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Your Census
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The End is Near!

The Census is ending September 30, 2020 instead of October 31st. Almost 1/3 of households in North Little Rock have not filled out their census. If you are one of them please make sure you complete your census. It can be done over the phone by calling 1(844) 330-2020 (English) or 1(844)468-2020 (Spanish), or online at my2020census.gov, or you should have received a form in the mail.

Filling out the Census is critical. It affects everything from redistricting for the House of Representatives and city wards to allocating federal funds for schools, roads, and other critical infrastructure. Every uncounted person means less representation and more money leaving our state.

Your information cannot be released or seen by anyone (and that includes law enforcement, the IRS, and other government agencies) for 72 years. The Census was established by the United States Constitution to count everyone in the country, regardless of citizenship status. It was revolutionary because it was created to ensure equal representation instead of being used to collect taxes.

Seventy-two years from now, later generations can use it for genealogical research. Past Census information is an amazing way to research your family tree. Pass that opportunity on to your great-great grandchildren by completing the form today.



Photo By Katelyn Thomas

What are the Amendments to the United States Constitution?

Most of us have heard about the first, second, and fifth amendments, but there are twenty-seven amendments to the Constitution. Did you know that approximately 11,770 proposed amendments have been introduced in Congress since 1789? Members of the House and Senate propose about 200 amendments during each two-year term of Congress. Most proposals have died in the congressional committees assigned to examine them. Since 1999 only 20 proposed amendments have received a vote by the full House or Senate. Only one, the District of Columbia Voting Rights Amendment in 1978 received the necessary two-thirds support in both the House and Senate and was then submitted to the states for approval. Three-fourths of the states must approve the amendment within seven years of submittal for it to be added to the Constitution. The amendment in 1978 was only ratified by sixteen states within the required seven year time limit.

The first ten are known as the Bill of Rights and were adopted when the Constitution was adopted. Let's look at the Bill of Rights.

The **First Amendment** to the Constitution says that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The **Second Amendment** to the Constitution says a well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

The **Third Amendment** to the Constitution says no soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

The **Fourth Amendment** to the Constitution says the right of people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or Affirmation and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

The **Fifth Amendment** requires an indictment by Grand Jury except in military cases when in service in time of War or public danger, no person shall be subject for the same offence be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, you cannot be compelled in any criminal case to testify against yourself, and cannot be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, and private property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation.

The **Sixth Amendment** says you have the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury in the state or district where the crime was committed, that you be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, that you be confronted by the witnesses against you, have a process for obtaining witnesses in your favor, and have the assistance of Counsel for your defense.

The **Seventh Amendment** says that you have the right to a jury trial in certain federal civil cases and that no fact tried by a jury shall be overturned by federal judges except under certain circumstances.

The **Eighth Amendment** says excessive bail shall not be required, or excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

The **Ninth Amendment** says the enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

And finally, the **Tenth Amendment** says that each state retains is sovereignty, freedom, and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right, which is not expressly delegated to the United States.

Other important amendments include the 12th which provides that the President and Vice President will be elected together; the 13th which abolishes slavery; the 15th which prohibits denial of the right to vote based on race, color or previous condition of servitude; the 16th allowing Congress to levy an income tax; the 19th which gives women the right to vote; the 21st which repeals the 18th Amendment's prohibition on manufacturing or sale of alcohol; the 25th which addresses succession to the presidency if the president is incapable of serving; and the 26th which allows citizens aged 18 and over to vote.

National Night Out Update --

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Due to COVID-19 all events will be required to use masks and follow the social distancing guidelines. Weather permitting, it is recommended for events to be held outside. Each neighborhood is responsible for planning their own event.

Notifications were mailed to all neighborhood organization presidents. As in the past, regular inventory equipment items will be divided between the neighborhood organizations that request equipment. Deadline for equipment requests and event registration was August 28, 2020.

If an event is to be hosted in a North Little Rock neighborhood park, contact North Little Rock Parks at (501) 906-6300 for approval and any other services you may need such as electricity.

If your neighborhood plans a National Night Out event make it safety first.

Local Election Information --

The City of North Little Rock is divided into four wards with two representatives for each ward. These are the people you select to represent you and your neighbors. It takes a majority vote of the City Council to get legislation passed. Only in the event of a tie does the mayor vote. Keep in mind that to get things done, regardless of how you vote or who you supported, you will need to work with whoever gets elected.



Do your homework before selecting a candidate. Look into their history of community service, work history and follow through of their promises.

- Has your candidate been working to make a difference before running for office? Or did they just show up wanting your vote, suddenly concerned about your neighborhood and suggesting what they think is best? There's nothing wrong with asking, "where have you been until now?"
- Do you agree with the candidate's agenda? While it's good to have someone with fresh new ideas, decisions should be based on what the majority of the residents want.
- How many council meetings have they attended?
- If they are going to "cut the fat" from the budget, ask for specifics as to where the fat is and how those cuts will be made without sacrifices. Access to the budget is an open process. All candidates should show knowledge of the current budgeting process.
- And by all means ask yourself, are they qualified for the position and in what way?

These are just some of the questions to ask yourself before supporting a candidate and/or casting your vote.

Below is a list of those running for office in North Little Rock:

(Names are listed alphabetically by last names)

Mayor - Terry Hartwick, Alice Kunce, Debi Ross, Tracy Steele

City Clerk - Diane Whitbey

Council Member-Ward 1 - Nathan Hamilton

Council Member-Ward 2 - Maurice Taylor

Council Member-Ward 3 - Ron Harris (incumbent), Harlan Hunter, John Parker

Council Member-Ward 4 - Charlie Hight



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
Petmindes@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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Issue	Deadline Date
November/December	October 1
2021 Deadline Dates	
January/February	December 1
March/April	February 1
May/June	April 1

North Little Rock 2020-2021

School Hours Are:

Elementary Schools

- 7:50 am - 2:35 pm -

Junior High Schools

- 8:10 am - 3:25 pm -

High School

- 8:40 am - 3:55 pm -



2020

Recycling Weeks

September 13 & 27

October 11 & 25

November 8 & 22

December 6 & 20

2021

Recycling Weeks

January 3, 17 & 31

February 14 & 28

March 14 & 28

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



On March 9, 2020, the North Little Rock City Council adopted Ordinance No. 9223 titled “An ordinance prohibiting signs in the public right-of-way; amending and repealing certain provisions of the North Little Rock Code”.

In the ordinance, it is indicated that there has been a proliferation of the placement of signs in the public right-of-way that has resulted in the clutter of the City’s public spaces.

Section 1 of the ordinance identifies what a “sign”, “public right-of-way and “governmental sign” shall mean.

Except for governmental signs erected by, or on behalf of, the unit of government having jurisdiction, no sign may be placed or located on or within any public right-of-way in the City of North Little Rock, or affixed to or upon any public property located within the public right-of-way. This prohibition includes any sidewalk; drainage ditch; landscape strip; shoulder; parkway; crosswalk; median; curb; light post; utility pole, wire or crossbar; traffic or parking control signs or devices; hydrant; tree; shrub; or any other object located within said public right-of-way.

All candidates for public office within the city limits of North Little Rock were provided with a copy of Ordinance No. 9223.

Political candidates and their supporters are encouraged to refrain from placement of signs in the public right-of-way. Any signs found to be within the same will be removed by city staff and stored at the city’s Street Department for a minimum of ten (10) days. If not claimed, any sign may be disposed of by the City.

Residents and business owners need to be aware this includes: It shall be unlawful for any person to place, throw, deposit, or otherwise put any newspaper, advertising circular, pamphlet, brochure, or any other publication, advertising material or printed material in or on any city street, alley, curb, gutter, drainage ditch, or related drainage facility.

DEADLINE FOR THE 2020 CENSUS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS FORM TODAY! SEE FRONT PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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