

NORTH LITTLE ROCK **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**



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North Little Rock

City Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Monday, 7:00 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.

Main Street Argenta Board

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

History Commission

2nd Tuesday, 6:15 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

Airport Commission

3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m.
204 Aviation Way

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

Daylight Savings Begins
-- March 8th --
Spring Forward 1 Hour !

Non-Profit Neighborhood Organizations Is Our Neighborhood Organization One?

Alderspersons in our city may now approve beautification grants of up to \$1000.00 for certain groups. Grants must be approved by both alderspersons from that ward, must be used on public property, and can only be given to incorporated non-profit groups.

This recent legislation has sparked interest in the further organization of our neighborhood groups. There are four major organizing tools for non-profit neighborhood groups: Bylaws; Non-profit Articles of Incorporation (state designation only); Non-profit Articles of Incorporation (IRS compliant language); and, 501-c-3 designation as a non-profit by the IRS.

By-laws are an internal document used by a group as a kind of house-keeping measure. They spell out the rules of who can join, vote, and hold office, when elections are held, how money is handled by the group, what officer positions are in the group, etc. By-laws simply keep the group organized and allow everyone to understand the rules of the group. They help avoid misunderstandings and promote efficiency.

Articles of Incorporation are a document telling the rest of the world how the group will function. Articles are filed with the Arkansas Secretary of State's Office. When a group is incorporated, the group itself becomes a legal entity- a person- and is able to enter into contracts just like a real person. Incorporation can sometimes offer some protection from liability for board members from actions taken by the group. (A lawyer can give you information about board liability and incorporation.)

There are two ways to incorporate with the Secretary of State. You can file a form that will allow your group to be recognized

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Going Green/ Spring Gardening Tips



While the calendar shows spring beginning on March 20, 2009, Arkansas weather can say otherwise. However, this is the time of year to begin planning for this year's garden.

Now is the time to sharpen your garden tools. Yes, they do need sharpening each year. Shovel, hoes, lawnmowers, pruners and etc. need to be taken to your nearest hardware store for proper sharpening. There's nothing that looks worse than grass cut with a dull blade, not to mention the damage it causes to the lawn. Better yet, keep a second lawnmower blade on hand so while one is at the hardware store being sharpened you will have a back up to continue with your yard work.

Another good idea is to get your soil tested. Especially if you had problem spots in your yard last year. The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Office can test your soil and recommend what changes you may need for a better garden/lawn this year.

Check the dates on your chemicals and properly discard any outdated ones you may have. Contact the North Little Rock Sanitation Department at (501) 371-8345 for proper disposal procedures. Do you keep your chemicals properly stored and locked where animals and children cannot get to them? If not, now is the time to get it done right.

Thoroughly till the soil removing clumps of grass, large clumps of dirt and rocks. You will probably need to till the garden area several times to get the soil where it crumbles easily in your hand.

Do not plant seeds too early or you may be disappointed. Root plants can be planted a little early such as carrots, potatoes and etc. Bare root shrubs,

roses and trees can be planted when the soil is workable. Their roots grow when the soil is cool. Try to wait until after the last frost before planting things like squash, tomatoes and etc.

If you don't have room for a regular size garden try growing plants in containers. You can plant vegetables, herbs or flowers with success!

Proper drainage is one key to a successful container garden. No matter what your container is made of make sure it has an adequate number of drainage holes and raise it up to improve the drainage. Placing the container on a flat surface will restrict drainage.

Use a light weight soil mix, most container plants require both air and water. Keep a close eye to watering, due to the small volume of soil in the container the plants will need watering on a regular basis. Container plants have a tendency to dry out quickly. Some containers, depending on where you place them may need watering as much as twice daily. Also keep in mind some pots will increase the amount of water needed.

When planting container plants, plant them on the same schedule you would use as if you were planting an regular outside garden. Be sure to label the pot with the name, variety, and planting date. Also you may want to keep a small garden diary with this same information along with any difficulties you may have had. This will be a good reference source for next year. After planting the seeds or plants be sure to provide some water, but don't wash out the seeds.

When you start to enjoy the fruits of your labor, be sure to share with your neighbors. Or better yet, start a plant/seed exchange program for your neighborhood.



**North Shore Animal League
America's
TOUR FOR LIFE 2009**



The North Shore Animal League America's TOUR FOR LIFE 2009 is coming to North Little Rock on April 8, 2009. This is the world's largest cooperative pet adoption event and North Shore Animal League will be working with the North Little Rock Animal Shelter to find new families for homeless animals.

They will be at Lakewood Village, April 8, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact the North Little Rock Animal Shelter at (501) 791-8577.



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



**"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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**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
Beth White 758-2738

Ward 2

Linda Robinson 945-8820
Maurice Taylor 690-6444

Ward 3

Cary Gaines 771-2279
Sam Baggett 758-1551

Ward 4

Murry Witcher 835-0009
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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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Issue	Deadline Date
May/June	April 1
July/August	June 1
September/October	August 1
November/December	October 1
January/February 2010	December 1



Questions? Contact the Following

All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

North Little Rock Civic League

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

North Little Rock CPA Alumni

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:30
Downtown Police St., 201 E. Broadway
LeMoynes Jones, 812-0494

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 Ctr, 2700 Willow St.
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 January 5th, 6:30
Rose City Police Substation
Jack Finnegan, 378-7616

Amboy Crime Watch

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

Amboy Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Amboy Elementary School Cafeteria
Paul Myrick
<http://amboywatchers.blogspot.com>

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 Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.
Ida Larry Emerson, 945-4569

Hillside Neighborhood Watch

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:30
No. Heights Rec. Ctr, 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 3rd Thursday, 7:00
Lakewood Methodist Church, Room W2
Shawn & Celeste Archer, 753-8905
<http://lakewoodng.blogspot.com>

Levy Project Improvement Movement

Every 4th Thursday, 7:00
North Little Rock PAL Building
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 February 2nd, 7:00
Nate Brandes, 758-0228
<http://northeastlakewoodneighbo.blog.com>





NLR Police Athletic League T-Ball & Baseball

Rose City Baseball Park

Boys and Girls ages 4-14
who want to play T-Ball or Baseball
Call 744-5404 for more information.

North Heights Baseball Park

Boys and Girls ages 4-6 will play T-Ball
Boys and Girls ages 7-8 will play Baseball
Contact Sgt. Scott Yielding at
744-4725 for more information.

**There is no fee to participate in either park.
Uniforms will be provided.
All you need is a baseball glove!**

**Coaches and Sponsors are needed.
PAL baseball is a fun recreational league.**

Visit our website at www.arkansaspal.com

Arkansas Travelers 2009 April Home Game Schedule

04/09/2009	07:10 PM	Midland RockHounds
04/10/2009	07:10 PM	Midland RockHounds
04/11/2009	07:10 PM	Midland RockHounds
04/12/2009	04:00 PM	Frisco RoughRiders
04/13/2009	11:00 AM	Frisco RoughRiders
04/14/2009	07:10 PM	Frisco RoughRiders
04/23/2009	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
04/24/2009	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
04/25/2009	07:10 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals
04/26/2009	02:00 PM	Northwest Arkansas Naturals

Non-Profit Continued.

by the State as a non-profit group within Arkansas. (This state designation is the minimum for qualifying for the beautification grant.) By August 1st every year the group must file an update with the Secretary of State. By incorporating using this method, your group is a non-profit and can enter into contracts, however, donations made to your group are not tax deductible.

The second way to incorporate is to file with the Secretary of State as a non-profit and include 501-c-3 compliant language in your articles of incorporation. Just like the state designation mentioned above, this will qualify you to talk to your alderpersons about a grant, but this will also allow you to file with the IRS for 501-c-3 non-profit status. As with the state designation an annual update must be filed with the Secretary of State. Donations are only tax deductible after the IRS has designated the group as non-profit.

If you have filed the compliant language articles of incorporation with the state, you can then apply for non-profit status with the federal government. Application forms can be obtained from the IRS, filled out, and submitted. A 501-c-3 designation from the IRS will allow contributors to your group to deduct their contributions as a charitable donation from their taxes. Some charitable groups are required to register with the Arkansas Attorney General's office.

For more information you can visit the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/>, the Attorney General's website at <http://www.ag.arkansas.gov/>, and the IRS at <http://www.irs.gov/>, or contact Neighborhood Services.

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If you would like to have your copy via email, just send us your name, mailing address (so we can remove you from our regular mailing list) and your email address. Please print clearly so that we get it right the first time!

Send your information either by email to - NLRNeighborhoodServ@northlittlerock.ar.gov; fax: (501) 340-5314 or U.S. Postal Service, Neighborhood Services, P.O. Box 5757, North Little Rock, AR 72119-5757.

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**Watch for the
North Little Rock Friends of Animals
Annual Rummage Sale in April.**



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

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