

# North Little Rock Neighborhood News



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## Looking back at 2014

If you have read our newsletter over the past year a recurring theme has been the budget shortfall the City has experienced and our efforts in city government to handle that. City departments have cut their budgets to the bone and slightly beyond. And yet, when looking back at 2014 we see a year that was ....big. We had big events, made big progress in some areas, saw leadership take big steps forward, and, yes, suffered some big losses. Here are some highlights of 2014.

In January, we got two of the five competitive Jump Start grants from Metroplan to help plan a new future for the old Levy and Park Hill business districts.

In February, we lost police officer Jake Harrell, which was a blow to the department and the city as whole. Also in February citizens started saving the City money by separating green waste from other trash. Shep was hired to be our goose chasing dog in Burns Park and along the River Trail as a nonlethal means of convincing nonmigratory geese to move along.

In March, we were announced as the new location of the State Veterans Home in Fort Roots.

In April, we got a new fire boat and our new off-road vehicle park celebrated an anniversary.

May saw a new bridge in Burns Park on the fitness trail. Keep North Little Rock Beautiful organized the annual city-wide clean up.

The airport held an airshow in June and we saw the dedication of the new Rocket Slide in Burns Park.

The North Little Rock police and fire unions reached a contract agreement with the Mayor for the first time in about eight years in July. The City Council worked up an ordinance on outdoor storage that takes effect January 1, 2015, to help clean up our residential neighborhoods.

100 years ago in August the cornerstone for the City Hall building was laid and we celebrated that centennial this year. We also celebrated the hiring of our new Fire Chief James Murphy. A groundbreaking on 7<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School was held.

September was full of special events including the Big Dam Bridge 100 bike race, the Great River Clean Up, and rowing teams on the Arkansas River in the 6 Bridges Regatta.

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**FOR SALE – TWO NEW HOMES  
CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

The City of North Little Rock Community Development Agency has the following two new homes available for sale in the Baring Cross area:

**1231 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street**  
3 Bedroom 2 Bath  
1 Car Garage  
Price: \$90,000



**Contact Information:**  
LaKeshia Crow -  
Coldwell Banker Rector Phillip Morse  
Phone: 501-960-5499

**1218 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street**  
3 Bedroom 2 Bath  
1 Car Garage  
Price: \$90,000



**Contact Information:**  
Anika Dixon -  
A C Dixon & Associates Realty  
Phone: 501-247-8485

**HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE  
FOR QUALIFIED BUYERS**

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**2015 Weeks**

- January 11 & 25**
- February 8 & 22**
- March 8 & 22**
- April 5 & 19**
- May 3, 17 & 31**
- June 14 & 28**
- July 12 & 26**
- August 2, 16 & 30**
- September 13 & 27**
- October 11 & 25**
- November 8 & 22**
- December 6 & 20**

**Put your bins to the curb by 7:30 a.m. the day of your regular household garbage pick up. Put them away that evening.**

## Looking Back continued from page 1.

We had highs and lows in October. Roosevelt Horton was honored for forty-eight years of service with the city with a day in his honor and a pavilion in Burns Park named after him. Our favorite Point of Light, Carolyn Ringer, passed away. She was instrumental in revitalizing neighborhood groups and our downtown. More than forty thousand people came and participated in the Race for a Cure. More than three thousand came to Park Hill for Pop Up in Park Hill designed to show off Park Hill and its future. We had fourteen neighborhoods participate in National Night Out showing pride in their neighborhoods while getting to know their neighbors. We started our neighborhood association training classes. Fourteen people representing nine neighborhoods participated including two new neighborhood association presidents and several board members.

November was election time and the trolley celebrated ten years in service.

December saw the annual Christmas Parade followed by the new Northern Lights Festival which included several choirs and the lighting of the city's new Christmas tree. The leaf vacuum schedule was simplified and put on the city's facebook page. Remount Road got a new bridge and a new kayak/canoe dock installation in Burns Park started.

During 2014 Neighborhood Services staff attended more than seventy neighborhood meetings, hosted twenty-two meetings, and participated in more than one hundred and five city meetings. We did sixty-eight mailings for groups plus our newsletter and reached 45,890 individual households. We worked eight events, processed more than forty event applications, and loaned equipment to more than seventy events. We also put flyers along McCain and in the Levy Jumpstart area several times. We surveyed all gravel drives in the Park Hill and Lakewood special parking districts.

## We look forward to a bigger and better year in 2015.



# Watch Out! Hazards in the Home



- ▶ **Mothballs:** Contain toxic chemicals, which can be lethal to a young child. Don't use mothballs! Instead, use cedar chips. Cedar chips provide a safer, more natural alternative, and work just as well.
- ▶ **Button Batteries:** Can cause potential esophageal burns or death, if swallowed. Keep devices with button batteries out of reach of children. If you suspect your child has swallowed a button battery, go to the hospital immediately.
- ▶ **Kitchen Stoves:** Can fall forward and cause serious injury or death when leaned on. Make sure anti-tip brackets secure the rear legs of your stove to the floor and keep the oven door closed when not using it.
- ▶ **Carbon Monoxide:** One of the most deadly gasses caused by heating appliances. Install a carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home and do not use fuel burning appliances such as a grill or generator inside your home.
- ▶ **The Bathroom:** Where one third of injuries happen due to slips and falls. Use non-slip rubber mats and install extra rails if necessary, and ensure the existing rails and other supports are in good condition.

Sign Up Today.  


# Questions? Contact the Following

*All meetings are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.*

## **Amboy Crime Watch**

Every 1st Thursday, 6:00  
Amboy Methodist Church  
311 Military/Mary Ann Conley 758-1208

## **Amboy Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30  
Burns Park Hospitality House  
corner of Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.  
Jim Baker, 590-4635  
jimbob47@att.net

## **Argenta Community Development Corporation Board**

Every 4th Thursday, 5:30  
500 West 13th Street, 374-0622.

## **Argenta Neighborhood Boosters**

Every 1st Thursday, 6:00  
1st. Presbyterian Church, 4th & Maple  
Michael Carpenter, 379-8101  
mcarpenter@churchargenta.org

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

## **Glenview Neighborhood Association**

Every 1st Tuesday, 7:00  
Glenview Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.  
Interim Pres., Linda Robinson, 945-8820

## **Hillview Village Apartments Neighborhood Watch**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 5:30  
Hillview Village Apt. Clubhouse  
Lynn Goodson, 758-0011

## **HOLT Neighborhood Association**

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30  
Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church  
Joy Cameron, 374-9520

## **Indian Hills Neighborhood Association**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 6:30  
Indian Hills Church, 6801 JFK Blvd.  
Stephen Whiting, 425-1942

## **Keep North Little Rock Beautiful**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 5:30  
Downtown Police Substation  
Randy Naylor, 350-8775 or  
Lisa Smith, 791-2568; KNLRB@aol.com  
or www.Facebook.com/KNLRB

## **Lakewood Community Watch**

Every 1st Thursday, 6:00  
Lakewood United Methodist Church  
Topf & Fairway, Room W 2  
Tap Pace, 416-0747

## **Meadow Park Neighborhood Assn.**

Every 2nd Tuesday, 7:00  
Bethany Baptist Church  
308 Eureka Gardens Road  
Evelyn Creal, 945-2870

## **Melrose Outreach**

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

## **Military Heights**

Every 2nd Thursday, 6:30  
North Little Rock Community Center

## **NAACP**

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00  
1418 Main Street  
Eartha Dobbins, 376-1003

## **Neighbors United for Levy**

Every 1st Monday, 6:30  
North Heights Recreation Ctr, 4801 Allen  
Adam Hicks, 993-5371

## **North Little Rock CPA Alumni**

3rd Tuesday in  
February, May, August & November, 6:30  
Downtown Police St., 8th & Main Streets  
Curtis Gatewood, Jr., 258-1821

## **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 Neighborhood**

1st Tuesday, 6:00  
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church  
3802 Olive Street  
DeAnn Hubberd, 425-5145  
<http://www.historicparkhill.com>  
<http://groups.google.com/group/parkhill>

## **Ridge Road Village Neighborhood Watch**

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

## **Rose City Neighborhood Association**

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00  
Rose City Police Substation  
Dennis Fisk, 519-2789

## **Scenic Hill Neighborhood Association**

2nd Thursday, 7:00  
January, March, June & September  
Villas North Club House  
2601 Pershing Circle  
Alice Kunce, (573) 353-2270 or  
Carol Crow, 753-9044

## **Sertoma Club of North Little Rock**

Every Wednesday, 12:00 noon  
Newk's on Warden Road

## **Stone Links Neighborhood Association**

Every 3rd Tuesday, 7:00  
Stone Links Golf Course Clubhouse  
Shannon Armand, 218-3277

## **Willow Beach Neighborhood Association**

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, Jason Carter ... 975-3755  
 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**

Steve Baxter ..... 804-0928  
 Bruce Foutch ..... 658-9714

**Ward 4**

Murry Witcher ..... 835-0009  
 Charlie Hight ..... 758-8396

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**North Little Rock City Meetings**

**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 Street, 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, 6:00 p.m.  
 4601 Fairway Avenue

**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

**About the North Little Rock Visitors Bureau**

As the city's Destination Management/Marketing Organization (DMO), the North Little Rock Visitors Bureau has five primary functions: to make a positive difference in the economy; market the community; work as an industry coordinator; be a quasi-public representative of the tourism industry, and build community pride. These functions are accomplished by working directly with the local community and the city's tourism facilities – hotels, restaurants, attractions, special events and festivals. In addition, outside sales and marketing efforts reach new and repeat visitors. For more information about all North Little Rock has to offer, visit NorthLittleRock.org, call (501)758-1424, or follow the bureau on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**Follow North Little Rock Neighborhoods on Facebook.**

**The following neighborhoods currently have pages:**

- Amboy
- Argenta
- Dark Hollow
- Dixie Addition
- Glenview
- Holt
- Indian Hills



- Lakewood
- Levy
- Meadow Park
- Park Hill
- Rose City
- Scenic Hill
- Stone Links

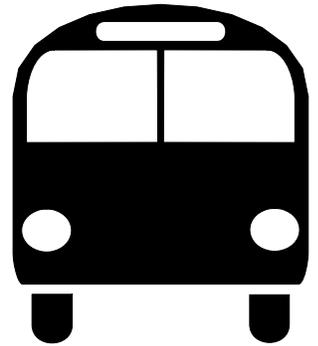
**Check out the Rose City Neighborhood Association on You Tube at:**

**[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQx6EerS\\_Gg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQx6EerS_Gg)  
 or search for Rose City Neighborhood Association**



# Move Central Arkansas

Central Arkansas Transit Authority (CATA) has begun developing a comprehensive strategic plan called **MOVE** Central Arkansas, to chart the future course of transit service in our region. The planning effort includes insight from cities, schools, chambers of commerce, county officials, developers, advocacy organizations, human service agencies and businesses.



**MOVE** Central Arkansas focuses on three efforts:

- Articulate an agency vision to create a transit system and set of services that makes riding transit easier and more desirable for more people in the community.
- Develop an agency funding strategy that allows CATA to grow and develop in response to community needs and desires for transit service.
- Present recommendations for new and contemporary branding for all aspects of CATA service, including vehicles, signage, and passenger materials.

As CATA moves forward with **MOVE** Central Arkansas, you can help shape the future of transit in our region. Visit [cat.org/move](http://cat.org/move) to sign up and get involved. Together, we can develop a transit system that meets the needs of our communities and has the dedicated funding to support those needs.

## All City Offices Will Be Closed For

New Year's Day  
January 1.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
January 19.

President's Day  
February 16.



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