



NLR Neighborhood News

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What if you expected a disaster and no one showed up?

Predictions for this month's total solar eclipse said up to three million people might be coming to Arkansas on April 8, 2024. It is clear that the numbers were significantly lower. The eclipse was peaceful and calm. Traffic seemed normal, and businesses were not overwhelmed. We saw license plates from all over the United States, but there were no problems with or for our visitors.



The city, county, and state have adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS), allowing responders to work together efficiently during domestic incidents. Terminology and structures are the same across all levels so no time is wasted when working with responders

from out of our jurisdiction. Our Incident Command System (ICS) is scalable, meaning our structure and training can respond to disasters both large and small.

Just the act of preparing for the predicted crowds was a good thing. The practice in setting up our Emergency Operation Center and planning for the eclipse beforehand was valuable. The City was as ready as it could be. Had the forecasted number of tourists arrived here, the response would have been well thought out and quickly implemented.

Eclipse planning is not the only time the City has been working on disaster preparedness. You may be surprised to know that the city has been working on its emergency response efforts for years. Training is ongoing in how the city should respond to a disaster, either natural or man-made. Areas we are actively working on include emergency shelters, distributing needed supplies, providing reunification services for scattered families, mass evacuation support and support for household pets and service animals.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) suggests having enough supplies stockpiled at home to last for seventy-two hours in case outside aid would be delayed by a major disaster. It is also suggested that you make plans with your family before a disaster strikes. Being self-sufficient for seventy-two hours is a goal we should all prepare for. So is keeping our family members aware of our plans in case disaster strikes. Where will we meet? Where will we shelter? Your family should know your plan.

Immediately following last year's tornado, city crews started clearing streets. The damage was severe and widespread. As soon as the tornado had passed neighbors with chainsaws also came out to cut up the trees blocking our streets. They saw what needed to be done and stepped up to help. Others helped drag the de-

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The Cicadas Are Coming (Again)



This year billions of cicadas will emerge mostly in the north central and the south eastern portions of the United States. In Arkansas we will see the cicadas of Brood XIX which emerge every

thirteen years. This will be in addition to our usual cicadas that emerge every year. Some areas farther north will also see the emergence of the Brood XIII which emerges every nineteen years. Springfield, Illinois is predicted to be ground zero for emergence if you want to travel and see this rare event. Both Broods (Brood XIX and Brood XIII) will not emerge in the same year again for 221 years.

How Heavy Will It Be In Arkansas?

According to the USDA Forest Service, the areas with the most active broods are Northwest Arkansas and parts of West Central Arkansas. Pulaski County is not listed as having reported a prior emergency. Even so large numbers of cicadas will emerge in Pulaski County.

Disaster continued.

bris to the curbs. Streets were cleared so emergency vehicles could get through and neighbors could get back home to check on the damage. Needed items were donated like water, tarps, diapers, gloves, and cleaning supplies. Neighbors helped deliver those items to the affected areas.

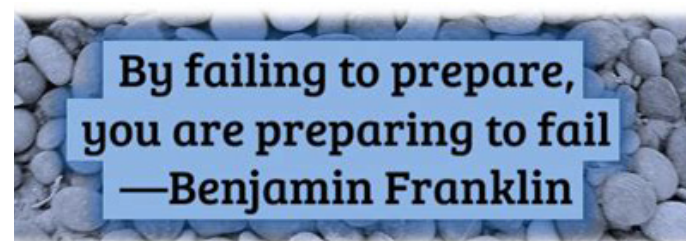
A great city is made up of great neighborhoods. Great neighborhoods are made up of great neighbors. The March 31st tornado ran on the ground for more than five miles through our city. The ef-

What Can We Expect?

Remember problems back in 2011 which was the last time Brood XIX emerged? Or back in 1998? We don't either, but experts at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service predict what to expect this year. Cicadas will emerge in May and June and be very loud, reaching volumes of 90-100 decibels. (That is louder than a hair dryer and can damage hearing over a prolonged period of time.) Expect them to leave exoskeletons behind when they molt and expect to find their bodies when they die after two to three weeks. They can adversely affect seedlings and fruit trees when the females lay eggs inside the bark. Fishing may be affected if the fish have eaten large numbers of cicadas. We might also see more copperhead snakes than usual when they come out of hiding to gorge on the cicadas.

Although surprising and annoying if they fly at you or your porch light, they don't bite and are generally harmless to people. If you decide to eat them it is suggested that you cook them rather than eat them raw. If your dogs or cats eat too many they may experience a stomach upset.

forts of neighbors helping neighbors were amazing. North Little Rock is a great city. You and your neighbors make that true.



Keep North Little Rock Beautiful Presents

2024 Great NLR Cleanup May 4 / 8:30 am-11:00 am

Work within your community, individually or with a group.
Celebration and door prizes to follow at
Burns Park John Irving Pavilion at Funland Drive.



Registration forms and more information can be found at facebook.com/KNLRB or knlr.org, or contact green@knlr.org/501-350-8775

North Little Rock Commission Meetings

Airport Commission

3rd Thursday, 12:00 pm
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.

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

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

3rd 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

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.
Samantha Floyd, 501-231-7240
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
sunimcclellad@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, 6:00
Glenview Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.
Linda Robinson, 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.

Every 2nd Wednesday, 7:00
Meadow Park Elem. Cafeteria
801 East Bethany
Michael Davis, 501-442-0744
nlrhs2006@gmail.com
nerdgang@yahoo.com

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

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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Issue	Deadline Date
July/August	June 1
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Nov/Dec	October 1

**2024 Remaining
North Little Rock
Holiday Schedule**

Memorial Day

May 27

**Sanitation runs one
day late all week.**

Juneteenth Day

June 19

**Sanitation routes for
Thursday & Friday
run one day late.**

Independence Day

July 4

**Sanitation schedule for
Friday routes run one day late.**

Labor Day

September 2

**Sanitation runs one
day late all week.**

Veterans Day

November 11

**Sanitation runs
regular schedule.**

Thanksgiving

November 28 & 29

**Sanitation routes for
Thursday & Friday
run one day late.**

Christmas

December 24 & 25

**Sanitation routes for
Thursday & Friday
run one day late.**



**What To Do With Leftover
Eclipse Glasses?**

Do you have leftover Eclipse glasses? Don't want to trash them? Will they be useable for the next Eclipse?

Eclipse glasses are good for about three years. After that they should not be used.

Recycling is much better option than sending them to the landfill.

If you would like to recycle any left-over Eclipse glasses you can send them to one of the following:

Eclipse Glasses USA, LLC

P.O. Box 50571

Provo, UT 84605

or

Astronomers Without Borders

**Contact Laura Bernstein-Kurtycz with the AR Little Rock Zoo at
LBernstein-Kurtycz@littlerock.gov.**

These organizations will check the safety of the glasses, then send them to other countries for use in the coming year for Eclipses in their area. North Little Rock Libraries, City Hall and NLR Visitors Bureau also provide this service as well.

2024 Remaining Recycling Weeks

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

**For Recycling Holiday Pick Up Questions?
Call Waste Management at (501) 565-0191.**

May Calendar

June Calendar

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)
Witt Stephens Jr Central AR Nature Center--



Arkansas's Most Secretive Squirrel Has Stylish Air By Kirsten Bartlow, AGFC Watchable Wildlife Program Coordinator

LITTLE ROCK — A night-time stroll may reveal one of Arkansas's coolest, but rarely seen creatures. The diminutive southern flying squirrel weighs in at a few ounces but makes up for size with style.

The chipmunk-sized mammal is a close cousin to the gray and fox squirrel and prefers heavily wooded areas near water statewide. Despite its name, flying is not a part of its repertoire, but it has gliding down to a science. When ready to make a move, it climbs to a high spot in a tree and jumps. Loose folds of skin extend from wrist to ankle and support the squirrel in a graceful glide. Their broad, flat tail works like a rudder. They're able to change their gliding angle and even execute right turns in "flight." Listen for a soft thumping noise when they land, followed by scurrying feet as they move to the other side of a tree trunk to avoid predators.



Owls are their main nocturnal nemesis. Hawks, tree-climbing snakes, and arboreal mammals like raccoons also catch and consume these tiny rodents.

Be on the lookout for flying squirrels on a bright moonlit night or in the dim light of predawn or dusk. Their large, saucer-like eyes glow red in the beam of a flashlight. Listen closely for their birdlike chirps and twitters made while foraging.

Flying squirrels seek out hickory nuts, but also readily eat acorns, buds, seeds of various trees, fruits, berries, mushrooms, insects and occasionally bird eggs and nestlings. They also are fond of meat and will feed on carrion. Attract the little mammal to platform feeders with sunflower seeds, peanut butter and other nuts and suet.

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