

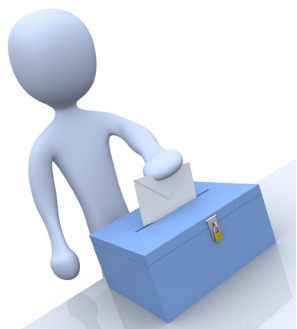


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NLR Neighborhood News

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Election 2024 --

2024's General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Polls on Election Day will be open from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Candidates will be running to fill positions from President of the United States to Councilmember of the North Little Rock City Council and everything in between. The last day you may register to vote for the 2024 General Election is Monday, October 7, 2024.

Votepulaskiar.gov is the website of the Pulaski County Board of Election Commissioners. On this site you may search for your voter registration, look up important election dates, find your early polling site and hours, and find your regular polling site and its hours of operation.

Votepulaskiar.gov also allows you to complete a form to vote absentee. You may request an absentee ballot if you will be unavoidably absent from your polling place on Election Day, unable to attend due to illness or physical disability, are a resident of a long-term care or residential facility licensed by the state, or will be unable to attend the polls due to a religious holiday or a religious discipline. Voter Registration Applications are available in both English and Spanish.

Early voting is available at the Laman Library at 2801 Orange Street in North Little Rock, Shorter College at 604 North Locust Street, and at the Pulaski County Regional Building at 501 West Markham in Little Rock. Early voting starts on October 21st and ends November 4th. Early election hours are: 8 AM to 6 PM Monday to Friday; 10 AM to 4 PM Saturdays; And 8 AM to 5 PM on November 4th.

If you are interested in helping with the election, you may apply to become a poll worker. To be a poll worker you must: be a registered voter; be a resident of the precinct in which you serve unless the county board assigns you to another precinct in the county; not have been found guilty or plead guilty or no contest to the violation of any election law of Arkansas; not be a paid employee of any political party; not be a paid employee of any person running for office; not be a candidate for any office to be filled at an election at which you shall serve; not be married to or closely related to any candidate running for office in the current election. Poll Workers are required to attend training and will be compensated for attending mandatory training. Applications to be a Poll Worker are available at votepulaskiar.gov.



**Every
Vote
Counts**

Pet Reminders --

Adam Tindall, North Little Rock Animal Control Director



In the City of North Little Rock, your Animal Control Officers responded to over 7000 calls for service in 2023. A lot of those calls were animals at large, which is why it is extremely important to keep your dog under direct control at all times for the dog's safety and others. "At large" – means any dog that is not under the direct control of the owner and it could be for many different reasons. If you see a dog at large please contact the Animal Shelter as soon as possible so we may be able to assist, provide care, and hopefully locate an owner. We would much rather return the dog to the owner than have it come to the shelter. Most loose dogs live in the area where they are found, and are well-aware of their surroundings. Sometimes I think we don't give animals enough credit for how adaptable they tend to be, but they seem to know these areas better than we do.

The Leash Law for the City of NLR boils down to public safety for the human and animal interactions that we face in our neighborhoods on occasion. This is one of many reasons to keep your dog on a leash or under direct control - meaning immediate, continuous, physical control of a dog, such as a leash or a secure fence.

Another important ordinance to remember, which coincides with pets running loose, is the dog and cat license requirement. This is a very important step in being able to return your animal quickly to your home. As one of my mentors used to say, "dogs don't come with titles," referring to ownership info. Pet owners need to make sure to keep microchips, licenses, and rabies vaccines up to date. To find out about licensing please contact us.

Running at Large Ord. 6.1.9

Dog or cat license required 5.1.2

When taking your dog out for a walk in your neighborhood always be mindful of your neighbors, and remember to clean up after your pet. In the City of North Little Rock there is an ordinance that requires you to clean up any feces of your pet and to be in possession of suitable equipment to do so such as plastic bags or scooping devices. Please do your part to help keep NLR beautiful.

Clean-up Required Ord. 6.1.10

During the "Dog" days of summer we are always reminded to be mindful of the heat. It is imperative year-round that we make sure that our pets have access to plenty of water and adequate shelter at all times. Ordinance 6.1.4 partially defines animal mistreatment and abuse as the "failure to provide any animal with proper food, drink, protection from the weather, and veterinary care. Life can get busy at any moment, so always be sure to check on your pets during any extreme weather.

Animal mistreatment or neglect 6.1.4

One of the many calls that Animal Control receives is dogs tied to inanimate objects or on chains. In the City of North Little Rock, we have an ordinance prohibiting the confinement of dogs on chains or tie outs. We understand that not all homes are equipped with fencing and the cost associated with adding it, so there are other options available. A dog pen can be used as long as it is located at least 75 feet from any dwelling other than your own or the furthest location possible from another. The dog pen is required to have at least 100 square feet for each dog over 6 months housed inside. The most common choice is a trolley system or run cable. This system is a way to confine a dog by tethering it to a cable that is no less than 10 feet in length and elevated four to seven feet off the ground in a manner that allows the tether to move freely. Please contact us if you need help or have questions with the setup of this system.

Dog confinement 5.1.6



National Night Out - Tuesday, October 1, 2024

On Tuesday, October 1, residents across the city will be celebrating National Night Out in their neighborhood.

The purpose of this night is to encourage residents to turn on their porch lights, come out of their homes and get to know their neighbors. Statistics show that strong neighborhoods are the ones where the residents know their neighbors. Knowing who does and does not belong in a neighborhood helps to deter crime. Many times it all comes down to communication between neighbors and our local police department.

Each neighborhood choosing to participate in National Night Out is responsible for the planning and execution of their event. What works for one neighborhood may be different for another. We've seen anything from a simple ice cream social between residents in a one block radius to a large gathering with a stage and performing bands. Getting together, making friends with new neighbors, and reconnecting with old neighbors, that's what it's all about.

Another way to help deter crime is to be active in your neighborhood group. If you are not attending a neighborhood meeting you are missing out. These meetings give residents a time to get to know each other, discuss issues, and find solutions. Most neighborhood meetings have a local police officer in attendance. Tips and issues can be given to the police officer at these meetings with most police officers following up. When you get to know the police officers working in your neighborhood, solving issues is much easier.

Make your plans now to attend the National Night Out event in your neighborhood.

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

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
Lorraine Chism, 501-420-5562
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.

North Little Rock Neighborhood News is a bi-monthly publication. Please note the following deadlines for information to be published:

Issue	Deadline Date
Nov/Dec	October 1
Jan/Feb 2025	December 1
Mar/Apr 2025	February 1
May/Jun 2025	April 1

NLR Mayor Offers \$2,000 Reward -

North Little Rock Police Athletic League recently experienced copper theft at the Rose City Ballpark.

North Little Rock Mayor Terry Hartwick is offering a \$2,000 reward leading to the arrest pertaining to the copper theft.

Anyone with information should call 501-680-8439. If you see something, say something.



2024 Remaining North Little Rock Holiday Schedule

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.

2024 Remaining Recycling Weeks

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.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

Witt Stephens Jr Central AR Nature Center--

By Kirsten Bartlow, AGFC Watchable Wildlife Program Coordinator



LITTLE ROCK — Snakes scare a lot of people. According to Web MD, half of the people in the world feel anxious about snakes while 2 to 3 percent of people experience ophidiophobia – a fear of snakes so extreme that it interferes with life.

The eastern hognose snake lives statewide, but in localized populations. This medium-sized, stocky snake with an upturned snout prefers habitat with sandy or loose soil.

Describing the snake's coloration is tricky because it comes in a palette of colors – tan, black, olive, yellow, reddish-orange or gray. These colors may be uniform or paired with a series of brown or black blotches on their back and bands on their tail. Adding to this variability, its belly may be gray, yellow, olive or red and mottled with green-gray or gray. One consistency in their coloration is a pair of large, dark brown or black blotches behind the head.

Their prominent, upturned snout digs and pokes through loose or sandy soil in pursuit of toads, their preferred prey. Toads have dandy defense mechanisms for most predators – glands behind each eye secrete a toxin that makes them inedible and they puff up their bodies to appear much larger. But these defenses are no match for the hognose. A neutralizing enzyme in the digestive tract of the snake allows it to eat toads with no ill effect, and a specialized pair of large teeth in the upper jaw in the back of the mouth deflate a toad like a balloon.

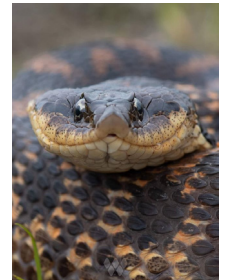
Hognose snakes also produce a mild venom with their saliva that subdues their prey for easy swallowing. While toads make up most of their meals, hognose also dine upon a variety of frogs, salamanders, lizards and their eggs, ground-nesting bird eggs, and small mammals such as mice and shrews.

When frightened, a hognose snake puts on a thespian-worthy performance. Act one involves the snake flattening its head and neck and hissing loudly. It may even strike, but only as a bluff with its mouth closed. If this offensive display doesn't work to ward off an enemy, the snake's second act is a strong defense. It may go into convulsions, open its mouth and let its tongue hang out, thrash around, throw up prey from its stomach, defecate, roll onto its back and play dead. If the perceived threat moves away, the snake will eventually roll over onto its belly, look about cautiously while flicking its tongue before slithering away to safety.

Hognose are non-aggressive despite this impressive show – they rarely bite people, even when they've been captured. And while the saliva of a hognose helps subdue its prey, it has little effect on humans although some people have experienced a bit of swelling along with a burning and tingling sensation, all short-lived.

The harmless hognose has earned an assortment of nicknames including "puff adder" and "hissing viper." And while its defensive behaviors work well against their natural enemies, these antics unfortunately cause them to be killed by humans out of unwarranted fear.

Check out AGFC's "Arkansas Snake Guide" (https://drive.google.com/file/d/15o4duULIzn-6iSmyzTeGEDttIRn_Jz8J/view) to learn more about the 36 species of snakes that live in The Natural State and the important roles they play in nature.



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