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NLR Neighborhood News

#NLRStrong

In 1994, the North Little Rock City Council realized how the power of neighborhood organizations can make the city better and stronger. In recognizing the importance of these organizations the North Little Rock Neighborhood Services office was created to assist these groups. It was staffed in 1995, and within the last few years the staff has grown by adding a Neighborhood Services Liaison position and the community garden program.

“Inclusive, strong, active groups have proven to be a key in bettering our city.”

-- Former Mayor Patrick H. Hays

Over the years, to make improvements throughout North Little Rock neighborhoods the city council has listened to and worked with neighborhood organizations. Communication between the city council members and their residents are vital to having success. Many times issues over land use, code and crime issues have been resolved by the neighborhood organizations working with council members and city departments. While not all issues have been successfully won by the neighborhoods, compromises can sometimes be made so all sides can move forward.

As a result, the pedestrian and outside storage legislations were passed.

The Baring Cross neighborhood working with their council representatives was able to stop the expansion of apartments in the neighborhood by updating the city's land use plan for that neighborhood.

Mid-City stopped the proposed 15th Street bridge from dividing the neighborhood and destroying several houses.

Dark Hollow stopped a slaughterhouse from opening near their neighborhood.

Many times neighborhood organizations work together. Meadow Park, Glenview and Rose City teamed up to get changes made at a metal scrap yard that was disrupting the neighborhood.

Cypress Crossing, Willow Beach and Stone Links have worked together on rezoning issues.

The members of the city council should be listening to the residents when issues arise. A fair solution should be neutrally discussed so that the outcome benefits those who will be dealing with the aftermath.

Are you active in your local neighborhood organization? Does your neighborhood have an active organization? Step up, start attending your local meetings, volunteer to participate, and get to know your city council representatives.



MARCH PLANTING GUIDE



Sign up to
volunteer with us!

Vegetables to Plant:

Asparagus Lettuce Carrots
Kohlrabi Radish Cauliflower
Cabbage Broccoli Sweet Corn
Mustard Turnips Swiss Chard
Beets Irish Potatoes Onions
Spinach English Peas

Vegetables to Start Indoors for April/May Planting

Start indoors 8-10 weeks before the last frost

Peppers (Sweet & Hot) - Bell peppers, Jalapeños,
Banana peppers

Eggplants - Black Beauty, Ichiban

Start indoors 4-6 weeks before the last frost
Melons (Watermelon, Cantaloupe) - Sugar Baby
watermelon, Hale's Best cantaloupe

Start indoors 3-4 weeks before the last frost
Cucumbers - Marketmore, Lemon cucumber

Start indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost

Herbs - Basil, Parsley, Oregano, Thyme
Tomatoes - Early Girl, Brandywine, Roma
Cabbage - Savoy cabbage, Green cabbage
Broccoli - Calabrese, Green Magic
Cauliflower - Snowball, Purple Cape
Brussels Sprouts - Long Island, Jade Cross



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Garden Tip - Companion Planting: A Smart Strategy for a Thriving Garden

Companion planting is a proven technique that pairs plants to enhance growth, deter pests, and improve yields. By placing compatible plants together, you can naturally support a healthier, more productive garden.

Certain plants benefit each other in specific ways—basil enhances tomato flavor and repels pests, while marigolds deter harmful insects. Beans enrich the soil with nitrogen, aiding leafy greens and root crops. Tall plants like corn provide shade for heat-sensitive vegetables, and herbs like rosemary and thyme naturally ward off pests.

Best Companion Plant Pairs:

- Tomatoes – Basil, Marigolds, Carrots, Onions
- Carrots – Onions, Leeks, Lettuce, Radishes
- Beans – Corn, Squash, Cucumbers, Potatoes
- Cucumbers – Nasturtiums, Dill, Radishes, Beans
- Peppers – Basil, Onions, Spinach, Carrots
- Lettuce – Radishes, Carrots, Beets, Onions
- Squash/Zucchini – Corn, Beans, Nasturtiums
- Cabbage Family (Broccoli, Kale, Cabbage) – Dill, Onions, Beets, Potatoes

By embracing companion planting, you'll promote biodiversity, reduce the need for chemical pesticides, and create a more productive and healthier garden. Try it out in your urban garden this season!



Meet Jeff Titus --

Jeff Titus is a Certified Horticulturist with 20 years of experience in horticulture and urban sustainability. He has worked with leading organizations in the industry, including Heifer International, where he contributed to urban agriculture initiatives that distributed fresh produce throughout the city, and P. Allen Smith, where he honed his expertise in landscape design, plant care, and aesthetics.

Currently, Jeff serves in the City of North Little Rock's Neighborhood Services Department, focusing on enhancing green spaces, supporting urban development projects, and fostering community engagement through horticultural initiatives. His career reflects a strong commitment to sustainable practices and improving the quality of life in local neighborhoods through thoughtful green infrastructure.

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 Manager

March 26 & April 23, 5:00-6:00 pm
3427 North Magnolia Street
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

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

Every 1st Thursday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House,
Military Drive & Joe Poch Road
Paula Lively, 501-350-7649
pkele@aol.com

Amboy Neighborhood Assn.

Every 1st Thursday, 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 501-960-2461

Ward 3

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

Ward 4

Scott Fowler 501-765-5868
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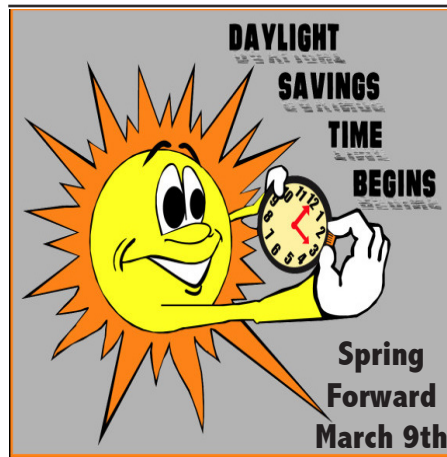
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Comments? We would like to hear from you. If you have neighborhood meetings or activities to be placed in the newsletter, please mail, fax, email or call the information to us. Are you reading someone else's copy? If you would like to be placed on 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
May/June 2025	April 1
July/Aug 2025	June 1
Sept/Oct 2025	August 1
Nov/Dec 2025	October 1



**Remaining 2025
North Little Rock
Holiday 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.



**Remaining 2025
Recycling Weeks**

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
June 2, 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--

Threadfin Shad:

Tiny Fish, Big Impact On Arkansas Sport Fishing

LITTLE ROCK — Stocking Threadfin Shad is a relatively new endeavor for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. These tiny, silvery minnows may not be glamorous, but they have a big impact on your favorite sport fish, be it bass, crappie, or walleye. They also are somewhat delicate, making them not only difficult to raise in a hatchery, but also to harvest, haul, and stock.

AGFC hatchery staff stocked a variety of lakes last year with threadfin shad, from some of the AGFC's smallest lakes like 100-acre Horsehead Lake near Clarksville to Upper and Lower White Oak Lakes in Ouachita and Nevada Counties that equate to 1,700 acres combined. Brewer Lake near Plumerville saw a direct stocking of shad last year, and Lake Monticello was loaded down with more than 350,000 fingerling threadfins to help jump start this historical heavyweight Largemouth Bass destination as it rebounds from a recent renovation.

In addition to direct stocking, AGFC uses nursery ponds to stock shad. Each spring, thousands of adult shad are introduced to small ponds adjacent to larger lakes that have few if any aquatic predators or competing species. After spawning, both adults and their offspring are released into the lake in the fall, further bolstering the shad population. This innovative approach maximizes stocking efforts and strengthens the aquatic food web. Two larger lakes, Maumelle just west of Little Rock, and Greers Ferry near Heber Springs, saw a boost to shad populations through nursery ponds devoted to those lakes last year. Another nursery pond, this one on Lake Conway, also was stocked, but it is

being used as a temporary fishing destination during that lake's renovation and the shad stocked there are helping keep game fish in that pond at healthy weights for anglers until construction on Lake Conway is complete.

What makes Threadfin Shad so valuable? They rarely grow larger than 5 inches, making them ideal prey for a wide range of predator species. They primarily inhabit open water: This not only adds feeding opportunities to portions of lakes where other forage species are not available, but also creates exciting angling opportunities for game fish. Anglers often see the telltale signs of shad schools being chased by predators — a thrilling sight that promises rousing fishing action.

So, the next time you land a Lunker Bass or a Slab Crappie, remember the tiny Threadfin Shad that helped make it happen. These unsung heroes of the underwater world play a vital role in our aquatic ecosystems, fueling the growth of your favorite sport fish.



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