

# NORTH 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

**Labor Day**  
**Monday, September 1.**  
All City Offices  
will be closed.  
Sanitation will run  
one day late.

## PAL HAUNTED HOSPITAL RETURNS!



It's Back! The North Little Rock Police Athletic League (NLR PAL) is proud to announce the return

of the "HAUNTED HOSPITAL".

The scariest haunted facility in the central Arkansas area will be returning again this year.

Opening night begins October 9th, *entry on this night will be by presale ticket only.* You can get your ticket for this night only at any Twin City Bank in North Little Rock.

Additional dates of operation will be October 10-11; October 14-18; October 20-25 and October 27 through November 1. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and will be sold at the door. The facility will be closed on Sundays.

Experience new terrors and exciting heart stopping scares. Located in the former North Little Rock Baptist Memorial Hospital at # 1 Pershing Circle, North Little Rock, AR. Don't miss the scare of your life.

Sponsors and volunteers are needed. For more information call (501) 744-5404. All proceeds benefit the North Little Rock Police Athletic League providing free programs for the city's youth.





## Going Green

[http://www.compostguide.com/using\\_leaves\\_for\\_composting.html](http://www.compostguide.com/using_leaves_for_composting.html)

The leaves of one large shade tree can be worth as much as \$50 of plant food and humus. Pound for pound, the leaves of most trees contain twice as many minerals as manure. For example, the mineral content of a sugar maple leaf is over five percent, while even common pine needles have 2.5 percent of their weight in calcium, magnesium, nitrogen and phosphorus, plus other trace elements.

Since most trees are deep-rooted, they absorb minerals from deep in the soil and a good portion of these minerals go into the leaves. See the accompanying chart for an analysis of the nutrient elements in fallen leaves. Actually, these multi-colored gifts from above are most valuable for the large amounts of fibrous organic matter they supply. Their humus-building qualities mean improved structure for all soil types. They aerate heavy clay soils, prevent sandy soils from drying out too fast, soak up rain and check evaporation.

A lawn sweeper is a good machine to use for collecting leaves. Using a sweeper is much faster than hand raking, and a better picking-up job is done. Neighbors will be happy to have you sweep up their leaves—and you will add to your supply of leaves.

### Composting Leaves

Some people complain to us that they have no luck composting leaves. “We make a pile of our leaves,” these people say, “but they never break down.” That is indeed a common complaint. There are two things you can do that will guarantee success in composing leaves:

1. Add extra nitrogen to your leaf compost. Manure is the best nitrogen supplement, and a mixture of five parts leaves to one part manure will certainly break down quickly. If you don't have manure—and many gardeners don't—nitrogen supplements like dried blood, cottonseed meal, bone meal and Agrinite will work almost as well. Nitrogen is the one factor that starts compost heap heating up, and leaves certainly don't contain enough nitrogen to provide sufficient food for bacteria. Here is a rough guide for nitrogen supplementing add two cups of dried blood or other natural nitrogen supplement to each wheelbarrow load of leaves.

2. The second thing to do to guarantee leaf-composting success is to grind or shred your leaves. We will deal with this in detail later on, but let me tell you right now that it will make things simpler for you in the long run. A compost pile made of shredded material is really fun to work with, because it is so easily controlled and so easy to handle.

A compost pile can be made in almost any size, but most people like to make rectangular-shaped piles, because they are easier to handle. It is a good idea to put the material in the heap of layers. Start with a six-inch layer of leaves, either shredded or not shredded. Then add a two-inch layer of other organic material that is higher in nitrogen than leaves. Try to pick something from this list: manure, garbage, green weeds, grass clippings or old vines from your garden. You can add low-nitrogen things like sawdust, straw, ground corn cobs or dry weeds if you put in a nitrogen supplement such as described above. It is important to mix leaves to keep the pile from packing down in a dry mat. Keep the heap moist, but not soggy.

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## 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)



## "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.

## Composting continued

Turn the heap every three weeks or sooner if you feel up to it. If you can turn it three to four times, before late spring comes, you will have fine compost ready for spring planting use. You can make compost out of leaves in as short of time as fourteen days by doing these things:

1. Shred or grind the leaves.
2. Mix four parts ground leaves with one part manure or other material liberally supplemented with nitrogen.
3. Turn the heap every three days. Turning a heap made of shredded leaves is not difficult because the compost is light and fluffy.



## 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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## 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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#### Office Hours-

Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**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
November/December	October 1
January/February 2009	December 1
March/April 2009	February 1
May/June 2009	April 1
July/August 2009	June 1



# Questions? Contact the Following

*All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.*

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

**Issue - November/December Deadline Date - October 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, 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; 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.  
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](http://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**

<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

## **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**

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



# National Night Out Recap

This year North Little Rock neighborhoods held nine different National Night Out activities on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Despite record heat all nine events were heavily attended.

Two first time participants were the North Little Rock Boys and Girls PAL Club and the Park Hill neighborhood.



The PAL group featured several hundred residents eating hotdogs, enjoying the Arkansas Game and Fish Aquarium, and trading in toy guns for other types of toys. Park Hill met at the historic water company and fire station complex. With more than 150 attendees Park Hill had an auspicious first NNO event.



The Northeast Lakewood Associated Neighborhoods held a police parade through the neighborhood. As the parade moved through the neighborhood residents turned on porch lights and stepped outside to

wave and support the parade. Apparently it looked like a neighborhood version of “the wave” cheer seen at football games.



Glenview featured entertainment by Selah4Praise and had plenty of hamburgers and hotdogs for all. Additional attractions included a moonwalk for kids, horse back riding, and the North Little Rock Fire Department Smoke House.



Meadow Park also offered hot dogs, hamburgers, all the trimmings, plus face painting for kids, drawings for prizes, and drinks.

Dancers were featured in the Lakewood National Night Out celebration on Glenmere. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and the fixings were provided to event-goers. Target helped sponsor the Glenmere event. Glenmere was the most dog-friendly of the celebrations with a variety of dogs in attendance to stage a dog

This photo by Stan Lejman



show. Winners were: Best Kisser - Tucker; Best Tail Wagger - Chopper; Best Barker - Sassy; Owner/Dog Look-A-Like - Cloe; Best Trick - Dani; Smallest Dog - Shiloh; Largest Dog - Wilson; Best Smile - Jack; Best Coat - Lucy; Miss-Congeniality - Twinkie; Mr. Congeniality - Wrigley.



Sherman Park provided food for everyone plus water relief for the kids. The Sherman Park Recreation Center summer dance troupe performed for the crowd.



Baring Cross’s neighborhood event was held in Vestal Park this year with the usual event food plus ven-

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## National Night Out continued

dors, inflatables for kids, and great music. This event had the most structured program with motivational speakers, Baring Cross's own Ras Levi as DJ, and Fire and Brimstone – a Caribbean band. Baptist Health and the American Red Cross had booths there. Voter registration information was also made available.



The North Little Rock COP Alumni held their National Night Out celebration in conjunction with the grand opening of the new Police Substation at Poplar and Broadway. Snacks, a look at the new substation, and air conditioning made for one cool celebration downtown.

## To Report:

**Water Line Breaks -- 372-5161.**

**Signal Lights, Street Signs or Pot Holes -- 371-8345.  
Leaf Vacuum Schedule -- 371-8355 option # 3.**

**Tall Grass, Inoperable Cars, Junky (Trash) Yards  
and Most Environmental Concerns -- 791-8581.**

**Permits whether for building or fencing or proper  
zoning issues -- 975-8835.**

**Electric Outages -- 1-888-728-4004**

**Mosquito Spraying -- 791-8551**

**Street Peddlers, Business License -- 975-8895**

**Trash Pickups, Missed Pickups, How to Sort Trash,  
What Day is Trash Day -- 371-3-8345**

**Pot Holes, Street Flooding, Debris in Street -- 371-  
8345**

**Youth Issues -- 340-5309**

**Stray, Dead or Injured Animals -- 791-8577.** Please report all stray animals to the NLR Animal Shelter. Do not feed stray animals. All animal bites should be reported. Spay/Neuter all pets. If your neighbor allows their pets to run loose after hours call the shelter during normal business hours with the address.



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