

# NLR Neighborhood News

## **Pit Bull Dogs Are Illegal in North Little Rock**

More than one-third of the citations heard in the February 2018 session of animal court in North Little Rock were for possession of pit bull dogs. It is illegal to possess a pit bull dog in our city, and has been illegal since 2004. In fact, more than thirty-five cities across Arkansas have banned pit bulls.

North Little Rock Ordinance Number 7673, passed on November 22, 2004, states:

*“Banned pit bull breeds of dogs are banned entirely and may not be owned or kept within the city.”*

If the dog is at your property, or at property you rent, you can receive a ticket. Even if the dog does not actually belong to you, you are technically keeping the dog within the city limits if you are holding it for someone else.

The ordinance also sets forth the procedure for the Animal Shelter to deal with violations:

“(1) The animal will be seized by NLRAC (North Little Rock Animal Control) and held for three business days for the owner to reclaim the dog with a reclaim fee of \$100.00. The owner must sign an affidavit agreeing to immediately move the animal out of North Little Rock city limits. The animal must be marked with a NLRAC number and spayed or neutered prior to its release to owner.

(2) If the animal is not reclaimed within three business days as prescribed by Section 10-46(g)(1), it shall be humanely destroyed by NLRAC personnel.

(3) If the animal is found within the city limits a second time, the owner shall, upon conviction in the North Little Rock District Court be fined...Any such order of conviction shall include seizure of the animal by NLRAC personnel to be humanely destroyed.”

**Pit Bulls continued.**

The procedural costs of reclaiming the animal does not include any fines and court costs associated with the ticket issued for owning or keeping a banned breed dog in the city. Typically fines for first offenses can cost \$500 per animal and second offenses can cost \$1000 per animal. Fines can vary according to circumstances at the judge’s discretion.

It is certainly going to be expensive to hold a pit bull in North Little Rock and will likely be fatal for the dog or dogs involved. Why would anyone knowingly put their family through the trauma of having their dog euthanized? Since the law is very clear, and since it has been in effect for more than thirteen years, does the owner/holder of the banned dog not bear the responsibility for the fate of that pet? The solution is simple: Do not own/keep pit bull dogs in North Little Rock.

Looking at national statistics collected for 2005 to 2013\*, pit bull dogs were responsible for 176 deaths, or 62.2% of all fatal dog attacks nationwide. In 2016 pit bulls contributed to 71% of fatal dog attacks although they only made up about 6% of the total dog population. 42% of victims in 2016 were aged 9 years or younger, with infants accounting for almost one-third of all child victim fatalities. Pit bulls certainly do not bite nearly as often as many other types of dogs, but when they do bite there can be serious, sometimes fatal, consequences.

\*Statistics from DogsBite.org.

**Join Keep NLR Beautiful  
City Wide Clean Up - May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Keep North Little Rock Beautiful proudly announces the City Wide Clean Up 2018.

Cleanup times for the neighborhoods are from 8:00 – 11:00 (each neighborhood can set their own times)

A celebration party will be held at Pavilion #1 at Burns Park from 11:30 – 12:30. Food and drink will be provided. Door prizes as well.

For more information check us out on our facebook page Keep North Little Rock Beautiful as well as our website – [www.knlrb.org](http://www.knlrb.org) or call Randy Naylor, (501) 350-8775 or Lisa Smith, (501) 791-2568.

**Follow North Little Rock Neighborhoods  
on Facebook. The following  
neighborhoods currently have pages:**



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|-------------------|--------------|
| Amboy             | Lakewood     |
| Argenta           | Levy         |
| Baring Cross      | Meadow Park  |
| Dark Hollow       | Park Hill    |
| Dixie Addition    | Rose City    |
| Faulkner Crossing | Scenic Hill  |
| Glenview          | Sherman Park |
| Holt              | Stone Links  |
| Indian Hills      |              |



MARCH 17, 2018  
ST PATRICK'S DAY  
FAMILY FUN RUN  
AND MINI-MILER  
THROUGH PARK HILL AND LEVY

Run It – Walk It – Crawl It

Meet your neighbors.

See the sights.

Get your move on before you get

your groove on for

St. Patrick's Day 2018!



For info contact Jenna Rhodes at 816.916.2325 or [jdrhodes@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:jdrhodes@nlr.ar.gov)

Register at:  
<http://bit.ly/2EDFA97>

Registration at 8:00 am  
Family Fun Run at 8:30 am  
Mini-Mile at 8:45 am  
Health Fair from 9-12 pm

Runs start at  
Levy Baptist Church on  
Pike Ave in NLR  
(3501 Pike Ave, NLR)

\$20 registration for  
Family Fun Run  
\$10 registration for  
Mini-Miler

Family Fun Run route  
includes views of  
downtown LR, historic  
homes and a section of  
the Rails to Trails project

All profits to benefit  
the NLR Jump Start  
Coalition for use in  
future community  
events

Rain Date: March 24, 2018



March 17, 2018

ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
FAMILY FUN RUN  
AND MINI-MILER  
THROUGH PARK HILL AND LEVY

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

POT O' GOLD SPONSORS:

\$500+ CASH OR IN KIND

3 MINUTES MIC TIME AT PRE-/POST-RACE FESTIVITIES; NAME ON SWAG BAG; FREE VENDOR BOOTH AT HEALTH FAIR

SHAMROCK SPONSORS:

\$251-\$499 CASH OR IN KIND

1 MINUTE MIC TIME AT PRE-/POST-RACE FESTIVITIES; NAME ON SWAG BAG; FREE VENDOR BOOTH AT HEALTH FAIR

LIL' LEPRECHAUN SPONSORS:

\$1-\$250 CASH OR IN KIND

THANK YOU MENTION AT PRE-/POST RACE FESTIVITIES

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Coalition for use in future community events



Contact Jenna Rhodes at 816.916.2325 or [jdrhodes@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:jdrhodes@nlr.ar.gov) with questions or to become an event sponsor

Reminder --

Anyone going door-to-door soliciting  
is required to have a  
North Little Rock City issued license.

To report  
potholes or street damage  
in your neighborhood.

Call NLR Street Department  
at (501) 340-5356,  
or use the new  
North Little Rock  
Report & Repair App!

St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Saturday, March 17, 2018  
Join the fun, downtown!



Rose City Day  
Saturday, April 7, 2018  
For more information  
contact Martha Capps  
at (501) 945-1272.



# Questions? Contact the Following

All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

## **Amboy Crime Watch**

Thursday, 6:00  
Bimonthly - months of  
Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.  
Amboy Methodist Church  
311 Military  
Mary Ann Conley 758-1208

## **Amboy Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30  
Burns Park Hospitality House  
Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.  
Angelica Barnard, (501) 297-8720  
abarnard0321@gmail.com

## **Argenta Neighborhood Boosters**

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:00  
NLR Heritage Center  
506 Main Street  
Terri Imus, 920-7371

## **Baring Cross Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00  
ACTS Church  
13th & Franklin Sts.  
Harlan Hunter, 541-1591

## **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.  
Lee Brewer, 945-7695

## **HOLT Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30  
Gardner Memorial United Methodist  
Kim Burgess, 812-9807

## **Indian Hills Neighborhood Association/ Crime Watch**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30  
North View MBC  
6801 JFK Blvd.  
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  
Evelyn Creal, 945-2870

## **Melrose Outreach**

Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00  
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.  
Margo Tenner, 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  
North Heights Recreation Center  
4801 Allen  
Jennifer Johansen, 771-0520

## **North Little Rock Landlords Assn.**

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00  
NLR Community Center  
2700 Willow St.  
Gail Blucker, 835-6679

## **Park Hill Neighborhood**

1st Tuesday, 6:00  
Idlewild Park Historic Building  
Corner of D, No. Cedar & Plainview  
John Gregan, 758-7159  
johngregan@att.net  
<http://www.historicparkhill.com>  
<http://groups.google.com/group/parkhill>

## **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  
Moderator - Martha Capps, 945-1272

## **Scenic Hill Neighborhood Assn.**

2nd Thursday, 7:00  
January, March, June & September  
Yates Phillips, 837-3779

## **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.

## **Stone Links Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00  
Stone Links Golf Course Clubhouse  
Cedric Vaughn

## **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, Jason Carter ... 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**

Murry Witcher ..... 835-0009  
Charlie Hight ..... 994-0670

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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 Government  
at [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov)**



**2018  
Recycling Weeks  
March 4 & 18  
April 1, 15 & 29  
May 13 & 27  
June 10 & 24  
July 8 & 22  
August 5 & 19  
September 2, 16 & 30  
October 14 & 28  
November 11 & 25  
December 9 & 23**

**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**

**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



## Join A Community Garden In Your Neighborhood!

North Little Rock has  
24 community gardens  
growing healthy, delicious food!

Want to learn how  
to grow your own food?

Need more growing space?

Want to volunteer to help others?

## There's A Garden For You!



North Little Rock Community Gardens  
(501) 975-8780

Email: [Fit2Live@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:Fit2Live@nlr.ar.gov) Website: [www.nlr.ar.gov/gardens](http://www.nlr.ar.gov/gardens)

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