



# **ORTH LITTLE ROCK** **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

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## **North Little Rock**

### **History Commission**

2nd Tuesday, 6:15 pm/506 Main St.

### **Historic District Commission**

2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm/506 Main St.

### **Main Street Argenta Board**

2nd Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.  
8th & Main Streets

### **City Beautiful Commission**

3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m.  
4601 Fairway Avenue

### **City Council Meetings**

2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
NLR City Hall, 300 Main Street

### **Parks & Recreation Commission**

3rd Monday, 5:00 pm/2700 Willow St.

### **Planning Commission**

2nd Tuesday, 4:45 pm/300 Main St.

### **Planning Commission Sign Board**

2nd Tuesday, 9:30 p.m.  
120 Main Street, 2nd floor, west end

### **Planning Commission**

#### **Board of Adjustment & Appeal**

Last Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.  
120 Main Street, 2nd floor, west end

### **Senior Citizen Commission**

Every 4th Monday, 3:00 p.m.  
401 West Pershing

**National  
Night Out  
Tuesday,  
August 5th!**

## **National Night Out '08**

In 1984, the National Association of Town Watches proposed a national program which would be coordinated by local crime prevention agencies and organizations - but would involve entire communities at one time. The first National Night Out was introduced early in 1984 - with the event culminating on the first Tuesday in August.

That first year 400 communities in 23 states participated in National Night Out. Nationwide, 2.5 million Americans took part in 1984. In subsequent years, participation has grown steadily. The 21st Annual National Night Out last August involved 34.2 million people in 10,325 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. National Night Out 2005 will culminate on August 2nd. Close to 10,500 communities are expected to take part. (For more information, visit [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org))

While the traditional 'lights on' and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

Matt Peskin, Executive Direction for the National Association of Town Watches said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. It is a night to celebrate safety and crime prevention successes - and to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days."

It's not too late to plan a National Night Out get-together for your neighborhood. It can be as simple as having an ice cream social. Start today and "Give Crime a Going Away Party!"



# Going Green

## Indoor - What you can do.

Turn off the water when you brush your teeth.

Shorten your showers by one or two minutes

Fix leaky faucets

Wash only full loads of laundry

## How much you can save.

3 gallons per day

5 gallons per day

20 gallons per day

15 to 50 gallons per load

*Talk to your family and friends about saving water. If everyone does a little, we all benefit a lot.*

## Outdoor - What you can do.

Water your yard only before 8 a.m. to reduce evaporation and interference from wind.

Install a smart sprinkler controller.

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.

Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads.

## How much you can save.

25 gallons per day

40 gallons per day

150 gallons each time.

500 gallons a month.

## Mulch!

*Save hundreds of gallons a year by using organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.*



***“Serve With The Best”  
in the North Little Rock  
Fire Department.***

**For more information please contact the Staff Captain, recruiter for the North Little Rock Fire Department, (501) 340-5377 or (501) 340-5410.**

**An equal opportunity employer, the City of North Little Rock is seeking qualified black and female applicants.**



***North Little Rock  
Police Department***

**For more information, please contact Officer C. Green, recruiter for the North Little Rock Police Department, (501) 771-7190 or (501) 812-5106.**

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**All City Offices will be closed  
Friday, July 4th  
in observance of Independence Day.  
Sanitation will run one day late.**

**Remember -- It is illegal to use or possess fireworks in the city limits  
of North Little Rock.**

**Enjoy fireworks with  
Pops on the River July 4th in  
the North Shore River Walk.**

**Hot Weather  
is Here!**



Please make sure your pets  
have plenty of shade and  
cool, clean water to drink.

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**National Night Out  
Tuesday, August 5th!**

**Give Crime a  
Going Away Party!**

## **75th Anniversary Celebration and Grand Reopening of the Old Mill**

Planning is now underway for the 75th Anniversary Celebration and Grand Reopening of the Old Mill. Thank you to Robin Powell of the North Little Rock Visitors' Bureau and Ann Russell of Bank of the Ozarks who has stepped up to plan and execute this exciting event.

It's hard to believe the small park nestled in the middle of Lakewood was first dedicated 75 years ago on August 6, 1933—almost 15 years before there were any houses in the area. Old pictures from the 30's and 40's show that there were no trees and the landscape was bare, but basically the Old Mill building and all of the sculptures were the same then as they are now.

The City of North Little Rock, Friends of the Old Mill, Pulaski County Master Gardeners, the Civilian Student Training Program, and many others have been working diligently to upgrade the park to make it safer, cleaner, and more inviting for the huge number of people from around the world who come to visit this historic landmark.

The 75th Anniversary celebration will be a time for us to not only celebrate the colorful history of the park, but also to show off the new restrooms, amphitheater, disabled access path, lighting, and landscaping that our fund-raising/grants/city funding/volunteering/city labor have helped to produce.

We hope to have representatives of the key people who created the park in the early 30's—Justin Matthews who envisioned and created the park, T.R. Pugh who Justin Matthews dedicated the park to, and Dionicio Rodriguez who created the stunning sculptures that make the park so unique. We are also looking to have other special guests and speakers to help us rededicate the park.

Robin and Ann are putting together a small, enthusiastic team of volunteers to help plan this celebration. We are looking for community, civic, and business leaders to help out in any way they can—particularly in the planning process.

**If you can help out by serving on the planning committee or in any other capacity, please contact Robin Powell (758-1424) or Ann Russell (992-2025) as soon as possible.**

Thank you very much and let's get ready to party!

-- Bert Turner

# Questions? Contact the Following

*All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.*

**Deadline date to submit copy for the NLR Neighborhood Newsletter.**

**Issue - September/October    Deadline Date - August 1**

## **Amboy Crime Watch**

Every 1st Thursday, 6:30  
Amboy Methodist Church  
311 Military / Sherrie Gaston, 753-1830

## **Argenta Community Development Corporation Board**

Every 4th Thursday, 6:00  
401 Main Street, 374-0622.

## **Argenta Neighborhood Boosters**

Every 1st Thursday, 6:00  
1st. Presbyterian Church, 4th & Maple  
Scott Miller, 374-3546  
www.argentanews.com

## **Baring Cross Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30  
Jack Finnegan, 378-7616; Jim Roberts,  
374-5305; or Jim Rose, 372-1578

## **Dark Hollow Community Development Corporation**

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:30  
Eastgate Terrace, Bldg. # 49  
Austin B. Lewis, 819-0085 or  
email: brendalewise06@comcast.net

## **Dixie Addition Community Development Corporation**

Every 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. / 902 "E" Street  
Thomas McElwee, 945-7660

## **Glenview Neighborhood Association**

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00  
Glenview Recreation Center  
4800 E 19th St.  
Ida Larry Emerson, 945-4569

## **Hillside Neighborhood Watch**

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:30  
No. Heights Recreation Center,  
4801 Allen St.

## **Hillview Village Apartments Neighborhood Watch**

Every 2nd Thursday, 5:30  
Hillview Village Apt. Clubhouse  
Lynn Goodson, 758-0011

## **HOLT Crime Watch**

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30  
Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church  
Nancy Morgan, 771-2873

## **Lakewood Neighborhood Group**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30  
Lakewood Elementary Cafeteria  
1800 Fairway Avenue  
Beth White, 758-2738  
<http://lakewoodng.blogspot.com>

## **Levy Project Improvement Movement**

Every 4th Thursday, 7:00  
North Heights Recreation Ctr, 4801 Allen  
Information: 753-5299  
[www.lpim.blogspot.com](http://www.lpim.blogspot.com)

## **Meadow Park Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00  
Bethany Baptist Church  
308 Eureka Gardens Road  
Lynn Welsh, 945-4776

## **Melrose Outreach**

Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00  
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.  
Margo Tenner, 372-3810 or 374-7842

## **Mid-City Neighborhood Association**

Every months - 4th Tuesday, 6:30  
NLR Community Center, 2700 Willow St.  
Inez Balentine, 375-7544

## **NAACP**

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00  
Bethel AME Church, 600 Cedar St.  
Lorene Joshua, 372-1594

## **Neighbors United for Levy**

Every 1st Monday, 7:00  
North Heights Recreation Ctr, 4801 Allen  
Sam Baggett, 758-1551  
[www.unitedlevynews.com](http://www.unitedlevynews.com)

## **Northeast Lakewood Associated Neighborhoods**

August 18th, 7:00  
Nate Brandes, 758-0228  
<http://northeastlakewoodneighbo.blog.com>

## **North Little Rock Civic League**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:00  
Holman Hall, Sherman Park

## **North Little Rock CPA Alumni**

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:30  
Hays Senior Center, 401 W. Pershing  
Sue Brummett, 851-0435/Mel Scott, 771-6932

## **North Little Rock Firemen's Alumni**

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:30  
Central Fire Station  
Geraldine Finch, 758-9079

## **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 Center  
2700 Willow Street  
Gail Blucker, 835-6679

## **Poe Addition Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00  
Rose City COP Substation  
Broadway & Lynch Drive  
Rose City Police Substation, 945-8136

## **Rose City Crime Watch**

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00  
Rose City Police Substation

## **Scenic Hill Crime Watch**

Every 2nd Thursday, 7:00  
Meets at Levy Baptist Church  
John Degroodt, 753-9087  
or Lisa Smith, 791-2568

## **Sherman Park**

**Community Development Corporation**  
Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00  
Rock Island Argenta Train Depot  
1201 East 4th Street, 372-4050

## **Unified Neighborhoods Coalition**

Every 1st Monday, 6:30  
Rose City Police Substation  
Jack Finnegan, 378-7616





## Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum

North Little Rock, Arkansas

### Summer Hours

Wednesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Closed Monday & Tuesday

For information and group tours call, 501-371-8320.

Visit our web & blog sites:

[www.AIMMatNLR.blogspot.com](http://www.AIMMatNLR.blogspot.com) / [www.RazorbackBase.com](http://www.RazorbackBase.com)

[www.NorthLittleRock.AR.gov](http://www.NorthLittleRock.AR.gov)

### Park Hill Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, July 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Center

3802 Olive Street

For more information contact:

Debi Ross at 753-0733 or Neil Bryant at 753-0795.

### Arkansas Travelers 2008

#### July/August/September Home Game Schedule

07/30/2008	07:10 PM	Springfield Cardinals
07/31/2008	07:10 PM	Springfield Cardinals
08/01/2008	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
08/02/2008	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
08/03/2008	06:00 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
08/04/2008	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
08/13/2008	07:10 PM	Corpus Christi Hooks
08/14/2008	07:10 PM	Corpus Christi Hooks
08/15/2008	07:10 PM	Corpus Christi Hooks
08/16/2008	07:10 PM	San Antonio Missions
08/17/2008	06:00 PM	San Antonio Missions
08/18/2008	07:10 PM	San Antonio Missions
08/26/2008	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
08/27/2008	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
08/28/2008	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
08/29/2008	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
08/30/2008	07:10 PM	Springfield Cardinals
08/31/2008	06:00 PM	Springfield Cardinals
09/01/2008	01:00 PM	Springfield Cardinals

## City of North Little Rock City Hall 300 Main Street

### Elected Officials

Mayor Patrick H. Hays ..... 340-5301

City Clerk, Diane Whitbey ..... 340-5317

City Attorney, Jason Carter ..... 340-5336

Treasurer Mary Ruth Morgan ..... 753-2028

### Aldermen

#### Ward 1

Debi Ross ..... 753-0733

Neil Bryant ..... 753-0795

#### Ward 2

Linda Robinson ..... 945-8820

Olen Thomas ..... 945-9433

#### Ward 3

Cary Gaines ..... 753-2302

John Parker ..... 771-2467

#### Ward 4

Murry Witcher ..... 835-0009

Charlie Hight ..... 758-8396

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Monday-Friday

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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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NLR's Online Local News & Information Source

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on what is happening in NLR and your neighborhood.



Dogtown Wire is currently looking for volunteer citizen journalists who are willing to write short articles on activities and news that is happening in their neighborhood, school, church or topic that interests you. If you are interested in being citizen journalist with Dogtown Wire, e-mail D.J. Smith at [editor@dogtownwire.net](mailto:editor@dogtownwire.net) or call at (501) 256-5942.

**Call the North Little Rock Code Department at (501) 791-8581 to report abandoned shopping carts on public property. The exact location will be needed for Code to pick up the cart. Companies will be charged a \$25 fee to reclaim their property. This covers the cost of removing and storing the carts.**



**North Little Rock Community Center  
2700 Willow Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114 Phone: (501) 791-8541**

### **Group Activity Schedule**

Fitness Boot Camp / Yoga / Beginners Aerobics

Intermediate Ballroom Dancing / Beginners Ballroom Dancing

All classes require a recreation membership and some class may require an additional fee.

Please notify Neighborhood Services of any address change. Bulk rate mail will not be forwarded.



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