



We Are Counting On You!

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NLR Neighborhood News

A Brief History of Your Right to Vote in these United States

Originally the United States Constitution did not define who was eligible to vote; Requirements for voting eligibility were left up to the individual states. In the 1600's the thirteen colonies generally restricted voting to those meeting property and religious qualifications. For example in different colonies Quakers, Baptists, or Catholics were prohibited from voting. Interesting enough in the 1700's some states allowed freed slaves to vote and one (New Jersey) allowed women to vote if they could meet property ownership restrictions. By 1790 individual states began to limit voting, not on the basis of property-ownership, but rather on the basis of race and sex with only white males being able to vote. Paying taxes also remained a qualifier further limiting voting in five states (Pennsylvania and Rhode Island kept this qualifier until the early 1900's.) Free black males, who had been eligible to vote in several states were stripped of their right to vote, as were women. These restrictions were basically unchanged until after the Civil War ended in 1865.

Beginning in 1870, five of the post-Civil War amendments to the United States Constitution extended voting rights to different groups of citizens. These were the Fifteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, and Twenty-sixth Amendments.

Between 1870 and 1964 many southern states enacted Jim Crow laws enforcing racial segregation in the Southern United States and denying African-Americans the right to vote using poll taxes, literacy tests, or other qualifiers. Generally, Jim Crow laws were overturned by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

1789 – The Constitution grants the states the power to set voting requirements.

1790 – The Naturalization Act of 1790 allows white men born outside the United States to become citizens with the right to vote.

1792-1838 – Free black males lose the right to vote in several Northern states.

1868 – The Fourteenth Amendment guarantees citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States.

1869-1920 – Some states allow women to vote. (Wyoming is the first in 1869.)

1870 – Fifteenth Amendment allows non-white and freed male slaves the right to vote. While Jim Crow disenfranchises African-American males in the South, Northern African-American males can vote.

1920 – Nineteenth Amendment guarantees women the right to vote.

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Domestic Violence During Covid-19

Looking at the daily arrests in Pulaski, Garland, and Saline Counties over the past several months seems to show a significant increase in arrests for domestic violence offenses. These offenses include domestic violence, violence against family members, and violating orders of protection. Experts know that domestic violence surges in times of natural disaster and crises.

One reason we are seeing an increase during the current crisis is because we are socially distancing or isolating ourselves to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Social isolation is one tactic used by domestic abusers to limit outside contact to victims and deny them access to friends, family, coworkers, and resources. The current situation can allow an abuser to control the victim's entire environment.

Another reason for the increase is because our levels of stress have increased. Increased levels of stress are related to increased levels of abuse. Economic anxiety, job loss, and a perceived inability to provide can lead to abuse as the abuser seeks to regain power and control in the home. Increases in alcohol consumption are a factor in reduced inhibitions and a possible increase in violence. Families are stuck together in close quarters, a situation many of us find stressful under the best of circumstances, let alone during a world-wide crisis.

Types of abuse uniquely tied to COVID-19 may include withholding necessary items such as hand sanitizer, sharing misinformation to control victims, withholding insurance cards, and preventing victims from seeking medical attention.

Victims may also find that the justice system is working slower, including obtaining orders of protection, legal aid working remotely, shelters possibly limiting space, and possibly an increased likelihood that offenders will be released earlier due to the threat of COVID-19 infections in jails and prisons. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about one out of three women have experienced domestic violence.

If you are a victim you can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or TTY 1-800-787-3224. If you cannot safely speak over the phone you can log onto thehotline.org or text "LOVEIS" to 22522. You are not alone.

Local resources include:

Women and Children First's domestic violence 24-hour hotline at 501-376-3219 or toll free at 800-332-4443. The emergency shelter can be contacted at the same numbers. Services include shelter, client outreach, advocacy, court advocacy, community housing assistance, children's programs, adult education, and community outreach.

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence has lists of resources available at domesticpeace.com. They also have a teen dating abuse hotline at 866-331-9474.

The Dorcas House can provide emergency services, legal and financial assistance, counseling, support services, children's services and housing at 501-374-4022.

VINE – Victim Information and Notification

1-800-510-0415 is a free and anonymous telephone system that provides victims of crime information and notification. VINE monitors the custody status of offenders in county jails, the Department of Correction, Probationers/Parolees status, and information from Prosecuting Attorney's Offices. Available in English or in Spanish. Center for Arkansas Legal Services (Main Office) 501-376-3423.

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1924 – All Native Americans are granted citizenship and the right to vote.

1943 – The Magnuson Act gives the right to citizenship and vote to Chinese immigrants.

1961 – Twenty-third Amendment grants residents of Washington D.C. the right to vote in U.S. Presidential Elections.

1962-1964 – The U.S. Supreme Court makes landmark decisions helping establish the nationwide “one man one vote” electoral system in the U.S.

1964 – The Twenty-fourth Amendment stops poll taxes.

1965 – The Voting Rights Act of 1965 protects voter registration and voting for minorities. This also applies to redistricting and election systems.

1966 – Harper v. Virginia Board of Elections strikes down tax payment and wealth requirements in state elections.

1971 – The Twenty-Sixth Amendment guarantees 18 to 21 year olds the right to vote.

1986 – The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act grants the right to vote to U.S. Military and Uniformed Services, Merchant Marine, and other citizens overseas, living on bases in the U.S., abroad or aboard ship.

People in the United States territories cannot vote for President. The District of Columbia and the five major territories each have one non-voting member in the U.S. House of Representatives and no Senate representation. These territories are American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

We urge you to exercise your hard-fought right to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

Reminder --

Politics & Neighborhood Organizations

If your neighborhood group is a 501-C-3 nonprofit organization, it is prohibited from engaging in partisan politics. If your group is not a nonprofit, it is still wise to not endorse a candidate because you will have to work with whichever candidate wins. Individually you can support whomever you like, but the neighborhood group should remain neutral. This includes postings on your neighborhood group social media page.

If you invite one candidate to speak at your meetings, all candidates should be given the same opportunity and time. It is important that residents have the opportunity to hear and interact with all candidates.

Remaining 2020 City Holiday Schedule

July 3 - (July 4th) Independence Day

September 7 - Labor Day

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25 - Christmas

Contact NLR Sanitation at 371-8540
for holiday schedule pickup.



Amboy Crime Watch

1st Thursday, 6:00
Bimonthly - months of
Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.
Amboy Methodist, 311 Military
Mary Ann Conley 758-1208

Amboy Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House
Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.
Michelle Holt, (501) 348-6953
Petminders@live.com

Argenta Neighborhood Boosters

Every 3rd Thursday, 6:00
NLR Heritage Center
506 Main Street
Katie Gleason, (501) 773-6189

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
914 "H" Street
Lee A. (Buck) Jeffrey, 240-5376
buckj@att.net

Glenview Neighborhood Assn.

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00
Glenview Rec. Ctr
4800 E 19th St.
Tim Deloney, 553-8703
timrdeloney@comcast.net

Questions? Contact the Following

All dates are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

HOLT Neighborhood Assn.

3rd Monday, 6:30 in --
March, June, August & November
Gardner Memorial United Methodist
Joy Cameron, 374-9520

Indian Hills Neighborhood Association/Crime Watch

Stephen Whiting, 425-1942

Keep North Little Rock Beautiful

Every 2nd Monday, 6:00
Rockwater Marina Clubhouse
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
Michael Davis, 508-1108

Melrose Outreach

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

Military Heights Outreach Assn.

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 Center
4801 Allen
Doug McDowall, 758-1668

North Little Rock Landlords Assn

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
NLR Community Center
2700 Willow St.
Gail Blucker, 835-6679

Park Hill Neighborhood

1st Tuesday, Odd months only, 6:00
Idlewild Park Historic Building
Corner of D, No. Cedar & Plainview
John Gregan, 758-7159
johngregan@att.net

Ridge Road Village Neighborhood Watch

Every 4th Thursday, 5:00
4748 Ridge Road, Phone : 771-7500

Rose City Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
Rose City Police Substation
Broadway & Lynch Drive
Ken Abel, 791-8500, lv message
Nlrrosecityneighborhood@gmail.com

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Assn.

2nd Thursday, 7:00 in
January, March, June & September
Randy Naylor, 350-8775

Sertoma Club of NLR

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.
Artis Boykin, 372-7490

Stone Links Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00
Stone Links Golf Course Clubhouse
Cedric Vaughn, 479-799-2347

Willow Beach Neighborhood Assn

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, Amy Fields 975-3755

Council Members

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
Ron Harris 758-2877

Ward 4

Charlie Hight 944-0670
Jane Ginn 749-5344

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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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2021	
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Complete your
2020 Census form
and be counted!**



**2020
Recycling Weeks**

July 5 & 19
August 2, 16 & 30
September 13 & 27
October 11 & 25
November 8 & 22
December 6 & 20

Put your bins to the curb by 7:00 a.m. the day of your regular household garbage pick up. Put them away by 8:00 a.m. the next day.

Recycling Questions?
Call Waste Management
at (501) 565-0191.

**North Little Rock
City Meetings**

Thomas Cemetery Committee
1st Monday, 6:15 pm
Levy Baptist Church, 3501 Pike Ave.

NLR Airport Commission
3rd Thursday, 12:00 pm
120 Main Street, Room A
City Services Building

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 St., 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, 2:00 p.m.
3427 North Magnolia Street

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 St., 2nd floor, west end

NLR Mosquito Control

Mosquito control is making the rounds through the city of North Little Rock. The sprayers are running Monday through Thursday from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. each evening. This service will run from June 1st through the end of October.

The City uses only EPA approved green chemicals which are certified by the State Plant Board. Around schools and daycares, coconut oil is used. Mosquitoes build up a resistance over three generations which is about one month in time, so the chemicals are constantly changed. Call (501) 371-8330 for the voice hotline.

To help prevent mosquitoes from breeding follow these precautions:

- * Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots which can hold water.
- * Remove all discarded tires.
- * Drill holes in the bottom of recycling and trash containers that are kept outdoors.
- * Make sure roof gutters drain properly and clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.



- * Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- * Change water in bird baths frequently, about twice a week.
- * Clean vegetation and debris from the edges of ponds and ditches.
- * Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs.
- * Drain water from pool covers.
- * Use landscaping to eliminate stagnant water that collects on your property.

Help prevent mosquito bites by following these precautions:

- * Make sure all windows and doors have screens that are in good repair.
- * Stay indoors when mosquitoes are most active.
- * Use an EPA approved mosquito repellent when it is necessary to be outdoors.

Stay safe while enjoying the outdoors this summer.

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