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NLR Neighborhood News

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Recycling

North Little Rock's recycling program is run by Waste Management. The green "WM" cans are picked up by Waste Management trucks. Bins are picked up every other week on the same day the Sanitation Department picks up the blue city cans. The cost of recycling is included in the electric bill each month.

Items to be recycled are clean glass and plastic bottles, jars, steel and aluminum cans, paper and clean cardboard. Make sure all recycled materials in your bin are clean and do not contain food or liquids. Waste Management will not accept plastic bags, bagged recyclables, food, liquid, Styrofoam, window glass, paint cans, mirrors, or light bulbs. If your recycling can contains items that are not recyclable it will not be picked up. Cardboard boxes should be flattened.

Plastic bags can be recycled at Kroger and Walmart. Look for the bins at the front of the store where shopping carts are available.

Our Regional Recycling District operates Green Station drop-off collection centers in Pulaski County. The center in North Little Rock is at West 13th and Sycamore (several blocks west of the North Little Rock Boys and Girls Club). It is open every Tuesday from 7 AM to 9 AM and 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. It is also open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 7 AM to Noon. It accepts household hazard waste like fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, used antifreeze, used gasoline, and used motor oil. It also accepts plastic bags, glass bottles and jars, empty aerosol cans, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent bulbs, and AA through D sized batteries. It will accept some electronics including computers, laptops, keyboards, TVs, radios, stereos, dvd players, game systems and some office equipment.

The Green Station will not accept lithium batteries, ammunition, explosives, fuel tanks, paint, tires, plastics, metals or household garbage or trash.

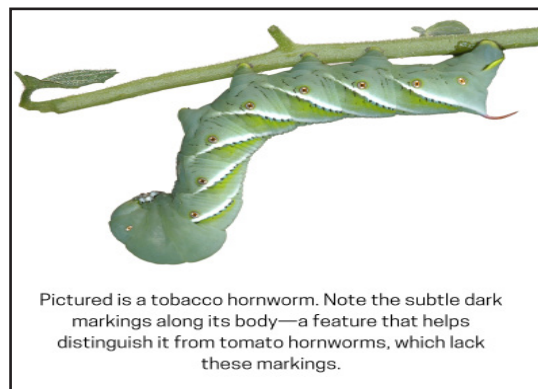
To recycle batteries the Green Station will not accept, call Batteries Plus at 501-224-2852. Waste Management can be reached at 501-565-0191. The Regional Recycling & Waste Reduction District can be reached at 501-340-8787.



The Root Connection

These giant green caterpillars show up every year and devour our tomato plants—sometimes they're as big as hotdogs! They strip the leaves first, then go after the green tomatoes.

What you're seeing are likely tobacco hornworms, not tomato hornworms—especially if you're in the South. It's a common mix-up!



Pictured is a tobacco hornworm. Note the subtle dark markings along its body—a feature that helps distinguish it from tomato hornworms, which lack these markings.

How to tell them apart:

- Tomato hornworms have white V-shaped markings, and a dark horn with smooth, green skin with no noticeable black spots or stripes.
- Tobacco hornworms have seven diagonal white stripes and a red horn with dark edging.

Why tomatoes?

Hornworms are the larvae of sphinx moths, and they specialize in eating plants in the nightshade family—like tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and tobacco—because these plants contain alkaloids that many insects avoid. Hornworms have evolved to tolerate these chemicals, giving them a competitive edge and a reliable food source.

The bright side:

Though they can be a garden pest, hornworms grow into sphinx moths (also called hawk moths), which are excellent pollinators. With their long proboscis, they can reach nectar in deep, tubular flowers—helping pollinate plants that bees can't.

Pollinator-friendly approach: If you have the space, consider sacrificing one tomato plant as a decoy to support these beneficial insects. It's a small price to pay for helping sustain a unique pollinator species.



Ingredients:

- 1 cucumber, chopped
- 2 tomatoes, chopped (or a handful of cherry tomatoes, halved)
- 1 bell pepper (any color), chopped
- 1 ear of corn, raw or lightly cooked, kernels removed
- 1/4 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 small zucchini, chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup cooked chickpeas or black beans (optional for protein)
- 1/4 cup fresh herbs (like basil, parsley, or mint), chopped
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta or goat cheese (optional)

Instructions:

Chop all veggies into small, even pieces and place them in a large bowl.

In a small jar or bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients.

Pour dressing over the chopped veggies and toss to coat.

Add herbs and cheese (if using), and toss again. Let sit for 10-15 minutes for flavors to mingle, or serve right away!

For the Dressing:

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar or lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- Salt & Pepper to taste

Variations:

- Add avocado or diced grilled chicken for a heartier version.
- Use lime juice and cilantro for a Tex-Mex twist.
- Add cooked pasta for a quick chopped pasta salad.

National Night Out - Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Now is the time to start planning for National Night Out. **Registration and equipment reservation forms will be mailed the last week of August. Deadline to register is the end of the day on Friday, September 26, 2025.**

Each neighborhood is responsible for the organizing and supplying of their event. The Neighborhood Services office provides a limited number of tables, chairs and tents, which can be reserved by using the National Night Out equipment reservation form. Inventory numbers will be divided by the number of events requesting equipment. This ensures that everyone will get some of what they need.

Each neighborhood will need to arrange pickup and return of all equipment. No extra or special mailings will be mailed for these events. Neighborhood groups are encouraged to plan ahead and announce their events in their regular newsletters. If you have questions or need more information contact the Neighborhood Services office at 501-791-8500.

North Little Rock Board & Commission Meetings

Advertising & Promotion Commission

Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday, 3:30 pm
600 Main Street, Suite 100

Airport Commission

3rd Thursday, 12:00 pm
City Services Bldg.
700 West 29th Street

Central Arkansas Water Commission

2nd Thursday, 2:00 pm
CAW Office
3rd Floor Board Room
221 East Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, AR

City Beautiful Commission

3rd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Services Office
3427 North Magnolia Street

City Council

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00 pm
NLR City Hall, 300 Main Street

Civil Service Commission

2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm
City Services, 700 W. 29th St.

Community Garden Manager

July 23 & August 27, 5:00- 6:30 pm
North Heights Com. Ctr.
Contact: 501-791-8500

History Commission

2nd Tuesday, 5:30 pm
506 Main Street

Historic District Commission

2nd Thursday, 5:30 pm
506 Main Street

Housing Authority Board of Commissions

1st Monday, 5:00 pm
4901 Fairway Avenue, Suite A

Library Commission

3rd Monday, 5:30 pm
Laman Library, 28th & Orange Sts.

MEMS Board

4th Tuesday, 7:30 pm
MEMS Admin Bldg.,
1121 W. 7th, Little Rock

Parks & Recreation Commission

3rd Monday, 5:00 pm
2700 Willow Street

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday, 4:00 pm
City Hall, 300 Main Street

Board of Zoning Adjustment

Last Thursday of each month,
1:30 p.m. / City Hall
300 Main Street

Residential Housing Facilities Board/Public Facilities Board

Meetings are held on an on-call basis. For more information call, 501-372-0110

Rock Region METRO

3rd Tuesday, 12 Noon
RockRegion METRO Bldg.
901 Maple Street

Senior Citizen Commission

Every 4th Monday, 3:00 p.m.
401 West Pershing

Thomas Cemetery Committee

3rd Monday, 6:15 pm
Levy Baptist Church,
3501 Pike Ave.

Tree Board

Meets Quarterly
300 Main Street

Waste Water Treatment Commission

2nd Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.
Waste Water Administration
Building, Conference Room
7400 Baucum Pike, Gate 1

Questions? Contact the Following

All dates are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.



Amboy Crime Watch

Every 1st Thursday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House,
Military Drive & Joe Poch Road
Paula Lively, 501-350-7649
pkele@aol.com

Amboy Neighborhood Assn.

Every 1st Thursday, 6:30
Burns Park Hospitality House
Military Drive & Joe Poch Rd.
Samantha Floyd, 501-231-7240
Amboynanews@aol.com

Argenta Neighborhood Boosters

John Pflasterer, 501-553-8671
argentaboosters@yahoo.com

Baring Cross Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
ACTS Church
13th & Franklin Sts.
Harlan Hunter, 501-541-1591

Cobblestone Crime Watch

Call for meeting information
Suni Mc Clelland, 501-920-5330
sunimcclellad@gmail.com

Dark Hollow Community Development Corporation

Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:30
1400 Pine Street
Belinda Burney, 501-376-8144

Dixie Addition Community Development Corporation

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
914 "H" Street
Earnest Franklin, 501-563-5400

East Argenta Annex Neighborhood Watch Assn

Every 3rd Wednesday, 6:00
Sherman Park Rec. Center
624 North Beech Street
Rowney Torrance, 501-343-1960

Glenview Neighborhood Association Council

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00
Glenview Rec. Ctr, 4800 E 19th St.
Linda Robinson, 501-945-8820

HOLT Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:30
Gardner Memorial United Methodist
Joy Cameron, 501-374-9520

Keep North Little Rock Beautiful

Every 2nd Monday, 6:00
Rockwater Marina Clubhouse
Randy Naylor, 501-350-8775 or
Lisa Smith, 501-791-2568;
KNLRB@aol.com
or www.Facebook.com/KNLRB

Meadow Park Neighborhood Assn.

Every 2nd Wednesday, 7:00
Meadow Park Elem. Cafeteria
801 East Bethany
Michael Davis, 501-442-0744
nlrhs2006@gmail.com
nerdgang@yahoo.com

Melrose Outreach

Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.
Tammy Small, 501-541-3703
TammyRSmall@att.net

Military Heights Outreach Assn.

Every 2nd Thursday, 6:30
North Little Rock Community Center
Lorraine Chism, 501-519-5957
Karen Alford, 501-681-5233

NAACP

Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00
P.O. Box 5571
North Little Rock, AR 72119
Deborah F. Rhodes, Ph: 501-819-3890
nlrnaacp201@yahoo.com

Neighbors United for Levy

Every 1st Monday, 6:30
No. Heights Recreation, 4801 Allen
Doug McDowall, 501-758-1668

North Little Rock Landlords Assn

Every 3rd Monday, 7:00
NLR Community Ctr, 2700 Willow St.
Gail Blucker, 501-835-6679

Park Hill Neighborhood

John Gregan, 501-758-7159
johngregan@att.net

Ridge Road Village Neighborhood Watch

Every 4th Thursday, 5:00
4748 Ridge Rd, Phone : 501-771-7500

Rose City Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
Rose City Recreation Center
400 Rose Lane
Ken Abel, 501-791-8500, lv message
Nlrrosecityneighborhood@gmail.com

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Assn.

Randy Naylor, 501-350-8775

Sherman Park Neighborhood

Every 3rd Monday, 6:00
8th St. Baptist Church
Corner of Hickory & SA Jones Sts.
Artis Boykin, 501-766-0200

Stone Links Neighborhood Assn.

Every 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Stone Links Clubhouse
Marie Hollowell, 404-259-2957

Willow Beach Estates Property Owners Assn

2nd Tuesday in March & October, 6:30
Church at Willow Beach
John Santoro, 501-607-1755

**City of North Little Rock
City Hall 300 Main Street**

Elected Officials

Mayor Terry Hartwick 501-975-8601
City Clerk, Diane Whitbey 501-975-8617
City Attorney, Amy Fields 501-975-3755

Council Members

Ward 1

Debi Ross 501-753-0733
Nathan Hamilton 501-952-7679

Ward 2

Linda Robinson 501-945-8820
Nicole Hart 501-960-2461

Ward 3

Steve Baxter 501-804-0928
Ron Harris 501-758-2877

Ward 4

Scott Fowler 501-765-5868
Vince Insalaco III 501-951-0786

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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
Sep/Oct 2025	August 1
Nov/Dec 2025	October 1
Jan/Feb 2026	December 1, 2025
Mar/Apr 2026	February 1

2nd Annual
AR Reggae
Community Festival
Saturday, August 30, 2025
Argenta Green Park
300 Bishop Lindsey Drive
North Little Rock

**KIDSZONE
Vendor Market
4:00-10:00 PM**

Join talented, driven, and creative kid entrepreneurs who will be showcasing their gifts, building their brands & gaining real-world experience.

Help empower the next generation of business owners, visionaries, and change-makers!

For more information contact:
Ruby Steward-Brown at
501-650-3467 or email:
ycaofbaringcross@gmail.com



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**National Night Out
Tuesday, October 7**

**Remaining 2025
NLR Holiday Schedule**

Independence Day
July 4
Sanitation one day late
on Saturday.

Labor Day
September 1
Sanitation one day late.

Veterans Day
November 11
Sanitation regular schedule.

Thanksgiving
November 27 & 28
Sanitation one day late
Friday - Saturday.

Christmas Eve/Day
December 24 & 25
Sanitation one day late
Friday - Saturday.

For additional sanitation information, contact NLR Sanitation at 501-371-8340.



**Remaining
2025
Recycling Weeks**

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 24

September 7 & 21

October 5 & 19

November 2, 16 & 30

December 14 & 28

For Recycling Holiday
Pick Up Questions?
Call Waste Management
at (501) 565-0191.

It's everything City of North Little Rock, **in your pocket.**



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