

North Little Rock Neighborhood News



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Twenty Years!

Twenty years ago this month Neighborhood Services printed the first issue of NLR Neighborhood News. Back when we started this publication, Bill Clinton was in his first term as President and Mariah Carey and Boys II Men had the number one song, “One Sweet Day”, but “The Macarena” was on its way to the top. In the city, Patrick Hays was the mayor, Mary Munns the city clerk and collector, Randy Morley the city attorney, and Mary Ruth Morgan the treasurer. We had eight organized neighborhoods back then.

Same Staff

Neighborhood Services Department has had the same staff since 1995. We were then, and are now, the smallest and cheapest department in the City. With the third longest serving department head (in the same job) and as the only department with no turnover in twenty years, we feel like we provide important institutional memory for the City as a municipal organization. But we do more than just that. Back in 1995 we were “charged with assisting and coordinating Neighborhood Action Groups, loaning equipment, making technical assistance available, and serving as a liaison with other City departments”. We continue to do all those things, but now we have shortened it to “helping make our neighborhood groups stronger”.

Increased Participation

Twenty-one of our neighborhoods now have at least one neighborhood organization, up from the original eight. We have twenty-eight neighborhood organizations working in North Little Rock. We provide regular training for our neighborhood groups about effective advocacy and running productive meetings. We staff the City Beautiful Commission and host the monthly Community Garden Committee meetings in our office in Park Hill. We still loan equipment for neighborhood events, and some of that equipment is the original stuff from 1995. (It is the heavy stuff.) We process event applications for neighborhood events wanting to close

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a street, and more recently we work with food trucks in the city. We have been involved with the JumpStart grants awarded to Levy and Park Hill.

Progressive Changes

During our tenure we have seen big changes in North Little Rock. We have seen the Riverwalk Area developed, the Verizon Arena built, the Dickey Stevens Ball Field built, the trail systems developed (including both the River Trail system and the Levy Spur Trail). We have seen miles of sidewalks installed and major street improvements that increase traffic safety for our citizens. We have seen our population increase, the fiscal health of our city improve, and the housing increases in our neighborhoods to the East and in the apartment buildings close to Maumelle. We have seen significant improvements in city services offered. Sanitation, Code Enforcement, and the Police Department have never been better than they are right now. While not part of the City, we are proud that the school district has all new or renovated schools thanks to the far-sightedness of our citizens. Our City Council is progressive and hard working.

Other Duties As Assigned

Over the past two decades we have performed our share of "other duties as assigned". We went to New Orleans with the History Commission staff and unloaded at-risk items from the Razorback submarine in the summer of 2004. We can attest that unloading an unairconditioned 311 foot black metal tube in New Orleans in the direct summer sun by lifting everything in buckets is hot work. For more than a decade we were responsible for the Northshore Riverwalk area. If you had an event in the park, from a wedding to a major concert, you got us as an amenity from setup to teardown. We

continue to work major events in the Riverwalk, and still process event applications for events that happen in our neighborhoods. We have flyer'd most of the neighborhoods in our city at one time or another, going door to door to distribute information the residents of that neighborhood needed.

Leadership Evolution

Mostly, we have worked with our neighborhood activists. We have learned that for long term success, a neighborhood association must continue to bring in young people into the group, or the group will eventually fail.

Over the years we have lost many of our original activists. We miss Elise Dreher, Inez Ballentine, Lorene Joshua, Jim Roberts, Curtis Sykes, Polly Wilks, Lowell Alderman, John Degroot, Geraldine Finch, Joe Simmons, Mary Munns, Bob and Carolyn Ringer, Fred Days, Don Strickland, Jack Finnegan, Harold Heffington, Mary Hess, Richard Heerboth, Evelyn James, and Susan Gunter. This is not a complete list, but looking at it makes us proud to have worked with these fine people and to witness the positive changes they made in our city. They not only improved their neighborhoods, they changed the way the City does business and made us realize that neighborhood associations are crucial to the health of where we call home. We are also proud of our new leaders who have been inspired by those earlier pioneers.

Thank you

Finally, we would like to thank you, the citizens of North Little Rock, and our elected officials for keeping our office open. We hope to continue to serve you for the foreseeable future.

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New Year's Resolutions -

Looking for resolutions for the coming year? Here is a suggested list:

- 1.) Attend your local neighborhood group meeting. It is a good way to find out what is going on in your neighborhood.
- 2.) Keep an eye on your neighborhood. Report suspicious activity to the Police Department.
- 3.) Get to know your neighbors. Better neighbors equal tighter communities with fewer opportunities for criminals to remain unnoticed.
- 4.) Keep informed about what is happening in your city and your neighborhood. North Little Rock City Council meetings are broadcast on cable television and on the internet.
- 5.) Make sure your pet wears a collar with a license and something with your name and contact information on it.
- 6.) Lock your car doors, even if you are parked in your own driveway. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle, especially in open view of anyone walking by.
- 7.) Make sure you have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home and in every bedroom. Keep 'em clean and test 'em regularly.
- 8.) Recycle. You already pay for this service as part of your electric bill, so you might as well use it. Plus it helps the Sanitation Department and the environment.



**To Report Electrical Outages
In North Little Rock**

Call 1-888-728-4004.

This is a toll free number.

**To report potholes or
street damage
in your
neighborhood.
Call North Little Rock
Street Department
at 340-5356,
or use the new
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North Little Rock
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Questions? Contact the Following

All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

Amboy Crime Watch

Every 1st Thursday, 6:00
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.
Jim Baker, 590-4635
jimbob47@att.net

Argenta Community Development Corporation Board

Every 4th Thursday, 5:30
500 West 13th Street, 374-0622.

Argenta Neighborhood Boosters

Every 1st 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 p.m.
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 Church
Joy Cameron, 374-9520

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 Tuesday, 5:30
NLR Visitors Bureau, Burns Park
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 CPA Alumni

3rd Tuesday in February, May, August
& November, 6:30
Downtown Police St., 8th & Main Streets
Curtis Gatewood, Jr., 258-1821

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
Dennis Fisk, 519-2789

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Association

2nd Thursday, 7:00
January, March, June & September
Alice Kunce, (573) 353-2270 or
Carol Crow, 753-9044

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, 7:00
Stone Links Golf Course Clubhouse
Shannon Armand, 218-3277

Willow Beach Neighborhood Association

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



**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

Aldermen

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
 Bruce Foutch 658-9714

Ward 4

Murry Witcher 835-0009
 Charlie Hight 758-8396

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North Little Rock City Meetings

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 Street, 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, 6:00 p.m.
 4601 Fairway Avenue

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 Street, 2nd floor, west end

About the NLR Convention & Visitors Bureau

As the city's Destination Management/Marketing Organization (DMO), the North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau has five primary functions: to make a positive difference in the economy; market the community; work as an industry coordinator; be a quasi-public representative of the tourism industry, and build community pride. These functions are accomplished by working directly with the local community and the city's tourism facilities – hotels, restaurants, attractions, special events and festivals. In addition, outside sales and marketing efforts reach new and repeat visitors. For more information about all North Little Rock has to offer, visit NorthLittleRock.org, call (501)758-1424, or follow the bureau on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Robin Powell, Special Events Coordinator, is available to speak to your neighborhood group about the North Little Rock CVB and/or the Old Mill. Please call Robin at 501-758-1424 if you would like her to speak to your group.

Follow North Little Rock Neighborhoods on Facebook.

The following neighborhoods currently have pages:

- Amboy
- Argenta
- Dark Hollow
- Dixie Addition
- Glenview
- Holt
- Indian Hills



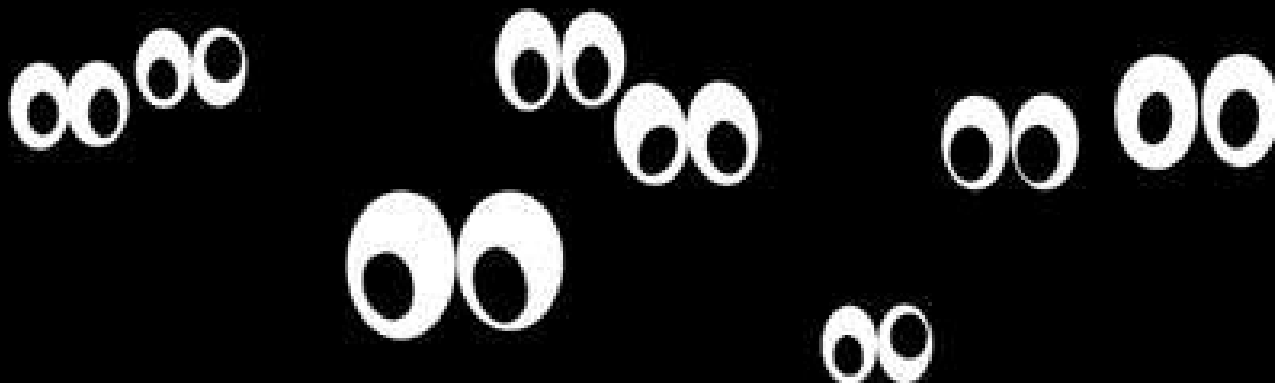
- Lakewood
- Levy
- Meadow Park
- Park Hill
- Rose City
- Scenic Hill
- Stone Links

Check out the Rose City Neighborhood Association on You Tube at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQx6EerS_Gg
 or search for Rose City Neighborhood Association



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North Little Rock Electric works hard to prevent power outages, but if one does occur, our goal is to restore power as quickly as possible. To help us achieve this goal, please keep the phone number associated with your NLRED account updated so our automated Outage Reporting System will recognize your outage when you call.

To update your account information please call 501-975-8888 or email Customer Service at custserv@nlr.ar.gov, be sure to enter your account number, service location and current telephone number in the body of the email.

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