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# NLR Neighborhood News

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## Let's Talk Numbers!

When a tornado tore through central Arkansas on March 31st, 2023, many houses and businesses were severely damaged. Within minutes, first responders were in the affected neighborhoods, within hours cleanup crews were assessing the situation, and within days volunteers filled the streets in a show of neighborly care. Efforts to clean up and help these neighborhoods are still ongoing. We have all learned many lessons from this event about safety and preparedness. One important lesson that the recent tornado demonstrated to us was how visible address numbers can aid in disaster recovery efforts.



You can find address numbers at hardware stores and from a variety of online stores. They come in a variety of designs and price points, so you can be sure to find some that fit your style and your budget. Not having them can cost emergency responders extra time in locating you. Although you may be able to find them at an affordable price, not having them may prove to be the most expensive mistake you could ever make.

When you are installing the address numbers, be sure they are at least 3 inches high for residential and 6 inches high for commercial properties. It's important to make sure that they are contrasting in color to the background where you are putting them. It's also important that they are well lit and visible from the street. It would be even more helpful if, after you have the numbers on your house/building, you also put them on your mailbox, curb, and/or steps leading up to your front porch. Numbers in those locations are not required, but having them in two places helps in case either your mailbox or your front wall is damaged in a disaster.

Not only are address numbers required by municipal law in North Little Rock, it just makes sense to have them. Failure to have them is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$250. Having address numbers on your house also helps in locating your neighbors' houses that don't have numbers.

It is important for emergency responders to be able to find your location easily. Do the smart, legal and neighborly thing: put your address number on your house and/or business!



## National Night Out 2023 --

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Now is the time to start planning your neighborhood event.

Forms for registration will be mailed out in early August. **Deadline for registration and equipment reservation is Monday, August 28th.** To be included on our list of official events, registration **must be received by August 28, 2023.**

Neighborhood Services has a limited number of tables, pop-up tents and chairs for each event. Equipment reservations must be on the equipment reservation form that accompanies the registration form. Once all requests are received the equipment will be divided by the number of requests received.

As a reminder, it is up to each neighborhood to organize and plan their own event. Each neighborhood is responsible for the pick up and return of all equipment in a clean and working order.

Neighborhood Services DOES NOT supply portable toilets, food, or drinks for events.

All neighborhoods are encouraged to participate in National Night Out. If you have questions or would like to organize a National Night Out event, contact Neighborhood Services at (501) 791-8500 for more information.



It's back-to-school time already! Do your part to help your child excel in their education.

- Set a regular bedtime for your child and stick to it.
- Make sure they eat something before going to school. Most NLR schools offer breakfast but that's no guarantee your child will eat once they arrive.
- Regardless of the age, check their backpacks from time to time.
- Get to know your child's friends.
- Who are they communicating with online?
- Talk with them about bullying. How important it is to NOT bully. But also what to do if they are being bullied.

### Safety Hints --

- Encourage your child to walk on the sidewalk. If one is not available have them walk facing traffic.
- Use marked crosswalks.
- Leave a little early to avoid the extra traffic.
- Obey the speed limit signs.
- Slow down. Students are walking to school and bus stops.
- Do not pass a bus that is loading or unloading students.
- At stop signs/traffic lights do not block the pedestrian crosswalk.
- If a vehicle stops for a pedestrian, do not pass them.
- Do not be a distracted driver.
- Cell phone use in school zones is prohibited.

We can get NLR students to school in a safe manner if everyone will do their part.

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

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

**2023  
Recycling Weeks**

**July 2, 16 & 30**

**August 13 & 27**

**September 10 & 24**

**October 8 & 22**

**November 5 & 19**

**December 3, 17 & 31**

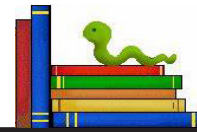
Put your bins to the curb by 7:00 a.m. the day of your regular household garbage pick up. Put them away by 8:00 a.m. the next day.

**Recycling Questions?  
Call Waste Management  
at (501) 565-0191.**

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



**North Little Rock Schools  
Open Monday, August 14, 2023.**



**North Little Rock Commission Meetings**

**Airport Commission**  
3rd Thursday, 12:00 pm

**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.  
700 West 29th Street

**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  
Utilizing Zoom for meetings  
Occasionally meeting in person.  
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  
sunimclellad@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  
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**

John Gegan, 501-758-7159  
johngegan@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 Clubhouse  
Marie Hollowell, 404-259-2957

## **Willow Beach Estates Property Owners 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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**City offices will be closed  
 Tuesday, July 4  
 for Independence Day.**

**Contact NLR Sanitation at  
 501-371-8340 for  
 pick up schedule.**

**Reminder --**

**Possession, sales or use of fireworks is illegal within the city limits of North Little Rock.**



**“Little Free Pantries” are available throughout North Little Rock for anyone who may be experiencing food insecurity and is in need of some assistance. If you know someone who may need help please refer them to one of the following:**

**St. Luke’s Episcopal Church - 4106 JFK Blvd.**

**Ridge Road Elementary - 4601 Ridge Road**

**Indian Hills Elementary - 6800 Indian Hills Drive**

**NLR High School - behind the old football field visitor bleachers**

**LISA Academy North Elementary - 5410 Landers Road**

**AKA Preserving Pearls of N. Pulaski - 207 Curtis Sykes, next to Lindsey’s BBQ**

**Levy Baptist Church - 3501 Pike Avenue**

**Jr. League of NLR - 120- Main Street**

**Rose City Neighborhood/Trinity UMC - 4525 Lynch Drive**

**Shiloh Missionary Baptist - 217 North Hazel Street**

**Refuge Church Food Pantry - 201 West 4th Street**

**NLR Animal Shelter (For Pets) - #1 Championship Drive**

**If you know of additional locations within North Little Rock where “Little Free Pantries” are located please contact NLR Neighborhood Services at NLRNeighborhoodServ@nlr.ar.gov.**

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# Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

## Witt Stephens Jr Central AR Nature Center--

The “No Mow May” movement making the rounds on social media first attracted me because, quite frankly, springtime is a fantastic time to get out and fish instead of spend my days on a lawnmower. And if my lack of enthusiasm in fighting Mother Nature’s designs for my property helped pollinators and ground-nesting birds, even better. But why limit my wildlife-friendly loafing to a single month?



No Mow May began in England as a way to help pollinators and promote the use of plants that are native for an area instead of planting monocultures of sod-forming grasses that look neat and orderly but offer little added benefit to animals. Thanks to social media, the catchy phrase has spread across the pond and has found a new home in the states, but there’s so much more that can be done for wildlife when you’re living in a place called The Natural State.

Allison Fowler, assistant chief of wildlife management for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, worked extensively on projects to benefit pollinators and other native wildlife before recently being promoted to her new position. She says studies have shown delaying mowing a lawn by as little as a week can result in a much larger diversity of bees and other pollinating insects using your land.

“We sort of get caught up in that routine of mowing and planting sod-forming grasses to make our yards attractive, but they’re not as attractive to the wildlife,” Fowler said. “Bees, butterflies and fireflies all benefit from the flowers of those weeds we’re cutting down. A lot of people make comments on how they don’t see the lightning bugs in an area like when they first moved in, but the reason for that disappearance never really sinks in. We have a space at my home that we let grow wild, and we still get to enjoy those fireflies.”

Allowing some dandelions and clover enough time to bloom and benefit bees definitely is helpful, but with a little effort on the front end, private landowners can benefit wildlife much more and likely spend less money in the long run than constantly chopping up valuable habitat with a mower or bushhog. Allowing native vegetation to bloom may reveal some native wildflowers already on your property, but adding some plantings of wildflower mixes can increase the benefit.

“The AGFC worked with the Arkansas Monarch Conservation Partnership to create a few great resources for landowners to learn more about planting or promoting native gardens and plots,” Fowler said. “Instead of spending money planting and watering exotic flowers, you can spend less and see better benefits from native plants that don’t require as much water and maintenance.”

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