



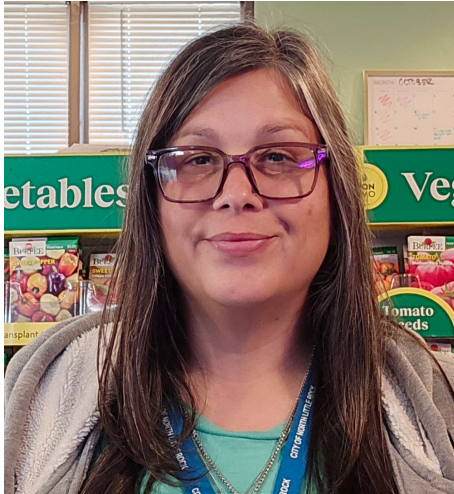
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NLR Neighborhood News

#NLRStrong

Welcome New Community Garden Program Manager, Rachelle Kelly!



We're thrilled to welcome Rachelle Kelly as our new Community Garden Program Manager! A Central Arkansas native with a green thumb and a heart for community, Rachelle spent the last four years transforming St. Joseph Farmstead's community garden into a flourishing haven of growth and connection.

Her expertise shines in everything from soil health and companion planting to leading hands-on workshops and inspiring gardeners of all levels.

Rachelle's passion for sustainable gardening and building strong, thriving communities makes her the perfect fit for our garden family. She can't wait to dig in, grow with you, and help your community garden bloom like never before!

Ready to start or grow your own community garden in the NLR city limits? Rachelle is here to make it happen! For questions about the NLR Community Garden Program, reach out at rkelly@nlr.ar.gov or give her a call at 501-351-0184.



FALL 2025 FUNDING APPLICATION DUE
JUNE 15, 2025
NEW GARDENS ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO \$1500
RETURNING GARDENS ELIGIBLE UP TO \$5000

HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1: Scan the QR Code to review the application at the bottom of our website
STEP 2: Complete the application and compile all required attachments
STEP 3: Submit the application to NLRNeighborhoodServ@nlr.ar.gov



Point your camera phone at me!

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

With over 15 active community gardens in North Little Rock, our garden managers are always looking for assistance. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just starting out, we invite you to get involved and be part of this vibrant community.

VOLUNTEER

SIGN-UP

Scan me with your camera phone! --->



The Best Resolutions for the New Year



What would qualify as a “Best” resolution to undertake in 2025? Ones that would increase the safety of your city? Your neighborhood? The country as a whole? Ones that would help keep children safe? Ones that would make our streets and highways safer? Probably any resolutions that could do those things without a negative impact on your quality of life would qualify as best.

You could choose a diet, join a gym, or make any of the other resolutions that last for a week or two and then fall by the wayside. Or, you could make some minor changes to keep your children and grandchildren and your neighbors’ kids safe.

The top three causes of death for young people under age 19 are now:

- 1) Firearm related deaths;
- 2) Vehicle accidents; and
- 3) Drug overdose/accidental poisoning.

It is estimated that 436 million kids live in a home with at least one unlocked firearm in the home. One half of accidental firearm deaths among children occurs in the home

with kids playing with or showing the firearm to another person. Often those firearms were stored loaded, unlocked, and “hidden” in nightstands and other sleeping areas. Children knew where guns are in the home. One resolution would be to unload and lock up your firearms and ammunition.

Vehicle deaths are actually declining among teens and children. There were 7 % fewer teenagers killed in 2022 versus 2021. Deaths of children younger than 13 have decreased significantly since 1975. Still, that number could be decreased further by adopting a couple of simple resolutions for the New Year. Children should always ride in the back seat. Car seats should be used every time a child rides in a vehicle. Resolve to ensure your loved ones are protected from someone else’s poor driving.

Keep toxic products that look inviting (detergent pods) out of the reach of children. Keep the National Poison Control Hotline 800-222-1222 on your refrigerator in case of emergency. The number one source of drugs for teens is home medicine cabinets. 70% of people illegally using prescription drugs admit stealing them from family and friends. Resolutions to child-proof our houses and to better control access to prescribed medications could continue the decrease of overdoses we have seen in the last year.

Surely resolutions in these three areas would qualify as among the best. Especially if more children live to see 2026 as a result of some minor changes in our lifestyles.

Happy New Year!

**Are you involved in your local neighborhood organization?
What better way to improve your neighborhood than by actively
participating in what is happening in your neighborhood!**

Why not take this time to add -- neighborhood involvement to your resolution list?

Neighborhoods are only as good as their residents.

Help to make your neighborhood a better place to live in 2025.

North Little Rock Board & Commission Meetings

Advertising & Promotion Commission

Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday, 3:30 pm
600 Main Street, Suite 100

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 pm
NLR City Hall
300 Main Street

Civil Service Commission

2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm
City Services, 700 W. 29th St.

Community Garden Advisory Commission

4 Times Yearly
Contact: 501-791-8500

History Commission

2nd Tuesday, 5:30 pm
506 Main Street

Historic District Commission

2nd Thursday, 5:30 pm
506 Main Street

Housing Authority Board of Commissions

1st Monday, 5:00 pm
4901 Fairway Avenue, Suite A

Library Commission

3rd Monday, 5:30 pm
Laman Library, 28th & Orange Sts.

MEMS Board

4th Tuesday, 7:30 pm
MEMS Admin Bldg.,
1121 W. 7th, Little Rock

NLR Levee & Flood Wall

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Parks & Recreation Commission

3rd Monday, 5:00 pm
2700 Willow Street

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday, 4:00 pm
City Hall, 300 Main Street

Board of Zoning Adjustment

Last Thursday of each month,
1:30 p.m. / City Hall
300 Main Street

Residential Housing Facilities Board/Public Facilities Board

Meetings are held on an on-call
basis. For more information
call, 501-372-0110

Rock Region METRO

3rd Tuesday, 12 Noon
RockRegion METRO Bldg.
901 Maple 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.

Tree Board

Meets Quarterly
300 Main Street

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
nlrbs2006@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 501-975-8601
City Clerk, Diane Whitbey 501-975-8617
City Attorney, Amy Fields 501-975-3755

Council Members

Ward 1

Debi Ross 501-753-0733
Nathan Hamilton 501-952-7679

Ward 2

Linda Robinson 501-945-8820
Nicole Hart 501--

Ward 3

Steve Baxter 501-804-0928
Ron Harris 501-758-2877

Ward 4

Scott Fowler 501--
Vince Insalaco III 501-951-0786

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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
Mar/Apr 2025	February 1
May/Jun 2025	April 1
Jul/Aug 2025	June 1
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Nov/Dec 2025	October 1

**North Little Rock
Holiday Schedule**

New Year's Day

January 1

Sanitation one day late
Thursday-Saturday.

Martin Luther King, Jr

January 20

Sanitation one day late.

Presidents Day/

Daisy Gaston Bates

February 17

Sanitation regular schedule.

Memorial Day

May 26

Sanitation one day late.

Juneteenth

June 19

Sanitation one day late
Friday & Saturday.

Independence Day

July 4

Sanitation one day late
on Saturday.

Labor Day

September 1

Sanitation one day late.

Veterans Day

November 11

Sanitation regular schedule.

Thanksgiving

November 27 & 28

Sanitation one day late
Friday - Saturday.

Christmas Eve/Day

December 24 & 25

Sanitation one day late
Friday - Saturday.

For additional sanitation information, contact NLR Sanitation at 501-371-8340.



**2025
Recycling Weeks**

January 12 & 26

February 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

April 6 & 20

May 4 & 18

June 1, 15 & 29

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2, 16 & 30

December 14 & 28

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

**Deadline to assess
personal property is
May 31, 2025.**

**If you assess after this date,
there will be a 10% penalty.**

**Assessment is required to get
vehicle licenses renewed.**

**Assessments can be done
online at
www.pulaskicountyassessor.net
or by calling 501-340-6170.**

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)

Witt Stephens Jr Central AR Nature Center--



Turn Christmas Leftovers Into ‘Habitat For The Holidays’

LITTLE ROCK — When the eggnog is finished and the last of the holiday feasts are over, many live Christmas trees are destined to sit next to the road until the sanitation department picks them up. Instead of tossing your festive fir to the curb on Dec. 26, donate it to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission’s Habitat for the Holidays program.

AGFC biologists throughout the state have designated special Christmas tree donation locations where you can deliver your tree so it can be used as fish habitat in local lakes.

The drop-off locations act just like a “take-a-penny, leave-a-penny tray” at a cashier’s station, only it’s for fish. Anyone who wants to drop off their natural Christmas tree can take it to a location and leave it. Any angler who wants to take the trees and sink them can do so throughout January. After that, AGFC staff will take the remainder of the trees and freshen up some of the existing fishing hotspots found on the AGFC interactive map.

Anglers should bring their own rope and weights to sink the trees. Paracord works well to bind trees together and attach the weight (sandbags and cinder blocks are most commonly used).

Christmas trees are relatively short-term habitat because they don’t have much thick woody material, but they can be gathered in clusters easily and sunk in large groups. The main stems will last longer than the wispy branches and continue to draw fish throughout the year. Many anglers use these Christmas trees to freshen up productive attractor sites every year, with the main trunks offering long-lasting cover and the branches of the new brush.

Artificial trees are not allowed at drop-off locations, and all ornaments, tinsel and lights should be removed before the trees are dropped off.

Trees can be left at any of the following central Arkansas locations until the end of January:

Arkansas River – Riverview Park Access in North Little Rock

Lake Barnett – Reed Access

Harris Brake Lake – Chittman Hill Access

Lake Pickthorne – Holland Bottoms Access

Lake Overcup – Lake Overcup Landing

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