

# Community Beautification

## PULASKI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION PROJECT



Our community is blessed to have wonderful law enforcement officers that serve and protect our neighborhoods. We are planning a workday to landscape around the PCSD Substation located at the corner of Mundo

Road and MacArthur. We are planning to install flowerbeds and complete an outdoor patio for the deputies to enjoy. Bring your shovels, gloves, and a great attitude on Saturday, March 13 at 8:00am. Come volunteer and show our local law enforcement how much we appreciate them!

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENTS

### MACARTHUR ROAD TRASH PICK-UP ON FEBRUARY 27

Meet at Morgan Full Gospel Church on Marche Road at 8:00am. We will be picking up trash from Morgan Full Gospel to the Morgan interchange.

### KELLY ROAD TRASH PICK-UP ON MARCH 27

Meet at Crystal Valley Baptist Church at 8:00am. We will be working on Kelly Road between the RR crossings.

# Health & Wellness

## COVID VACCINE CLINIC

Oak Grove Pharmacy will be holding COVID-19 vaccine clinics when they receive more supplies. These clinics will be held in the gymnasium at Graves Memorial Baptist Church. If you are interested in getting on this waiting list, please call the Oak Grove Pharmacy at 851-3636. Because of limited shipments of the vaccine and the demand, space is limited.

## SAVE THE DATES

### 2021 Dental & Wellness Clinics

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention in partnership with local churches and CT365 will be offering free health and dental clinics at two local churches this year. Anyone that attends will have access to free consultations from a doctor, various health checks will be available, and local dentist and dental hygienist will available to do dental work including cleanings and extractions.

- May 1 at Cedar Heights Baptist Church
- August 28 at Graves Memorial Baptist Church

## ADDICTION RECOVERY

RU Recovery is a local faith-based recovery program aimed at helping people in our community find freedom from addiction. This program meets every Friday night at Graves Memorial Baptist Church at 7:00pm.

# Community Happenings



## NEW CONSTRUCTION

If you have driven through the Morgan area lately, you certainly have noticed the flurry of activity at 18804 MacArthur Drive. The site is being prepared to construct a new QuikTrip Travel Center (aka Truck Stop.) This will be one of two new stores that the Tulsa based company plans to open here in Arkansas. This "QT" gas station/truck stop

is expected to employ 25 people and provide fresh to order food and drink items when it opens this fall.



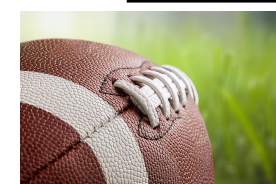
## NATURAL STATE RECOVERY OPENING

Natural State Recovery Center based in Little Rock is getting close to opening their new addiction recovery center in what was the Oak Grove High School campus. The four buildings surrounding the old patio area have been remodeled to accommodate clients and provide inpatient treatment as well as a detox center for both men and women. Natural State plans to open this March and has plans to have an open house for the community in the near future.

## NEW PALARM CREEK BRIDGE

If you have driven hwy. 365 toward Mayflower, you have noticed the extensive road work at Palarm Creek. This is a ARDOT project to replace the existing bridge and help make the curve safer. This project is expected to be completed in November of 2021.

The new bridge will be raised to accommodate flooding in hopes to prevent road closures experienced in the river flood of 2019.



## YOUTH FOOTBALL

The Oak Grove Youth Football League is

planning to have a Skills and Drills Camp this spring. If you have a child that might be interested in learning more about the sport or sharpening their skills please contact Coach Christ at 501-744-0909.

## OGFD RENOVATIONS

Our local Oak Grove Fire Department is planning to renovate the living quarters for the volunteer fire fighters at the fire station #1 located in Morgan. We are collecting money to help with this project. Donations may be dropped off at station #1 or you can mail those to OGF, PO Box 13244, Maumelle, AR 72113. The next OGF public board meeting is March 2 at station #1.



Community Thrive 365 believes that everyone living in our area needs to have a safe and healthy place to live. If you know someone—whether an elderly neighbor, a disabled friend, or even yourself—in tough financial circumstances who needs critical repairs or modifications to a home, we would like to try to help. We will be planning initiatives throughout the year to help provide resources to assist homeowners living in the 365 corridor.

## Looking for help?

### CONNECT WITH US

Applications for home repair assistance are currently available on our website. If you or someone you know is in need of help, please fill out a form on our website.

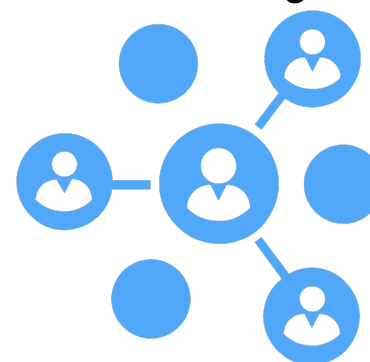
### HOME GRANT APPLICATIONS

There are local, state, and federal programs designed to assisted homeowners with repairs and other needs. On Thursday, March 18 from 2pm -6pm we will be ready to help homeowners apply online for help. This one day event will be held at Graves Memorial Baptist Church and does require you to register in advance. Due to COVID-19, a limited number of people will be able to attend so please call 851-1493 to register for an appointment.

# Local Education News

- **PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS:** Local schools including Oak Grove Elementary, Pine Forest Elementary, Crystal Hill Elementary, Maumelle Middle, and Maumelle High are now receiving students for the fall of 2021. New and returning students should register by April 30, 2021. Oak Grove Elementary offers a Pre-K program for children that are 3 or 4 years old by August the 1st, 2021. Their website is [www.pcassd.org](http://www.pcassd.org).
- **CEDAR HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:** CHCA is a private Christian school serving students Pre-k through 12th grade. CHCA is now enrolling for the 2021 fall semester. For more information call 851-1196 or go their website [www.cedarheightsacademy.com](http://www.cedarheightsacademy.com)
- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL:** IMH is a local Catholic private school that provides an education for children through 8th grade. Enrollment is now open for the 2021 fall semester. For more information call 851-2760 or go their website [www.ihmnlr.org](http://www.ihmnlr.org).
- **ACADEMICS PLUS CHARTER SCHOOL:** The APCS located in Maumelle in now accepting applications for the fall of 2021. The deadline is February 28 and the lottery draw for applications is March 1. Those not included in the draw will be added to a waiting list. For more information go to [www.academicsplus.org](http://www.academicsplus.org).
- **SCHOOL CHOICE:** Did you know that you can transfer your child to another public school out of your zoned district by applying for the School Choice Program. This enables students kindergarten through grade twelve to attend a school in a nonresident district, subject to the limitations under Ark. Code Ann. 6-18-1906 and the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Rules Governing The Public School Choice Act of 2015. To apply for this transfer, call your school of choice. Applications must be submitted no later than May 1st to begin in the fall semester.

# Community Connections



**COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER:** Sign-up for the quarterly CT365 e-newsletter with limited hardcopies distributed in local businesses. If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please sign-up at the website.

[WWW.COMMUNITYTHRIVE365.COM](http://WWW.COMMUNITYTHRIVE365.COM)

SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS  
SEND: @THRIVE365  
TO: 81010

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR :** We have a community calendar located on our website. Do you have an event you would like added? Submit events under the community communications tab on the website.

FOLLOW US!



## LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

**Oak Grove Crime Watch**  
Graves Memorial Baptist  
4617 Oak Grove Road, NLR  
Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

**Crystal Hill Crime Watch**  
FIRST MEETING  
Crystal Valley Baptist Church  
5507 Crystal Hill Road, NLR  
Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30pm

**Marche/Morgan Crime Watch**  
Coming Soon

**Palarm Area Crime Watch**  
Coming Soon

*If you are interested in helping to start a Crime Watch in your area, please email us at [connect@communitythrive365.com](mailto:connect@communitythrive365.com)*

## Community Safety



Neighborhood Watch programs help keep neighborhoods and communities safe, as well as, creating more community involvement. It is our goal at CT365 to help start these programs throughout our community in hopes to reduce crime and give everyone a greater sense of security. We hope to have a group that meets regularly in 5 broader communities throughout the 365 corridor. (Crystal Hill, Oak Grove, Marche, Morgan, and Palarm) Some areas already have a group or street meeting, we hope to build on this. By creating crime watch/neighborhood watch groups, we are able to bring neighbors together to foster safer communities and better communication. If you are interested in starting a new Neighborhood Watch program, participating in an existing Neighborhood Watch program or if you have questions about this initiative, please email us through the website. [www.communitythrive365.com](http://www.communitythrive365.com)

In partnership with the Oak Grove Community Watch Group, we will be offering a free Defensive Tactics and Situational Awareness Class on Thursday, February 25 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This class will be held in the gym at Graves Memorial Baptist Church. This class will give people the basics to know how to be aware of your surroundings and respond in a threatening situation. This is great for everyone especially high school and college students.

Please register by calling 851-1493. Space is limited.



**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25**  
**6:00PM - 8:00PM**  
**FREE**



## Don't be a scam victim.

*The Pulaski County Sheriff's Department reminds everyone to be careful about people calling and asking you for money. Stimulus checks are being issued and scammers are finding creative ways to attempt to take yours! Telephone numbers may appear to belong to the Sheriff's Department but remember: The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office will never call you or leave a voicemail to issue verbal warrants, discuss your criminal history or to demand money for any crime committed! If in doubt, call the Sheriff's department at 340-6963 or the Attorney Generals office at 682-2007.*

WORKING TOGETHER,



# COMMUNITY

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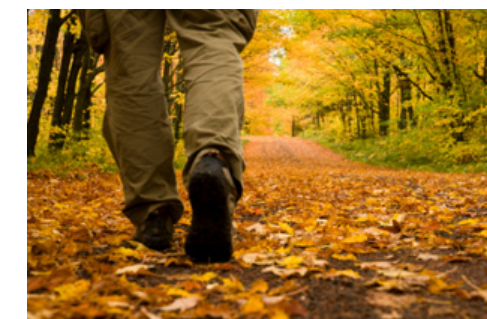
**WWW.COMMUNITYTHRIVE365.COM**

## About Us

COMMUNITY THRIVE 365 is a non-profit organization that is focused on working to improve the overall quality of life for people living and working along the Arkansas State Highway 365 corridor from North Little Rock to the Faulkner County line. This stretch of highway has a storied past of connecting Little Rock to Conway and points northward. More than connecting cities, this winding path of asphalt is the artery that ties together small communities from Crystal Hill all the way to Palarm. The people that use this highway as a path to work and home reflect a rich and diverse community. COMMUNITY THRIVE 365 will give this unincorporated part of Pulaski County a voice, common goals, and organization to strategically work to bring positive change to this area. Our goals are simple: make the communities of Crystal Hill, Oak Grove, Marche, Morgan, Palarm, and the various other neighborhoods along the Highway 365 corridor a better place to work and live.

## NEW COMMUNITY WALKING TRAIL

We are excited to announce one of Community Thrive 365's first health and wellness project for 2021. In partnership with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Marche, our community residents will now have access to a walking trail located on a beautiful wooded property. This easy to access walking trail is located off of Blue Hill Road and below the hill from the IHM Church and School. We invite you, your family, your civic group, or whoever to come help us get this site ready for everyone to enjoy. We will have a workday on February 20 at 8am. We ask that you bring tools (chainsaws, rakes, tree trimmers, gloves, etc. with your name on them) and be ready to volunteer on this worthwhile project. This old trail will find new life as our community works together to provide a place for people to come and exercise as they enjoy the beauty that surrounds them. Our project cost is being funded through Community Thrive 365. If you would like to donate to help this project, you can do that at [www.communitythrive365.com](http://www.communitythrive365.com). This project is part of CT365 Health and Wellness Initiatives aimed at improving the overall health of our community. Get ready to have the warm sunshine on your face, the sound of the wind rushing through the trees overhead, and the soft earthy feel of the trail under your boots. Not only are these experiences enjoyable to have, but they're good for you too. Walking is proven to have many health benefits ranging from physical exercise you get on the trail, to the emotional, mental, or spiritual relief that comes from being in nature.



**WORKDAY - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 8AM**



numbers

*Helpful numbers for residents of unincorporated Pulaski County*

## EMERGENCY - CALL 911

**YARD WASTE PICK-UP – CALL 210-7500**  
**BULK TRASH PICK-UP – CALL 210-7500**  
**OLD TIRES (OFF RIM) – CALL 210-7500**  
**RECYCLING INFO– CALL 565-0191**  
**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE – 340-6963**  
**ANIMAL CONTROL – CALL 210-7508**  
**NON-EMERGENCY OGF D – 851-1581**  
**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG - 811**

## NEW

The PCSD & Quorum Court have brought new technology called Next Generation 911 to the unincorporated parts of Pulaski County. When you can't safely call 911, you can now text instead. For more information call the Sheriff's office at 340-6600.



## Community Cares

**DRIVE THROUGH FOOD BOX PICK-UP**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 & 24 AT 2:00PM**  
PARKING LOT OF GREATER LITTLE ROCK NEW LIFE CHURCH  
8000 Crystal Hill Road, North Little Rock, AR 72118  
Please pre-register by texting FOODBOX to 88000