

NORTH LITTLE ROCK **EIGHBORHOOD 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.

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

**North Little Rock
City Offices will be closed
for the following holidays.**

**Veterans Day- Nov. 11
Thanksgiving-
November 27 & 28
Christmas-
December 24 & 25
New Year's Day - Jan. 1**

2008 Neighborhoods In Review

This is our last issue of Neighborhood News for 2008 and as such seems a good time to look at the growth of neighborhood associations in North Little Rock and their impact on our city.

2008 has seen the birth of new neighborhood groups (Amboy, Park Hill, Indian Hills), the further development of new groups that formed in the recent past (Levy Project Improvement Movement, Lakewood Northeast), and shifts in established groups (Scenic Hill, Rose City) from crime watches to neighborhood associations allowing them to work on broader issues.

LPIM has been successfully working on neighborhood beautification, while Lakewood Northeast has focused on residential and commercial developments affecting that neighborhood. Rose City is working on getting a playground installed at an adult education center to give children in that neighborhood a place to play. Older neighborhood groups have typically seen recent increases in attendance at meetings as their members continue to work on the issues that brought those groups together initially. From playgrounds to pedestrian safety, our groups have been actively involved.

It is interesting to note that of the majority of candidates running for municipal offices in North Little Rock came from a history of working closely with neighborhood associations. While hanging out with neighborhood groups is not a requirement for running for public office, neighborhood associations give people the opportunity to become familiar with important neighborhood issues before deciding to toss their hats into the political ring. Developing leadership on a neighborhood level is a very important part of empowering neighborhoods. Neighborhood associations are a great place to develop both strong neighborhood advocates and close ties between neighbors.

Looking back over the past fourteen years of working with neighborhood groups, we have seen citizens change the city's land use plan to

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Going Green/Home Safety



Home Heating Safety

Cooler weather and increased holiday energy usage can present a challenge to the Energy Smart consumer who is looking for ways to use energy wisely and still have the comforts of home. Here are some tips to help you use energy safely and efficiently during the winter months.

Floor Furnaces

- Avoid lint build-up by vacuuming floor furnace regularly.
- Keep children away from the grill, as it gets very hot.
- Avoid fires - don't place rugs, furniture or combustible items over the grill or block the airflow.

Wall Furnaces

- Clean inside the burner compartment of built-in vented wall furnaces once a month during the heating season to prevent lint build-up.

Central Gravity Furnaces

- Keep furnace heat registers free of obstructions.
- Don't store items nearby which might stop the airflow.

Central Forced-Air Heating

- Many gas furnaces use air from the room to operate. Lint and dust carried by air, or items stored in or around the furnace can block airflow. In order to operate safely and efficiently, your gas furnace must be kept free of dust and lint build-up or other obstructions stored near the furnace, such as newspapers or cleaning equipment.
- Most forced-air furnaces have a filter that cleans the air before heating and circulating it throughout the home. The filter should be checked monthly for lint build-up during periods of furnace use and cleaned or replaced if necessary.
- When installing a new or cleaned filter, be sure to re-install the front panel door of the furnace properly so it fits snugly. Never operate the furnace without the front-panel door properly in place because doing so may create the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
 - o Most newer forced-air furnaces have a safety switch that prevents furnace operation when the filter compartment door/panel is not in place. Some older forced-air furnaces do not have a safety switch and can be operated with the filter compartment door/panel off or not properly in place.
 - o These older furnaces, when installed in a closet and operated with the panel/door not in place, will circulate carbon monoxide throughout the house.

CAUTION: Unvented gas heaters are unsafe

Using an unvented gas heater in your home is a violation of the California Health and Safety Code. These heaters are not approved for use in homes because —

- Poor operation can result in an accumulation of hazardous fumes.
- Unless a room heater has enough air from an outside vent or an open window, all of the oxygen in a room can be used up, resulting in illness or death.
- The flames in these heaters are not fully covered, which could result in fires.
- Never use your oven, range or outdoor barbecue to heat your home because these appliances are not designed for this purpose



North Little Rock Friends of Animals Chili Supper

Friday, November 7, 2008
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Park Hill Christian Church
4400 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock

Tickets: \$7.00 Adults / \$4.00 Kids ages 9-12

Menu

(Take Out Available)

Chili, Cole Slaw, Nachos, Crackers, Punch, Coffee, Dessert

BAKE SALE

All donations will to to the
NLR Spay/Neuter and Adoption Programs.

For information call (501) 791-8577 or (501) 758-5482



Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum

North Little Rock, Arkansas

Winter Hours

Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

Closed Monday through Thursday

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

Visit our web & blog sites:

www.AIMMatNLR.blogspot.com / www.RazorbackBase.com

www.NorthLittleRock.AR.gov



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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 Depart-
ment, (501) 771-7190 or (501) 812-
5106.

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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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Comments? We would like to hear
from you. If you have neighbor-
hood 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
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Issue	Deadline Date
January/February	December 1
March/April	February 1
May/June	April 1
July/August	June 1
September/October	August 1
November/December	October 1



Questions? Contact the Following

All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

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, 5:30
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 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

Indian Hills Neighborhood Association

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30
Indian Hills Church, 6801 JFK Blvd.
Richard Greer, 833-3314

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

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.
Jack Finnegan, 378-7616

NAACP

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00
Bethel AME Church, 600 Cedar St.
Eartha Dobbins, 376-1003

Neighbors United for Levy

Every 1st Monday, 7:00
North Heights Recreation Ctr, 4801 Allen
Sam Baggett, 758-1551
www.unitedlevynews.com

Northeast Lakewood Associated Neighborhoods

Next meeting November 3rd, 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
Jack Finnegan, 378-7616

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

Park Hill Email Discussion Group

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00
Location: TBA
<http://www.historicparkhill.com>
<http://groups.google.com/group/parkhill>

Poe Addition Neighborhood Assn.

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

Rose City Neighborhood Association

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
Rose City Police Substation
Terry Eslick, 945-5172
www.Rosecityna.blogspot.com

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Association

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

Next meeting October 6th, 6:30
Rose City Police Substation
Jack Finnegan, 378-7616



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History Commission

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jcote@northlittlerock.ar.gov

Job Line, 396-0020

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nlrpd@nlrpolice.org

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Jerry Reagan 975-8895
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ffriedl@northlittlerock.ar.gov

Waste Water, Gary Mills 945-7186
gmills@northlittlerock.ar.gov

Youth Services, Braye Cloud 340-5309
bcloud@northlittlerock.ar.gov

Other Important Numbers

Alltel Arena, Information, 975-9000

Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum, 371-8320
www.aimm.museum

Birth/Death Certificates, 661-2726

Dickey Stephens Ball Park 664-1555
www.travs.com

Little Rock, City of, Mayor Mark Stodola .. 371-4510

Motor Vehicle Department, 682-3333

North Little Rock TV, Jim Billings 771-8117
Billings@nlrwest.nlrhs.k12.ar.us

Police Athletic League, 537-6208

Public Defender, Terry Ballard 376-0836

Pulaski County Offices:

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Clerk, Pat O'Brien 340-8446
Real Estate Records, Voter Registration,
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Judge, Buddy Villines 340-8305

Prosecuting Attorney, 340-8000

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Recycling (Waste Management), 565-0191

Sherwood, City of 835-6620

Social Security NLR, 1-800-772-1213

State Offices, www.state.ar.us 682-3000

U.S. Border Patrol, 324-5501

Voter Registration/Marriage License 340-8683
www.co.pulask.ar.us



Neighborhoods In Review Continued.

control development in their neighborhoods, marshal public opinion to adjust the master street plan to more accurately reflect neighborhood wishes, and push for legislation that actively promotes the improvement of quality of life in our residential neighborhoods. We have seen groups successfully work for beautification, historic preservation, and economic development in their neighborhoods. That progress continues. That work continues every month in every neighborhood in every group.

2008 was a banner year for North Little Rock's neighborhood groups. That momentum will continue to 2009 and beyond thanks to those of you involved in your local association.

Why Didn't My Trash Get Picked Up?

Common Reasons for Garbage not getting picked up.

- Garbage not put out on time.
- Garbage placed more than 5 feet from the curb or behind a post, pole, limbs or parked cars.
- Garbage placed on/or against a fence.
- Improperly sorted items.
- Containers weighing more than 50 pounds or larger than 35 gallons.
- Yard waste mixed with garbage: They must be separated.

Garbage should be placed on the curb *no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day before pick up and no later than 7:00 a.m. the day of pick up. Tires are a special pick up, please call 371-8345.*

Questions?

Call Public Works Hotline at 371-8355 to find out
Leaf Vacuum Scheduling, Garbage Schedule for your neighborhood
and to Report Potholes and Street Damage.



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