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# NLR Neighborhood News

## #NLRStrong

## Moving Forward After A Disaster -

**If you have moved out of your home because of the recent disasters, make sure you have forwarded your mail to your new location and that your forwarding is still in effect.**

**Forwarding usually lasts about six months unless extended. It has been four and half months since the tornado on March 31st.**

In light of recent disasters, you may have questions about your insurance company or are unsure of the payments you have received. For answers you can visit the Arkansas Insurance Department at [insurance.arkansas.gov](http://insurance.arkansas.gov). The primary mission of that department is consumer protection. They can assist with questions about filing a claim, can hear your complaint, and can help you find a lost insurance policy.

Arkansas Insurance Department  
Consumer Services Division  
1 Commerce Way, Suite 102  
Little Rock, AR 72202-2087  
Phone 501-371-2640; 800-852-5494  
Email: [insurance.consumers@arkansas.gov](mailto:insurance.consumers@arkansas.gov)  
Website: [www.insurance.arkansas.gov](http://www.insurance.arkansas.gov)  
Investigators are available to answer questions from 8 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

The “Arkansas Tornado Response Information” link takes you to a series of tabs that deal with unemployment and individual assistance, small business resources, insurance resources, consumer protection, local resources, and utilities.

The “Homeowner Loss Guide” under “Insurance Resources” is full of good information about dealing with your insurance company and contractors.

If you have issues with a contractor, or want to find how to hire a reputable contractor, you can find information at the Arkansas Attorney General’s Office. That office can be located by going to [Arkansas.gov](http://Arkansas.gov) and scrolling down to the “Attorney General Tim Griffin” tab. If you have a complaint you can file it with them under the “Consumer Protection” tab. You may also email [consumer@ArkansasAG.gov](mailto:consumer@ArkansasAG.gov) or call 800-482-8982.

You can also contact the Better Business Bureau at 501-664-4888. One of the services is resolving customer complaints. They also have listings of businesses with good customer ratings. They are located at 17711 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72223.

7 On Your Side also tries to resolve customer complaints. They can be reached at [sos@katv.com](mailto:sos@katv.com) or 501-324-4357.

If you have a storm shelter at your house, please contact Smart 911 and put the location of the shelter on your Smart 911 profile. This is especially critical if your shelter is in your garage.

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# Happy Hauntings: Tips for a Healthy Halloween

## From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website (October 2019)



### Treat smarts

All treats and no tricks makes Halloween enjoyable for everyone.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. If you have any doubt about the safety of a treat, throw it out.

Carrying a glow stick is one way to see and be seen as night wears on, but did you know that the luminescent liquid inside a glow stick is minimally toxic in small amounts? Do not allow children to chew on glow sticks. Symptoms of ingestion can include mouth or throat irritation and vomiting. Better yet take a flashlight.

Children are curious and put all sorts of things in their mouths. Confusing medicine with candies can make Halloween go from spooky to scary. Practice safe medication storage. Keep all medications and vitamins, including your emergency supply, up and away and out of reach and sight of children to avoid confusion with Halloween treats.

Halloween can be tricky for children with food allergies. Parents: always read labels (avoid treats without labels), carry an epinephrine auto-injector (if prescribed), and learn more about the Teal Pumpkin Project®, an initiative started by Food Allergy Research and Education to provide non-food treats, such as stickers, school supplies, and small toys, to kids with allergies.

### Street smarts

The frightening fact is that, on average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. As a parent or caregiver, here are a few important rules of the road to share with your costumed pedestrians before stepping out.

Prepare your trick or treater with trick or treat safety items: a flashlight, reflective tape or strips applied to costumes and candy bags, and an emergency contact information card in case they get lost or separated from the group.

Trick or treat as part of a large group with a responsible adult.

Walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Look both ways before crossing the street at a crosswalk or intersection.

Walk, don't run between houses to avoid trips and falls.

Caution with costumes:

One Size Does Not fit all. Your little princess or goblin is itching to hit the trick-or-treat trail, but is their costume safe?

Decorative contact lenses without a prescription are NOT a good fit and can lead to these nightmares: eye infections, eye scratches, eye sores, or vision loss. Do NOT wear decorative contact lenses without a prescription. Decorative lenses purchased without a prescription may not fit properly, leaving the eye more susceptible to scratches on the outer layer of the eye, or getting an ulcer (an open sore) on the cornea—the clear covering over the front of the eye.

Painting your face can be a fun alternative to wearing a mask. Test novelty makeups in small area on the arm to test for an allergic reaction before applying it to your face.

Remove all makeup according to the manufacturers' instructions before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Make sure costumes fit well to avoid blocked vision and help prevent trips and falls.

Choose costume accessories that are short, soft (i.e., made of plastic or foam) and flexible.



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

**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**

**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.**



**LABOR DAY**

**City offices will be closed on Monday,  
September 4 for the Labor Day Holiday.  
NLR Sanitation will run  
one day late due to the holiday.**



**North Little Rock Commission Meetings**

**Airport Commission**  
3rd Thursday, 12:00 pm  
City Services Bldg.  
700 West 29th Street

**City Council**  
2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00 p.m.  
NLR City Hall  
300 Main Street

**Board of Zoning Adjustment**  
Last Thursday of each month,  
1:30 p.m. / City Services Bldg.  
700 West 29th Street

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

**History Commission**  
2nd Tuesday, 5:30 pm  
506 Main Street

**Senior Citizen Commission**  
Every 4th Monday, 3:00 p.m.  
401 West Pershing

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

**Historic District Commission**  
2nd Thursday, 5:30 pm  
506 Main Street

**Thomas Cemetery Committee**  
3rd Monday, 6:15 pm  
Levy Baptist Church,  
3501 Pike Ave.

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

**Parks & Recreation  
Commission**  
3rd Monday, 5:00 pm  
2700 Willow Street

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

**Planning Commission**  
2nd Tuesday, 4:00 pm  
300 Main Street

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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**

Call for meeting information  
Suni Mc Clelland, 501-920-5330  
sunimcclelland@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

## **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 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 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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<b>Issue</b>	<b>Deadline Date</b>
Nov/Dec <b>2024</b>	October 1
Jan/Feb 2024	December 1
Mar/Apr 2024	February 1
May/June 2024	April 1
July/August 2024	June 1



**National Night Out  
2023 --**

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 3, 2023. By now all neighborhoods participating should have turned in their registration forms (deadline was August 28, 2023) along with any equipment reservations needed.

Neighborhood Services has a limited number of tables, popup tents and chairs for each event. The amount of equipment in stock will be divided by the number of locations hosting events.

Each neighborhood organizes and plans their own unique event. All event sites are responsible for the pick up and return of all equipment in a clean and working order.

If you have questions regarding event locations or would like to organize a National Night Out event next year, contact Neighborhood Services at (501) 791-8500.

**Disaster  
continued from page 1.**

Emergency rescue needs to know where to search for you if your house collapses on top of your shelter. Go to smart911.com to sign up for this free service.

Keep disaster supplies ready. You should have: a first aid kit and essential medications, canned food and a manual can opener, a minimum of three gallons of water per person, protective clothing, bedding or sleeping bags, battery powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries, any special items needed for infants, elderly, or disabled family members, and necessary pet supplies. You should know how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so and have the tools to do so easily accessible. You will need a professional to turn your utilities back on. Be prepared to fend for yourself for three days. Try to have a couple of ways to recharge phones.

If you are trying to communicate with family during a disaster and your cell phone calls cannot get through, try sending a text message. Text messages usually repeat and may eventually get through even if a call cannot.

Have a plan with your family of where to meet and a backup location if the first is unreachable.

Keep enough gear in your vehicle to get you home if you are stranded away from home.

Plan ahead and keep your family safe.

# Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

## Witt Stephens Jr Central AR Nature Center--



Terry Jones, Nature Center Manager at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Witt Stephens Central Arkansas Nature Center would like to invite everyone to come and visit the nature center to learn more about Wildlife Conservation in our beautiful state. The nature center is a leisurely stroll across the Junction Bridge from the Historic Submarine at Riverfront Park in North Little Rock. The nature center is free of charge to visit and enjoy. The nature center offers many classes that teach outdoor pursuits, for example: archery, fishing, game-calling, hunting, marksmanship, paddle sports, trapping, tracking, wildlife watching just to name a few. The courses are offered year-around and there is no fee for the classes. You can check out what classes are coming by going to [agfc.com](http://agfc.com) and hitting the Education tab which will lead you to the events calendar. Also, watch for events coming to the nature center on our Facebook page.

The Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center opened December 17, 2008. The 16,232 square foot building on 3.4 acres in Little Rock, overlooks the Arkansas River and is within the Julius Breckling Riverfront Park. The site is a part of the River Market District, and is adjacent to the Museum of Discovery and the Clinton Presidential Library. Visitors to the State House Convention Center may access the grounds by choosing one of several walking routes.

The center focuses on the wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities that our state's fish and wildlife resources provide. Exhibits highlight the role of fish and wildlife management and many of the projects conducted throughout the history of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The location along the Arkansas River allows many watchable wildlife activities within an urban area. Basking water turtles, ground hogs, butterflies, bald eagles and migrating pelicans are common sights. A portion of the Arkansas River Trail crosses the site, offering more options for exploration. The grounds of the center include beds of native plants found throughout the state, while the main building includes an exhibit hall, aquariums, gift shop, theater and special educational programs.

The Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center also offers a volunteer training program for people interested in assisting or presenting educational programs to schools, civic groups and special events. We invite you to come and enjoy working with children and teach them about nature.

Mr. Jones also wants to remind you that the purchase or renewal of a hunting or fishing license is the best method to assist with wildlife conservation in The Natural State.

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



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