. Protecting our community from COVID infection is of utmost importance as we all strive to keep our neighborhoods safe.

We look forward to continuing our traditions in 2021, so please keep your neighborhood tree for next year.

Speaking of 2021, plans are moving forward on a new 3-D, interactive museum in the Heritage Center, 504 Main St. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact the Friends of North Little Rock, 501-371-0755.

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Starting in October 2021, airlines and the Transportation Safety Administration are going to require either a passport or a Real ID Driver's License as identification before you can fly. Current drivers' licenses that are not Real ID will not be enough. Real ID Drivers' Licenses can be obtained at the local Revenue Office. The new IDs require a significant amount of documentation before they can be issued. Below are some examples of required

Identification. Contact your local Revenue Office for the entire list of acceptable documentation.

You must have one item that is proof of Legal Presence: Either a U.S. Passport or a U.S. Birth Certificate/Birth Abroad (U.S. only) - (Birth Cards or Hospital Birth Certificates are not accepted). Certain identifications from the Department of Homeland Security or Immigration & Naturalization are accepted. Contact the local Revenue Office for a list of acceptable documents.

If your name is different on any of the documents you must bring the document (Marriage license, divorce decree, or court order for name change) that reflects the different name.

Then you must have some secondary proof of identity. You will need to have one of the following: Current Driver's License, Work or School Photo ID, Concealed Handgun license, Pilot's license, Vehicle Registration or Title, Court Order with a seal, Marriage Certificate/License, Military or Military Dependent ID with photo, Armed Forces Discharge Papers (DD214), Certified school record or transcript or Home School Notice of Intent Form, Prison Release Document/Sentencing Order, Bureau of Indian Affairs card/Indian Treaty card (Tribal card is not acceptable), Health Insurance Card issued by Insurance Company, Medicare/Medicaid are accepted as is AR Kids up to age 19, or a Parent Affidavit for a minor but the Parent/guardian must appear in person, prove his/her identity regarding the minor child's identity.

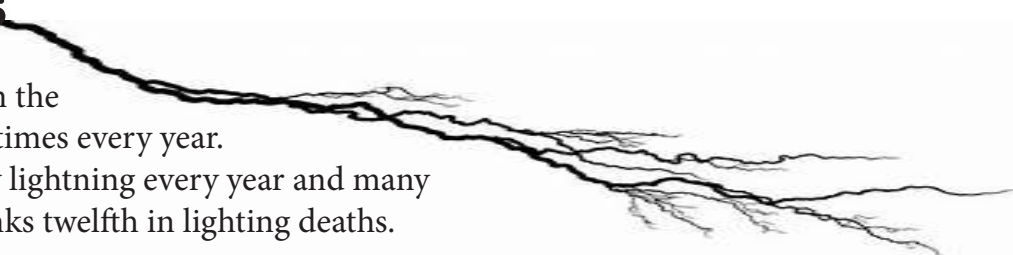
You will need to have proof of your Social Security Number. One original from this list must be provided: Social Security Card, or W-2 form with applicant's name and FULL Social Security Number, or Form 1099, or a pay stub with applicant's name and full Social Security Number.

You will also need to have two proofs of residency from the list below: Paycheck stub or earning statement with employer's name and address issued within the last six months, utility bill issued within the last six months (gas, water, electric, phone, cable/internet, bank statement within the last six months, deed/title mortgage, a rental/lease agreement that includes landlord's name and contact information, valid Arkansas Hunting or Fishing License, Valid Arkansas Concealed Handgun Carry License, Personal Property Tax receipt within the past two years, current state or federal tax return within 2 years, certified school transcript for the current school year, or college enrollment documentation or Form 2019 with a current Arkansas address.

As you can see, it is a complicated procedure, but it is doable. Our suggestion is that you start early.

# Lightning Strikes

Lightning strikes the ground in the United States 20 to 25 million times every year. About fifty people are killed by lightning every year and many more are injured. Arkansas ranks twelfth in lightning deaths.



A lightning bolt can heat the surrounding air to 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which is five times hotter than the sun and can contain up to 300kV of energy.

The National Lightning Safety Council produced a document in February 2020 about lightning deaths from 2006 – 2019 that identified at-risk activities: 40 deaths while fishing, 25 beach deaths, 20 camping deaths, 19 farming deaths, 18 yard work deaths, 18 boating deaths, 12 soccer deaths, and golf had 10 deaths. 70% of lightning deaths occur during the summer months – June, July, and August. Males accounted for 79% of all fatalities.

Lightning strikes can have serious health consequences when someone survives being hit. A lightning strike causes both entrance and exit wounds marking where the current entered and left the victim. Often there is scarring in an almost spiderweb pattern as ruptured blood vessels are outlined. Sweat and rainwater can be turned into scalding steam and any metallic items (keys, jewelry) can become white-hot and cause burns. Clothing can be shredded or lit on fire, and often shoes and socks are thrown off by the strike.

Many survivors do not remember being struck. Many lightning survivors report memory issues, trouble concentrating and severe headaches which may last for decades after the strike. Strikes may also blow out eardrums, prompt constant muscle twitches, and severe nerve damage in some cases.

To avoid lightning strikes go indoors when you first hear thunder and stay indoors until thirty minutes after you hear the last thunderclap.

For more information go to [www.cdc.gov/diasters/lightning/safetytips.html](http://www.cdc.gov/diasters/lightning/safetytips.html)

## *City offices will be closed for the following holidays --*



**Veterans Day  
November 11  
Sanitation no delays.**



**Thanksgiving  
November 26 & 27  
Sanitation one day late  
for Friday service.**



**Christmas Eve  
December 24  
Sanitation no delays**

**Christmas Day  
December 25  
Sanitation one day late for  
Thursday & Friday pick up.**



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# 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, (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, 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  
Lee A. (Buck) Jeffrey, 240-5376  
buckj@att.net

## **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  
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 Joe Smith 975-8601  
City Clerk, Diane Whitbey 975-8617  
City Attorney, Amy Fields 975-3755

**Council Members**

**Ward 1**

Debi Ross 753-0733  
Beth White 758-2738

**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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**2020  
Recycling Weeks**

November 8 & 22  
December 6 & 20

**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

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## USPS Carrier Alert Program

The Post Office has a Carrier Alert Program to help monitor the well-being of elderly and disabled residents. A local sponsoring agency notifies the post Office of persons who want to participate in the program and a decal is placed in their mailbox. Carriers will then be alert to an accumulation of mail that might indicated and accident or illness and notify appropriate officials.



In 2019 the Postal Service recognized 232 employees who have helped save residents, property, and fellow postal workers. Here's how it works:

1. Interested postal patrons register to participate in the program. Your local postmaster can give you more details on registration.
2. Your letter carrier will be authorized to place a Carrier Alert symbol in your mailbox which will alert all letter carriers to watch your mail for any signs of distress such as an unusual accumulation.
3. If your letter carrier finds an accumulation of mail, and you have not covered the sticker to signal that you will be away for a few days, he or she will notify the agency where you are registered or report your name to the postal supervisor who will report it to the agency.
4. The social service agency will then try to contact you by phone. If you cannot be reached, the agency personnel will try to contact a friend or relative whom you have listed as a contact in the event of an emergency.
5. If a friend or a relative cannot be reached, the social service agency will send a worker to your home to check on your health and well-being.

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



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