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North Little Rock Emergency Services Launches Prepared 911

In our ongoing commitment to deliver fast, inclusive, and reliable emergency services, North Little Rock Emergency Services is proud to introduce a groundbreaking enhancement to our 9-1-1 operations: the implementation of Prepared 911. This state-of-the-art platform brings real-time AI translation directly into our dispatch center, ensuring that language is no longer a barrier to receiving critical help in an emergency. In addition, its seamless integration with our Real-Time Crime Center allows officers and analysts to access live 9-1-1 call audio and translated information as incidents unfold—enabling faster, more informed responses that enhance safety across our community.

Prepared 911 offers translation support in more than 140 languages, including real-time audio translation in 33 languages for callers using mobile devices. This innovative feature significantly reduces delays by removing the need to connect with a separate interpreter. As a result, dispatchers can quickly understand the caller's situation—often within seconds—allowing them to respond more efficiently and effectively during emergencies.

Beyond our dispatch center, Prepared 911 is a powerful tool in our Real-Time Crime Center, where law enforcement personnel can see and hear 9-1-1 calls as they happen. This immediate access enables officers to begin responding to incidents within seconds. By leveraging real-time video feeds from public cameras and AI-translated caller information, our team can relay accurate suspect descriptions and situational details to responding officers—enhancing both safety and operational efficiency.

The integration of Prepared 911 not only strengthens our ability to communicate with non-English speaking residents through real-time translation but also enhances the effectiveness of our Real-Time Crime Center by delivering critical information to officers as events unfold. By combining advanced AI-driven communication with real-time situational awareness, we are transforming the way emergencies are handled in North Little Rock.



The Root Connection

Creative Ways to Preserve Your Fall Harvest in Zone 8a

As fall settles into Central Arkansas, gardens in are beginning to produce lots of cool-season crops like leafy greens, collards, kale, mustard, turnips, radishes, and late peppers. While some summer crops may linger into early fall, the focus now shifts to hardy vegetables that thrive in cooler temperatures. With so much coming out of the garden, it's the perfect time to explore simple, creative ways to preserve your harvest without relying solely on freezing or canning

Lacto-Fermentation: Easy, Flavorful, and Full of Probiotics

Lacto-fermentation is a low-effort method that relies on salt and naturally occurring bacteria to preserve vegetables. Unlike vinegar pickling or canning, fermentation doesn't require boiling jars or sealing lids. It just needs time, a little salt, and patience. More information on this can be found online. This technique works especially well with fall vegetables like:

- Radishes and turnips: Slice or dice and ferment with garlic, peppercorns, or chili for a spicy, tangy side dish.
- Greens (collards, kale, mustard): Combine with shredded cabbage, garlic, and ginger to make a Southern-style kraut or kimchi.
- Okra and green tomatoes: Pack whole or sliced in a brine for a crisp, slightly sour treat.

Getting started: Mix freshly washed chopped vegetables with about 2% salt by weight (roughly 1 tablespoon per quart of chopped veg). Pack tightly into a clean jar, pressing down to release natural juices. Make sure everything stays submerged under the liquid to avoid spoilage. Use a fermentation weight or improvise with a small jar. Cover loosely and leave at room temperature for several days to a week, tasting as it develops. Once you like the flavor, move it to the fridge, where it will keep for months.

Drying and Powdering: Space-Saving and Versatile

Drying vegetables and herbs is an efficient way to preserve nutrients and flavor while saving freezer space. In our mild fall weather, air drying is often possible, but a dehydrator or low oven also works well.

- Leafy greens (collards, kale, chard): Blanch lightly, then dry until crisp. Once dry, crush into flakes or grind into a powder. Use as a nutrient boost in soups, smoothies, sauces, or even baked goods.
- Hot peppers: Dry whole or sliced, then crush into flakes or grind into a smoky powder for spice blends.
- Sweet potatoes: Slice thin, dry until brittle, and eat as chips or grind into a flour substitute for thickening stews or baking.

Tip: Store dried goods in airtight containers in a cool, dark place to keep flavor and texture fresh.

Herb Salt and Homemade Bouillon Paste: Big Flavor from Small Harvests

When herbs and vegetable trimmings are in abundance, turn them into pantry staples that pack a punch.

Herb Salt: Chop a mix of fresh herbs, think rosemary, thyme, oregano, parsley and blend with coarse salt (about 1 part herbs to 3 parts salt). Spread on a baking sheet to air dry. Once dry, store in a jar and use to season roasted vegetables, meats, or even salad dressings.

Bouillon Paste: A great use for small amounts of leftover vegetables and herbs. Blend finely chopped ingredients like carrots, onion, celery, leafy greens, garlic, and parsley with olive oil and salt (about 1 tablespoon of salt per cup of blended paste). Freeze in small portions using an ice cube tray. One cube equals one flavor-packed base for soups, stews, or rice.

Quick Pickling: Fast, Flavorful, and Fridge-Friendly

Quick pickling is a flexible, beginner-friendly way to preserve fall vegetables, no canner or water bath needed.

How it works: Boil a brine using equal parts vinegar and water, a spoonful of sugar, and your favorite spices (like mustard seed, peppercorn, garlic, or dill). Pour the hot brine over sliced vegetables in a clean jar. Let cool, cover, and store in the refrigerator. More information and recipes can be found online.

Best vegetables for fall quick pickles:

- Carrots and turnips: Cut into matchsticks or coins.
- Shredded cabbage or mustard greens: Great for a tangy slaw or sandwich topping.
- Okra or green beans: Pickled whole with garlic and red pepper flakes for kick.

Tip: Quick pickles are ready in just 24 hours and last several weeks in the fridge.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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 19, 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 pick 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 Wednesday, 2:30 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
Rock Region 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
Lonnie Lucas, 501-952-6343

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
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
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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
Nov/Dec 2025	October 1
2026	
Jan/Feb 2026	December 1, 2025
Mar/Apr 2026	February 1, 2026
May/Jun 2026	April 1, 2026

Firefest 2025

**Thursday, October 9 / 6:00-8:00 p.m.
McCain Mall Parking Lot 3929 McCain Blvd.**

**Remaining 2025
NLR Holiday Schedule**

**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**

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.**



**ARGENTA
ARTS DISTRICT**

Dogtown Throwdown

Friday, September 12,
4:00 pm-10:30 pm &
Saturday, September 13
7:30 am-10:30 pm

Main Street, Argenta Arts District

Third Friday Art Walk

Friday, September 19,
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Main Street, Argenta Arts District

**Argenta Vibe Music Series/
Hispanic Heritage Festival/
ACANSA Arts Festival**

Saturday, September 20,
4:00 pm-9:00 pm

5:30 pm Performance: Larry & Joe
7:00 pm Performance: Pura Coco
Argenta Plaza

Argenta Vibe Music Series

Saturday, October 4,
6:30 pm-9:00 pm

7:00 pm Performance: Arkansauce
Argenta Plaza

Dogtown Throwdown

Friday, October 10,
4:00 pm-10:30 pm &
Saturday, October 11
7:30 am-10:30 pm

Main Street, Argenta Arts District

Third Friday Art Walk

Friday, October 17,
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Main Street, Argenta Arts District

**More details for all events can be
found at:
argentaartsdistrict.org/events**



NLR Advertising & Promotion Working With Neighborhood Organizations

We're excited to work with neighborhood groups to strengthen community connections and showcase the unique character of North Little Rock. Partnering with local neighborhoods not only helps us celebrate what makes each area special, but also creates opportunities to support events, enhance public spaces, and promote a shared sense of pride. By working together, we can create meaningful experiences for residents and visitors alike and ensure that every corner of our city contributes to North Little Rock's vibrant story. Here are some of the tools we have to help the community:

1. Event Support

- Promotional Items: Branded giveaways (bags, pens, water bottles) for neighborhood events or block parties.
- Marketing Help: Promote neighborhood events on our website, social media, or community calendars.
- Planning Resources: Provide advice and information for organizing successful community events.

2. Guest Speakers & Presentations

- Offer to give short presentations at neighborhood meetings about tourism, local events, and how tourism benefits their area (like the \$911 household tax savings).
- Share updates on city attractions, festivals, and projects that impact their neighborhood.

3. Volunteer or Engagement Opportunities

- Invite neighborhood residents to volunteer at festivals or help with visitor events.
- Provide meeting support for neighborhood association retreats or planning sessions.

4. Small Grant or Partnership Opportunities

- Support neighborhood beautification projects, murals, or signage that also enhance tourism appeal.
- Collaborate on place-based projects that align with arts, history, or culture.

Call 501.758.1424 or info@northlittlerock.org to see how we can help you!



North Little Rock
has launched a new app!
It keeps residents up-to-date on
events, news, documents,
department staffs & notifications.
Download the app today!
Scan the QR code or go to the
iOS App Store or Android Play
Store and enable notifications.



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