



# NLR Neighborhood News

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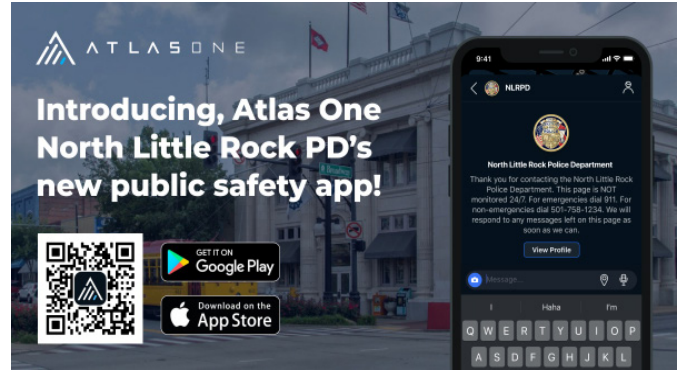
### North Little Rock Police Department Joins Nation-Wide Safety Network --ATLAS ONE--

The North Little Rock Police Department has joined Atlas One, a location-based public safety network that sends alerts to your smartphone when you or your loved ones are in harm's way. The free mobile application also gives the public unprecedented access to city services. Residents can download Atlas One on their iOS or Android smartphone devices.

The app allows North Little Rock Police to send geofenced push notification alerts when a public safety issue occurs nearby a user's current location, or places residents care about, such as their home, school, or office. Alerts are interactive, and can include text, photos, videos, documents, and even voice recordings. In addition, residents will have one-stop-shop access to existing North Little Rock Police Department services and resources, such as our website, social media, and contact information. Users can also explore nearby incidents, events, places, and interactive guides.

"We are extremely excited to have joined the Atlas One safety network," said North Little Rock Police Chief Patrick Thessing. "We now have the ability to send personalized geo-fenced notifications to an area as small as a building, allowing us to get the right information to the right people in real-time. This technology will save lives."

"We are thrilled to have NLRPD join the Atlas One network, and more importantly, improve transparency, communication, and information access with North Little Rock residents," said Kushyar Kasraie, CEO of Atlas One. "This brings us one step closer to our goal of creating a nation-wide public safety network that will keep our users safe, regardless of where they are."



Atlas One was built to offer residents unprecedented access to real-time information, while still respecting user privacy. "Users can be comfortable sharing their location with Atlas One knowing their data is safe," said Jamieson Johnson, Vice President of Atlas One. "Location access simply allows us to notify you if an emergency is occurring nearby. We never track historical location or share your personal data with any third parties, including the North Little Rock Police Department." Users can still be notified if alerts occur near favorite places, even if they choose not to share their location.

#### How it Works

- Download the free iOS or Android Atlas One App
- Tap "GET STARTED" to create your Atlas One profile
- Share your location or add favorite places that you want to track
- If an alert occurs nearby your current location, or places you track, the app will send a push notification alert
- NLRPD will also have the ability to publish incidents, events, places, and guides, and include interactive information such as directories, maps, news updates, links, and FAQ's.





## Remembering Mayor Pat Hays

Twenty-nine years ago Mayor Patrick Hays and the North Little Rock City Council created the Office of Neighborhood Services. One year later he staffed that office with two employees who are still there today. The office has since expanded to four full time employees and one part time employee and now includes the City's Community Garden Program.

Mayor Hays is the longest serving Mayor in the city's history. Before that he was a State Representative and a delegate to the Arkansas Constitutional Convention of 1979-1980. While serving as Mayor, he also served as President of Metroplan and was a trustee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

It was his vision of a different North Little Rock that is perhaps his greatest legacy. He changed the way the city saw neighborhood associations. Rather than seeing them as nothing more than places for people to complain, he saw them as necessary components of strong neighborhoods with members contributing to a stronger healthier city. When murders rocked the downtown and Levy neighborhoods, Mayor Hays attended meetings there to help those neighborhoods grieve and eventually form groups important in improvement efforts. He created the Department of Neighborhood Services to try to help strengthen neighborhoods.

His vision went further than individual neighborhoods. He pushed the river trail development that included the North Shore Riverwalk, the fitness trail along the river, the skate park, our riverfront RV Park, and tied Burns Park and our downtown to a trail system on both sides of the river. As part of that system the Junction Bridge and Clinton Library Bridge were saved and turned into pedestrian/bike bridges and the Big Dam Bridge was created to anchor the West end of the trail system.

Economic development included passing a county-wide sales tax for one year that funded the 80 million dollar 18,000 seat arena in our downtown. Another sun-setting sales tax funded the Dickey-Stephens baseball field and the Pat Hays Senior Center. The North Shore Riverwalk (from the Main Street Bridge to the Broadway Bridge) development has been the site of a large number of concerts and events including years of Riverfest and blues and reggae festivals.

During his administration he reestablished the North Little Rock History Commission and the Argenta Local Ordinance Historic District was formed. This was the first time in the state that a working class neighborhood was listed as a historic district and seen as being worth preserving. The local ordinance district helped control development and return houses to contributing structure status in the district. It changed the mindset of residents: they no longer just lived in old houses, they lived in contributing structures that had historic value. As a result property values skyrocketed and have kept their value.

He helped bring Local Initiatives Support Corporation to Central Arkansas, and supported the creation of the Argenta Community Development Corporation. Private and public investment spearheaded by the ACDC turned Argenta from the worst neighborhood in the city into one of the best. Mayor Hays was also instrumental in the formation of the improvement district that has helped with the redevelopment and beautification of the Main Street business corridor.

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## Mayor Hays continued.

Mayor Hays pursued the acceptance of North Little Rock into the Main Street, Arkansas program. Our Main Street program came up with the development plan for the Riverwalk, a streetscape for Main Street, turning Main Street and Maple Streets back into two-way traffic, and the first mention of North Little Rock as a location for the arena at one of our Main Street's planning meetings. The Smart House Way property along Riverfront Drive was turned from a contaminated brown-field site into clean property that became the site of The Vue residential development. He was also involved in the beginnings of the Rock Water development along the river in the Baring Cross neighborhood.

His cooperative relationship with the Mayor of Little Rock and the Pulaski County Judge helped reshape politics, improvements, and development on both sides of the Arkansas River.

Since his first election to Mayor in 1988, tens of thousands of people have enjoyed the results of his vision for North Little Rock. From attending events at the Arena, watching the Travs play ball, exercising on the river trail, staying in the RV park while their loved ones have received treatment at our local hospitals, eating lunch or dinner at restaurants on Main Street, attending meetings at one of our dozens of neighborhood groups, skateboarding at the skate park, enjoying the beauty of the Big Rock Quarry, to participating in events at the Pat Hays Senior Center, many may not have known he was responsible for those developments, but they enjoyed the fruits of his vision.

He will be missed. His incredible legacy lives on.

### 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

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

**History Commission**

2nd Tuesday, 5:30 pm  
506 Main Street

**Senior Citizen Commission**

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

**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.

**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

**City Beautiful Commission**

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

**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**

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  
Rowney Torrance, 501-343-1960

## **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.**

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.**

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 Santoro, 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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*Happy Holidays  
From Your  
Neighborhood Services-  
Community Garden  
Staff?*

**Remaining 2023  
North Little Rock  
Holiday Schedule**

**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.**

**2024  
North Little Rock  
Holiday Schedule**

**New Year's Day -  
January 1, 2024**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
January 15**

**Presidents/  
Daisy Gaston Bates Day  
February 19**

**Memorial Day  
May 27**

**Juneteenth Day  
June 19**

**Independence Day  
July 4**

**Labor Day  
September 2**

**Veterans Day  
November 11**

**Thanksgiving  
November 28 & 29**

**Christmas  
December 24 & 25**

**2023  
Recycling Weeks  
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.**

**2024  
Recycling Weeks**

January 14 & 28  
February 11 & 25  
March 10 & 24  
April 7 & 21  
May 5 & 19  
June 2, 16 & 30  
July 14 & 28  
August 11 & 25  
September 8 & 22  
October 6 & 20  
November 3 & 17  
December 1, 15 & 29

# Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

Witt Stephens Jr Central AR Nature Center--



## Derby Days and Fall Stockings

Fall fishing is upon us and the AGFC has dozens of fishing derbies planned in the next few weeks. The fishing derby isn't just for kids, so the whole family can join in the fun. Anglers ages 16 and older must have a valid fishing license.

All attendees also should bring their own tackle, chairs, coolers and favorite catfish bait. Worms, prepared catfish baits, chicken livers and even cut up chunks of hot dog will tempt catfish.

Visit <https://www.agfc.com/en/education/onthewater/fe/fishing-derbies/> for a list of scheduled derbies.

Even if you can't find a derby to fit your schedule, be sure to check out the "Family Community Fishing Program (FCFP) location page.

Nearly 50 fishing locations across the state including locations in North Little Rock and surrounding area are being stocked with catchable-size catfish this week and next.

A list of program ponds and stocking updates is available at <https://www.agfc.com/en/fishing/where-fish/family-and-community/stocking>.



## Arkansas River Trail Refresh

Hikers, cyclists and other outdoors enthusiasts in central Arkansas may notice a few changes along their favorite path from Two Rivers Park in Little Rock to downtown North Little Rock.

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission recently completed updating 13 signs along the Arkansas River Trail to freshen up the artwork and ensure all information on the signs is up-to-date.

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



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