



NLR Neighborhood News

2020 Was A Full Year.

Faulkner Lake Road transferred from county ownership to city ownership and construction on the road has started. The plan is to widen the road bed to allow the road to be raised, this will allow it to be above the swamp on either side. Because it spent months under water every year, Faulkner Lake Road was the worst road in the city.

Construction on McCain Boulevard to add water and electricity to the medians was halted for the Christmas rush. Plans call for new flower beds and new landscaping.

Construction is continuing in Park Hill on the Jump Start program. Plans call for completing construction on the east side, and then moving to the medians and the west side of JFK Blvd. The intersection of H Street and JFK Blvd requiring southbound traffic to jog to the left is supposed to be fixed.

Pickle Ball is coming to Burns Park. Some of the tennis courts are scheduled to be converted to Pickle Ball instead. We look forward to more improvements in the park.

In the Big Rock Quarry, the Parks Department has installed a pump track and are moving to make the Quarry a bike riders dream. Plans call for two mountain bike paths, the pump track, and the fitness trail.

The City has created a position in the Police Department to work with our unsheltered residents. Our unsheltered liaison officer has put together a list of resources available to assist unsheltered residents.

The City is starting on construction of a fully equipped healthcare office in Rose City at 4120 Baucum Pike (just east of the intersection of East Broadway and Highway 165). This project will help provide convenient healthcare access to those living in the eastern part of the city.

Plans call for the construction of a new main fire station at 13th and Main, replacing the old school there. There are also plans for a new station on the east end of the city. Construction continues on the new fire station in Amboy, next to the Women's Club in Burns Park.

Although the City Council allocated more money to help food pantries across our city, food insecurity continues to be a growing problem. Local pantries are having problems finding enough food to help those in need and are asking for food donations from the public. Contact your local food pantry to see what is needed.

The city rolled out a new way of picking up trash, using an automatic dumping system. As with any program change involving 22,000 houses, there were a few issues. Some houses did not receive the city provided trashcans before the start of the program. Even so, the Sanitation Department picked up all the trash, providing the high quality of service we have come to expect.

The city is planning on moving its city services to the old Blue Cross/ Blue Shield building on Pershing Blvd in 2023. The address is 515 Pershing Blvd and it will house many city services including Community Planning, Commerce, and Human Resources. Pershing is turning into a municipal service area and includes the library, senior center, community center, justice center, and now, the city services building.

We, at Neighborhood Services, are happy to see groups starting to meet again after shutting down due to COVID. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tips for Winter



Winter can present many challenges: weather can cause power outages, our homes need attention to prevent damage and keep them warm. Winter is also a time to connect with our families and friends, whether in holiday celebrations or just checking in on them. Are you ready for winter?

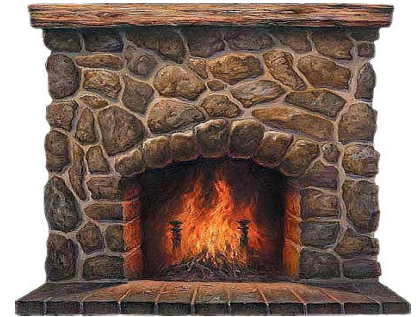
Winter Storm Preparedness

With heavy ice or snow comes the chance that your power can go out. It's best to think about the basics at this point and make sure that you and your family can safely and comfortably wait for power to be restored. Some basic items to keep on hand include:



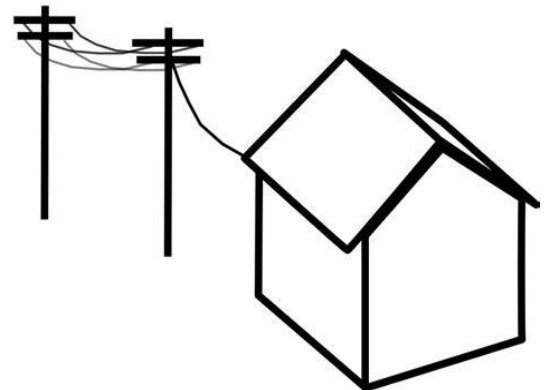
- **Light sources.** Check your flashlight batteries before bad weather. Candles can be good sources, if they are used responsibly. Look for emergency candles in glass jars. Some can burn for more than 100 hrs. There are also small solar powered lanterns available to purchase in camping stores or online.

- **Heat sources.** In extreme situations, you should think about heat production and heat conservation. Producing heat can be difficult without electricity. Fireplaces can help some, but generally they lose more heat than they put out. You should also be sure your chimney is safe to use so that you don't cause a fire. Additionally, be sure to test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Remember that your body produces heat and it will be important to conserve it by dressing in layers. You can also purchase heat packs that use chemical processes to produce heat in your pockets or under your coat. For longer term situations, choose one room you can stay in as much as possible. Block any drafts from windows and exterior doors. Sleep in the middle of the room, elevated off the floor. Never use your oven or stove to heat the house and never build a fire anywhere except a fireplace. If you are using a generator to heat and power your home, be sure it is outside, preferably several feet from a window or door, and never in the garage or carport.



- **Food and water sources.** If you know bad weather is coming, you may fill up your bathtub to have a source of emergency water while the power is out. If you want to keep food from spoiling by keeping it outside, be sure to keep it in a cooler to help regulate the temperatures your food is exposed to. You may consider two coolers, one for frozen items and one for refrigerated.

As the city works to restore power during ice storms, they prioritize the downed poles that are easiest to access and that will restore power to the most people. You can do your part by making sure trees are trimmed away from power lines in your yard. The best time of year to trim trees is at the very end of winter, right before they start budding out in the spring. Please also be sure to have an ample supply of any medications that you may need, as well as a battery powered emergency radio. Don't forget to check on your neighbors and to provide adequate shelter for any outside pets. Winter storms can be scary, but being prepared is the best way to ensure your safety.



New NLR Sanitation Trucks & Trash Cans

In 2022 the City of North Little Rock began the effort to streamline the sanitation pick up process. New side-loading trucks were purchased along with trash cans for all residents. Residents received their new trash containers in November and were officially put into use in December.

Currently residents of North Little Rock do not pay any fees for sanitation pick up. This additional service is being provided to the residents at no cost. The container is the property of the City of North Little and should remain at the residence if you move.



How to use the new garbage container:

- 1.) Place it on a flat surface, near the curb.
- 2.) Place it at least 3 feet from anything: other containers, utility poles, mailboxes, overhead wires, tree limbs, vehicles, gas meters, above ground water/gas valves, etc.
- 3.) Place opening towards the street, and the handle toward the residence.
- 4.) Place ALL garbage inside the container, loose or bagged. Do NOT place any trash/bags on the ground.

Questions & Answers:

- **What should I do with my old trash can?** -Residents can:
 - 1.) Keep your old can for storage, or
 - 2.) Place your old can on the street labeled “PLEASE REMOVE”. The city will pick up your old can.
- **Who do I contact if my new container is damaged?**
Call NLR Sanitation at 501-906-6327 to schedule a repair.
- **Can I get an additional container?**
Due to supply chain issues, additional containers will be available some time this year.
- **What if I have only one bag of trash?**
All garbage must be placed in the new container, either bagged or loose for pickup.
- **What about residents that only have street parking?**
Residents should make arrangements on the day of pickup as they have done with Waste Management pickup.
- **Will sanitation workers lose their jobs? What will they do?**
NO, NLR Sanitation workers will be assisting the new side-loader trucks and also collecting debris throughout the city.
- **What other cities have this service?**
Little Rock, Sherwood, Maumelle, Jacksonville and Wrightsville.
- **Can I get a smaller container?**
Due to supply chain issues, additional containers will not be available until sometime later in 2023.

Questions or requests should be sent to: nlrsanitation@nlr.ar.gov or call 501-906-6327.

Questions? Contact the Following

All dates are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.



Amboy Crime Watch

3rd Monday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House,
Military Drive & Joe Poch Road
Paula Lively, 501-350-7649
pkele@aol.com

Amboy Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House
Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.
Angelica Barnard, 501-297-8720
Amboynanews@aol.com

Argenta Neighborhood Boosters

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:00
NLR Heritage Center
506 Main Street
John Pflasterer, 501-553-8671
Argentaboosters@yahoo.com

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
sunimccllelad@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
Earnest Franklin, 501-563-5400

East Argenta Annex Neighborhood Watch Assn

Every 3rd Wednesday, 6:00
Sherman Park Rec. Center
624 North Beech 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.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
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.

2nd Tuesday, 7:00
May, July, September & November
Bethany Baptist Church
308 Eureka Gardens Road
Michael Davis, 501-442-0744

Melrose Outreach

Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.
Tammy Small, 501-541-3703
TammyRSmall@att.net

Military Heights Outreach Assn.

Every 2nd Thursday, 6:30
North Little Rock Community Center
Juanita Henderson, 678-549-6670
Karen Alford, 501-681-5233

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, 6:00
Rose City Recreation Center
400 Rose Lane
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, 7:00
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
Vince Insalaco

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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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**City of North Little Rock
Holiday Schedule**

**New Year's Day
January 2**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day
January 16**

**Presidents' Day
February 20**

**Memorial Day
May 29**

**Independence Day
July 5**



**2023
Recycling
Weeks**

January 1, 15 & 29
February 12 & 26
March 12 & 26
April 9 & 23
May 7 & 21
June 4 & 18
July 2, 16 & 30
August 13 & 27
September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
November 5 & 19
December 3, 17 & 21

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 Tuesday, 1:30 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)

Give this year's Christmas tree another life after the yuletide celebrations by donating it to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Habitat for the Holidays program.

The long-held tradition of cutting down or purchasing a real Christmas tree for the holiday season has seen a huge increase throughout American homes this year. When the eggnog is finished and the last of the holiday feasts are over, many of these trees are destined to sit next to the road until the sanitation department picks them up.



“Instead of letting that tree go to waste, we will have drop-off locations for your Christmas trees to improve angling throughout the state. “Throughout January anglers can help create brush piles in nearby lakes by donating these trees which increases fishing opportunities and fish habitat for themselves and other anglers.”

The drop-off locations act just like a “take-a-penny, leave-a-penny tray” at a cashier's station, only it's for fish. Anyone who wants to drop off their natural Christmas tree can just take it to a location and leave it.

Most Christmas trees will likely deteriorate within a year or two, but offer very good cover for small baitfish and ambush locations for larger sportfish like bass and crappie until they rot away.

“The trees have lots of nooks and crannies, which we call interstitial spacing, for fish to hide in. The main stems and larger branches form good cover when the smaller twigs and scales of the trees are gone.” Because the trees deteriorate quickly, we advise anglers to drop their trees off every year so we can make new brush piles.

Artificial trees are not allowed at drop-off locations, and all ornaments, tinsel and lights should be removed before being dropped off. Trees can be dropped off at many locations until the end of January. Check AGFC.com to find drop off locations near you.

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



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