



**Can We Count You In? -
Census 2020**

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Census 2020 – An Updated Schedule

The 2020 Census is being held this year according to requirements in the United States Constitution. This Census asks you for information about everyone living in your home. That information cannot be released to anyone (including law enforcement, the IRS, and immigration officials) until more than seventy years have passed.

In March you will receive a postcard telling you that you can fill out the census by phone or on-line. On-line computers will be available at the Laman Library, NLR City Services Building, and at some employer's offices.

You will receive a second postcard towards the end of March reminding you to fill out the census and again telling you that it can be filled out on-line or by phone.

Census Day is April 1st.

If you do not fill out your census on-line or by phone, you will receive a paper copy in the mail to fill out and mail back.

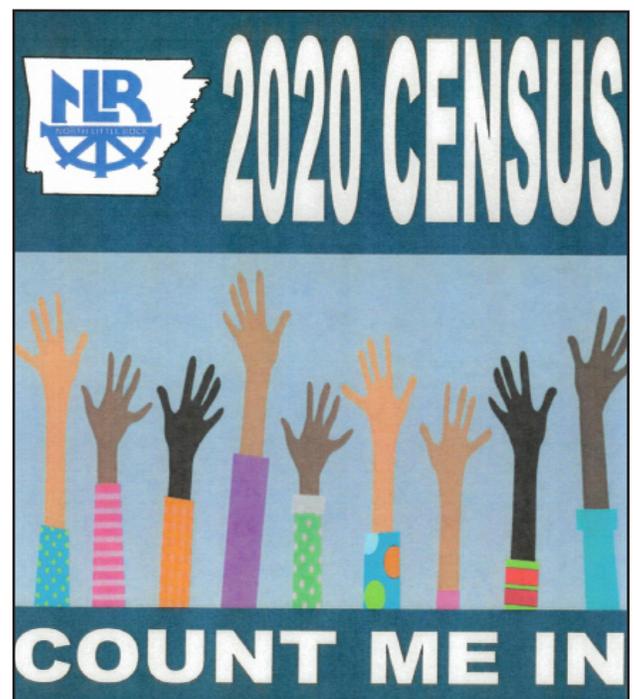
If you do not fill out the paper copy, a census taker will come to your home to survey you in person. The Census collection ends July 31st.

The founding fathers thought the Census so important that it is mentioned in the constitu-

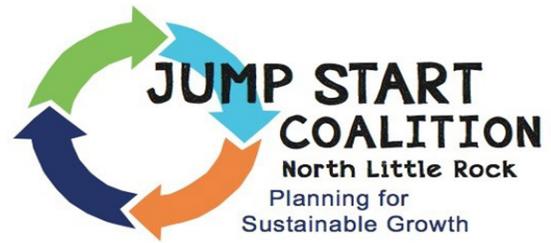
tion before the Bill of Rights. It was unique in that it was used to guarantee equal representation in government not for taxing purposes like prior counts were.

Now it determines representative districts and affects the allocation of federal and state monies. Companies use it to decide on new locations for businesses.

If you want North Little Rock to get its fair share of representation and money allocation, just fill out your Census and join us in saying, ***“Count Me In!”***



Jump Start is Moving in Levy and Park Hill



For the past seven years North Little Rock has been participating in the Jump Start program with the Levy and Park Hill neighborhoods. Jump Start is an economic and community development project funded through Metroplan using money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Arkansas Department of Transportation. It was a competitive grant program and North Little Rock received two of the five grants available.

It is a holistic approach to economic development, encompassing not only physical improvement to infrastructure but also looking at creating zoning overlay districts affecting building codes and allowable business uses in the target areas. There is an emphasis on mixed use residential and commercial development. (Commercial on the bottom floor and residential on the upper levels.) A major consideration when planning the development of each site was the participants' desire to increase the walkability of the target areas. The area in Levy runs along Camp Robinson Road and Pike Avenue from 33rd to 37th Streets. The area in Park Hill is JFK Blvd from A to H Avenues.

Over the past seven years a large number of public meetings were held. Local businesses and residents were notified of the meetings through mailings that went to each house and business, through social media invitations, and through personal invitations. Every business from 33rd to 37th (and beyond) received both mailings and personal invitations. The same can be said for businesses from A to H in Park Hill. For several years monthly meetings of the Jump Start

Committee were held, soliciting input on all aspects of the project. All meetings were open to the public for input. Neighborhood notifications preceded major meetings. Jump Start was also involved in neighborhood events in both areas from Levy Day to Park Hill's Tour De Bark and Patio events. Overseen by Metroplan, Jump Start has been the most transparent publicly driven economic and community development project in recent memory.

Property owners, business owners, and neighborhood residents looked at zoning regulations and revamped them for overlay districts for each area. Each neighborhood personalized the district (including allowable uses and design standards) for each neighborhood. A major goal that came out of planning meetings was to improve the walkability of each business corridor. Increasing the possibility of having residential properties above commercial businesses offered the possibility of diverse income streams for property owners.

It is hoped that improving the commercial corridor in both neighborhoods, increasing the walkability, attracting new customers and growth of businesses will positively affect the residential neighborhoods adjacent to the business districts. Both neighborhood associations and both business associations were heavily involved in the projects from the beginning.

Jump Start plans are available on the City's webpage at www.nlr.ar.gov/jumpstart. Levy's proposed improvements of Camp Robinson Road and Pike Avenue are more dramatic

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than Park Hill's because Camp Robinson Road is not a state highway subject to AHTD regulation while JFK is a state highway. Concerns expressed by businesses and property owners were addressed when possible by developers. Levy adopted a more lenient list of allowable businesses.

Park Hill's allowable business list is more conservative. Park Hill requires new buildings to be built closer to the street with parking behind and a wider sidewalk separated from the roadway by a green space. (A close example is Kavanaugh Blvd in Hillcrest/Heights in Little Rock, but add residences on top of the business buildings there and a greenspace protecting the sidewalk from the street.) Park Hill's plan also calls for closing some driveways. Counting side street entrances, one block has thirteen driveways serving six buildings. So many driveways make safe walking difficult for pedestrians.

Traffic calming is a significant part of both projects. Safely walking along the streets will be enhanced with wider sidewalks and slowing traffic to posted speeds. The traffic medians in Park Hill are being maintained as required by the Highway Department.

In summary, both Levy and Park Hill have received large grants to improve the business corridors. After years of open public meetings with hundreds of business owners, property owners, residents, and interested citizens, those plans are nearing completion. Both Levy and Park Hill are expected to begin construction this year. Plans are available on the City's website at www.nlr.ar.gov/jumpstart.



Neighborhoods USA Conference Coming In May To Little Rock



Neighborhoods USA is having a conference concerning neighborhoods, neighborhood groups, neighborhood concerns, and how to use your group to better your neighborhood.

The conference is being held from Wednesday, May 20, 2020 to Saturday May 23, 2020 at the Statehouse Convention Center at 100 E. Markham in Little Rock.

The conference costs \$225 if you register early. Neighborhood Services is planning on having limited scholarships – limited to one person per neighborhood group.

Scholarships will be for conference registration only not for hotel rooms, etc. and we have a limited number. For more information go to nusa.org and check out the registration booklet!

Remaining 2020 City Holiday Schedule

May 25 - Memorial Day

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.



Questions? Contact the Following

All dates are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

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, 945-8820 Lv Message

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.

North Little Rock Neighborhood News is a bi-monthly publication. Please note the following deadlines for information to be published:

Issue	Deadline Date
May/June	April 1
July/August	June 1
September/October	August 1
November/December	October 1

**Census 2020
YOU Count!
Complete your
2020 Census form
and be counted!**



**2020
Recycling Weeks**

- March 1, 15 & 29
- April 12 & 26
- May 10 & 24
- June 7 & 21
- 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

Business License FYI . . .

The City of North Little Rock requires all businesses to obtain a privilege/business license to conduct business within the city limits. If your business is operated out of your home, you are also required to have a home occupation permit. You must apply for this privilege/business license at the City Clerk's Office at 300 Main Street (City Hall).

Examples, but not limited to those required to be licensed: Individuals or companies that own property in North Little Rock (including home vacation rentals) with the intent to rent or lease property, Mobile Food Vendors, and online retail businesses.

A zoning certificate is required for all privilege/business license applications (including home-based and out of city) and change of address (physical location within the city).

If you have any questions regarding privilege/business licenses or any other required documents pertaining to receiving a privilege/business license, please call 501-975-8617.

Reminder - If someone comes to your door, you do not have to answer or let them in. If someone does come to your door and makes you uncomfortable, please call the police. If someone comes to your door and is unable to produce a North Little Rock City issued ID, please call 758-1234. When reporting please provide a description of the individual(s), location and vehicle description along with the license plate number.

To see a list of issued permits, visit the North Little Rock City website at www.nlr.ar.gov, then click on City Clerk/Treasurer, followed by Licensed Peddlers. To see individual ID/Permit, click on the person's name. All licensed door to door peddlers are required to have the ID issued by the City Clerk's office with them at all times. If you have any questions contact the City Clerk/Treasurer's office at (501) 975-8617. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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



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