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# NLR Neighborhood News



## Doing Business In North Little Rock

**Katelyn Thomas, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer**

The City of North Little Rock requires **all businesses** to obtain a business/privilege license to conduct business within the city limits. If your business is operated out of your home, you are required to have a home occupation (aka Business License) permit.

**What is a business license?** A business license is your company's legal registration that permits you to operate within your local jurisdiction whether it is a small business or large corporation. The City of North Little Rock has had an Ordinance in effect since the 1940's!

Business licenses benefit your City by investing back into the community. As businesses open, they provide services or products to residents. The business license tax is used for a wide variety of items, but there are some very specific uses that benefit the business and the City. Our general fund revenue is used to improve streets (like repairing potholes, repaving/restructure), improving drainage, it also funds our police and fire departments that respond as needed. These few examples are services that residents and businesses both have access to.

Holding a business license also gives the City an idea of who is operating in your city. A bank loan may also require a copy of your most current business license to verify you have met all regulations to legally operate.

Every municipality imposes different business license requirements and regulations, and failure to comply can have consequences such as citations, court costs, late fees, and/or penalties.

**Who is required to obtain a business license?** Examples, but not limited to those required to be licensed:

- Individuals or companies that own property in North Little Rock (including home vacation rentals, or pool rentals) with the intent to rent or lease property, mobile food vendors, insurance agents, out of city contractors or freelancers, and online retail businesses.
- Non-Profits operating in the city are required to have a business license as well. If the non-profit is current in the status with the state, there is no fee.

**Where to get a business license?** You must apply for the privilege license at the City Clerk's Office at 300 Main Street (City Hall). If you are required to hold any type of State and/or Board license, we will ask for a copy before issuing a business license. Every business applicant will fill out a two page application and provide a copy of the driver's license of the applicant. If you rent/lease your business address a copy of the agreement between you and the property owner will be required.

A zoning certificate is required for all business license applications, as well as when a business changes its address. This includes home-based and businesses outside of the city. Contact the North Little Rock Planning Department for zoning regulations that apply to the location for your proposed business. The zoning certificate is only valid for thirty (30) days after the issue date. For more information about zoning, call the Planning Department at 501-975-8835.

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## **Business in North Little Rock, continued.**

**How do I know if a business is properly licensed?** Businesses with brick and mortar locations are required to post a copy of their current year business license onsite.

If you encounter an individual/business that is a contractor or curbside painter they should be able to show you a copy at your request. Residents are welcome to call the city clerk's office any time between 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at 501-975-8617 to confirm whether or not the business operator and/or employees are licensed with our City.

Curbside painters are regulated by Ordinance and must follow certain conditions when painting addresses. For example, graphics, colors (other than black and white), or any other type of decorative/designer curb signs or markings are prohibited. A copy of these regulations can be provided from our office by request.

Per Ordinance 7093, display of the property address is only required to be posted somewhere visible on the structure itself. Street addresses printed on a curb shall not be sufficient to meet the requirements and are not required by the City. Numbers posted on the structure shall be no less than three inches in height for residential structures and six inches in height for non-residential structures (commercial).

If individuals offering this type of service are going door-to-door, then a peddler's permit is required.

Please contact Katelyn Thomas, North Little Rock City Clerk and Treasurer's Office at 501-975-8617 or [Kthomas@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:Kthomas@nlr.ar.gov) for more information regarding this article.

**Door-to-door Soliciting:** Persons going door-to-door must be licensed and have a city license along with City of North Little Rock ID Badge. Any person found going door-to-door without proper license will be issued a citation.

Anyone going door-to-door in our city for the purpose of providing a product or service (examples: alarm sales, lawn care, tree trimming, pest control, solar panels, etc.) is required to have an individual door-to-door peddler's permit issued by the City Clerk's Office.

An application must be completed by each individual solicitor. A copy of the applicant's current driver's license is required, a copy of a current Arkansas State Police background check and a bond in the amount of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The company the individual is representing is also required to have a city business license.

Once all documents are provided, the packet will be sent to the North Little Rock Police Chief for final approval. An issued door-to-door permit/license is good for 90 days from the date of issue. The applicant will be provided a city issued photo ID. The ID will also be posted to the City Clerk's page on the city's website ([nlr.ar.gov](http://nlr.ar.gov)).

If you encounter or come across anyone conducting door-to-door solicitation, please contact our Revenue Enforcement Officer, Jim Scott, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m. After hours, call the non-emergency line at 501-758-1234 with details.

Please provide any of the following information if possible: the time, location, description of individual including what they are wearing, physical description (height, hair color, etc.), vehicle make and model (if visible), license plate number (if applicable), and the name of the company or product they are trying to sale. The City of North Little Rock welcomes all vendors and businesses. With your help and cooperation, we can ensure our city remains a vibrant and safe community.

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**Remaining 2023  
City of North Little Rock  
Holiday Schedule**

**Memorial Day - May 29**

**Independence Day - July 4**

**Labor Day - September 4**

**Veterans Day - November 11  
(observed on November 10)**

**Thanksgiving - November 23 & 24**

**Christmas - December 24 & 25  
(observed on December 25 & 26)**

**For Sanitation questions  
and holiday schedule  
call 501-371-8340.**

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**2023  
Recycling Weeks**

**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 & 31**

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.**

**For recycling holiday schedule  
call 501-565-0191.**

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**North Little Rock Commission Meetings**

**Airport Commission**

3rd Thursday, 12:00 pm  
120 Main Street, Room A  
City Services Building

**Central Arkansas Water  
Commission**

2nd Thursday, 2:00 pm  
CAW Office  
3rd Floor Board Room  
221 East Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, AR

\*Meetings are currently closed to in-person attendance. CAW will provide a means for the public to attend online.

**City Beautiful Commission**

3rd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.  
Neighborhood Services Office  
3427 North Magnolia Street

**City Council**

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00 p.m.  
NLR City Hall  
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

**Planning Commission**

2nd Tuesday, 4:00 pm  
300 Main Street

**Planning Commission**

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Last Thursday of each month,  
1:30 p.m. / City Services Bldg.  
120 Main St., 2nd floor, west end

**Senior Citizen Commission**

Every 4th Monday, 3:00 p.m.  
401 West Pershing

**Thomas Cemetery Committee**

1st Monday, 6:15 pm  
Levy Baptist Church,  
3501 Pike Ave.

**Waste Water Treatment  
Commission**

2nd Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.  
Waste Water Administration  
Building, Conference Room  
7400 Baucum Pike, Gate 1

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# 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

## **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  
sunimcclellad@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 Association Council**

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00  
Glenview Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.  
Tim Deloney, 501-945-8820

## **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](http://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 III 951-0786

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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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**Daylight Savings Begins  
March 12  
Set your clocks ahead  
one (1) hour.**

**Little Rock Marathon  
March 5th.**

**St. Patrick's Day Parade  
March 11th.**

**Plan for traffic delays  
in the downtown area  
on these dates.**

**Did You Know? ---**

**North Little Rock has 15 community gardens operated by volunteers throughout the city.**

**If you are interested in a community garden in your neighborhood contact Anna Sawyer, 501-351-0184 or email: ASawyer@nlr.ar.gov**



**"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"**

--Audrey Hepburn

**Young Community Advocates  
of Baring Cross (YCABC)  
in partnership with the  
Dollar General Store located at  
1701 Pike Avenue is hosting  
"Clean Up What You Mess Up"  
monthly initiative.**

Community Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, February 22nd and March 15th, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Volunteers will meet at the Dollar General Store located at 1701 Pike Avenue to clean up the parking lot and dumpster area of the business.

Donations are also needed such as healthy snacks, juices, water and/or 40 gallon trash bags, gloves, push brooms, rakes and shovels.

To volunteer or donate call 501-626-0925 or email: Y.C.A.B.C. @ycaofbar-ingcross@gmail.com.

**North Little Rock  
Eating Disorders Anonymous**



**Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
Lakewood United Methodist Church  
1922 Topf Road,  
Sanctuary Building, enter at street side  
North Little Rock, 72116  
northlittlerockeda@gmail.com**

Eating Disorders Anonymous is a voluntary fellowship of individuals who meet to share solutions for and recovery from eating disorders.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to recover for an eating disorder.

The primary purpose is to recover from our eating disorders and to carry this message of recovery to others with eating disorders.

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# Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

## Cedar Waxwings Grace Gardens Throughout Winter In The Natural State Witt Stephens Jr Central Arkansas Nature Center--



The cedar waxwing is one of Arkansas's most striking winter residents, although it does not stand out with garish plumage. Instead of sporting raucous colors or flitting about in dizzying displays of hops and jumps, waxwings are some of the

sleekest, most elegant-looking birds likely to grace your backyard or hedge.

The smooth, silk-like texture of plumage often looks as though it were artificially softened with a smart-phone filter, but upon closer inspection, one will see the fine grains of the feathers that make up its outer covering. Bright red, waxy tips on the birds' secondary feathers give the birds their name, although biologists are still puzzled by their exact function. The tawny colored back blends into a lighter gray chest which transitions to a lemon-yellow midsection and rear. A striking black mask and small gray crest offers a look similar to the northern cardinal, but the bill is a bit shorter and less adapted for cracking seed hulls than their brilliant red counterparts.

They eat the occasional insect, but cedar waxwings primarily eat the fruits of shrubs and trees. Dog-

wood, ash and especially holly berries are high on the waxwing's menu. This love of fruits, however, can sometimes cause issues in late summer when juniper berries (the main component in gin) become overripe and ferment. The birds will gorge on the berries, leading to intoxication and even death from alcohol poisoning. Fruits are so loved by these birds that they're often used in courtship, with the male hopping about and passing bits of fruit to the female and the female responding by passing them back. The courtship dance eventually concludes with the female accepting and eating the fruit.

The best way to attract fruit-eating birds like cedar waxwings to your yard is to plant native trees and shrubs that bear small fruits. Dogwoods, American holly and common serviceberry all are highly prized by cedar waxwings, as are the fruits of some nonnatives, such as Japanese honeysuckle.

Type [arkansasmonarchs.org](http://arkansasmonarchs.org) in your computers search bar for a downloadable brochure "Native Gardening for Arkansas Pollinators." The AGFC worked with the Arkansas Monarch Conservation Partnership to develop this brochure on native plants homeowners can use to bring beauty to their backyard and attract a host of colorful birds and insects with minimal upkeep.

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