

# North Little Rock Neighborhood News



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## NLR Unveils Design For New Plaza Nathan Hamilton, Communications Director

With the rapid increase of new apartments, luxury condos, and planned office developments, the North Little Rock City Council unveiled the city's design for a new public space along Main Street. The yet unnamed project will have several features designed to promote North Little Rock as a great place to live, such as:

- Distinctive water features
- Relaxed "front porch" area along the street
- Fully equipped performance area/stage
- Design inspired by city's history with the Arkansas River

Mayor Joe Smith explained the allure the project has with developers. "In my nearly 30 years of working for our city this is going to be the biggest economic development generator we have ever done. We haven't even broken ground yet and we have more than \$40 million in pledged or recent development surrounding the site, just because people know it's coming," said Smith.

The project lacks a name and Mayor Smith announced that the City would be holding a public contest to help choose the perfect moniker. "The plaza will serve as the front porch for our city and provide great curb appeal to visitors. Since it belongs to everyone in the city we want everyone to have an opportunity to help us name it," announced Smith. Details on the contest will be announced later this week.

The Plaza design was produced by a partnership of TAGGART/Architects, a local design firm, and DLANDstudio out of Brooklyn, New York. Bill Gray of TAGGART/Architects said, "We are excited to see this project coming to fruition, and honored to be a part of the team bringing this world class venue to North Little Rock."

Funding for the Plaza will utilize existing funds, most of which have been saved over the past five years, from the sale of city owned property. Much of the property was sold because the developers expected the funds to go towards the Plaza design and construction. A final cost of the project has not yet been calculated.

What should the name be for the new NLR Plaza?

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# North Little Rock Sertoma 2017 Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 p.m.

The theme for the parade this year is  
“CHRISTMAS MAGIC”.

There will only be **ONE Santa in the parade**, sponsored by the North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau. All entries must have entertainment appeal and **must be costumed or decorated.**

All clubs, organizations, schools, churches and businesses are encouraged to participate in the parade.

Please complete the registration form on page 3 and return it to:

**North Little Rock Christmas Parade, PO Box 5511, North Little Rock, AR 72119-5511.**

Any questions should be directed to Sherry Bruno 501-753-7902 or e-mail: Sherry.Bruno51@Gmail.com

**All entry forms must be returned by Monday, November 27, 2017.**

A follow-up letter will inform you of further details such as line up, time, place, unit number, etc.

**Please note:** Drivers of three-wheelers and four-wheelers must be 18 years old or older.

**No walking entries that perform will be allowed other than school bands with drill teams, military units or adult walking units.**

All children and children groups will be required to be in cars, trucks, floats, etc. This is done for safety precautions and to keep the parade moving in a timely manner.

## City offices will be closed for the following holidays

**Veteran’s Day - November 11**

City offices closed Nov. 10

Sanitation pickup regular day

**Thanksgiving - November 23 & 24**

Sanitation off Thursday, trash pickup

one day delayed Friday & Saturday

**Christmas - December 25 & 26**

Sanitation pickup one day delayed

For Sanitation pickup schedule  
call (501) 371-8345.

## Smoke Alarms

### Save Lives!

You should change the  
batteries in your  
smoke alarm twice a year.



### Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 5th.

When you set your clocks back one hour take  
the time to put a new battery in your smoke  
alarm. This is also a good time to test your  
smoke alarm to make sure  
it is in proper working order.

If you have any questions regarding  
smoke alarms contact the  
North Little Rock Fire Department  
at (501) 340-5377.





# CHRISTMAS MAGIC

## 2017 City of North Little Rock Sertoma Christmas Parade



Presented by  
North Little Rock Sertoma Club, City of North Little Rock and the  
North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN NO LATER THAN  
Monday, November 27, 2017  
FAX TO: 501-758-5752**

- I. Name of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Person in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_
- III. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Categories – please choose one:**

A. Type of Organization:

Band \_\_\_\_\_ Beauty \_\_\_\_\_ Civic \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Commercial/Business \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Team/Cheerleaders \_\_\_\_\_  
Miscellaneous (all others) \_\_\_\_\_

B. Decorated Vehicle ( ) YES ( ) NO

Type: ( ) Van ( ) Bus ( ) Car ( ) Truck ( ) Other

C. Float: ( ) YES ( ) NO

**V. General Information - You *MUST* turn in a completed application to participate in the parade. Information is used for viewing and judging purposes.**

**Please return to:**

North Little Rock Christmas Parade  
C/O NLR Visitors Bureau  
PO Box 5511, North Little Rock, AR 72119-5511  
Fax: 501-758-5752

For more information please call Sherry Bruno, Project Chair @ 501-753-7902  
or email to: [Sherry.Bruno51@Gmail.com](mailto:Sherry.Bruno51@Gmail.com)



# 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  
corner of Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.  
Jonathan Chamblee, (502) 321-9617  
jnc@atw-photo.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 Association**

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00  
Glenview Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.  
Ronald Hollis, Jr., 993-7170

## **Hillview Village Apartments Neighborhood Watch**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 5:30  
Hillview Village Apt. Clubhouse  
Lynn Goodson, 758-0011

## **HOLT Neighborhood Association**

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

## **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**

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 Ctr, 4801 Allen  
Jennifer Johansen, 771-0520

## **North Little Rock Friends of Animals**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30  
North Little Rock Community Center  
Joy Stevens, 758-5482

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

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

## **Park Hill Neighborhood**

1st Tuesday, 6:00  
Location: Idlewild Park Historic Building  
Intersection of D, North Cedar & Plainview  
John Gregan, 758-7159  
johnngregan@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  
Michelle Johnson, 771-7500

## **Rose City Neighborhood Association**

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00  
Rose City Police Substation  
Moderator Martha Capps, 945-1272

## **Scenic Hill Neighborhood Association**

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

## **Sertoma Club of North Little Rock**

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 Association**

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00  
Stone Links Golf Course Clubhouse  
Willie C. Thomas, 612-2503

## **Willow Beach Neighborhood Association**

2nd Tuesday in March & October, 6:30  
Church at Willow Beach  
John Santoro, 607-1755

**Leaf Vacuum  
Starts  
Monday,  
November  
6th.**



**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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North Little Rock  
City Government  
at [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov)**



**2017 Recycling  
Weeks**

**November 12 & 26  
December 10 & 24**

**2018 Recycling Weeks**

**January 7 & 21**

**February 4 & 18**

**March 4 & 18**

**April 1, 15 & 29**

**May 13 & 27**

**June 10 & 24**

**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



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## New Plaza Naming Contest

### What should the name be for the new North Little Rock Plaza?

Submit your (appropriate) suggestion at [www.nlr.ar.gov/residents/n\\_l\\_r\\_plaza\\_naming\\_contest](http://www.nlr.ar.gov/residents/n_l_r_plaza_naming_contest) and if the Council ends up selecting your submission you could win a one year admission for two to every public event at the new plaza (wine festivals, beer festivals, concerts, BBQ contests, art events, and much more!)

Down town belongs to all of us. When we have visitors they almost always go downtown. It is our front porch and determines the “curb appeal” for our entire community. So everyone in North Little Rock gets a voice in what we call it.

#### Some contest highlights:

- Contest open to all North Little Rock resident
- Contest begins Monday, October 2 at 8:00 am
- Submission deadline is Friday, December 1st, 5:00 pm
- Winner receives a one year pass, for two individuals, entry to all public events at the Plaza, likely to include festivals, concerts, art shows and more (est. value \$500)

See the official rules at the link for specific details. To insure an appropriate name is selected, public voting will be influential and public, though final approval of name selection resides with Mayor of North Little Rock and the City Council.

**Please notify Neighborhood Services of any address change.  
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