

Happy
Holidays!



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NLR Neighborhood News

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There is one city department that visits every house in our city every week, averaging about 4200 houses every weekday. It runs like clockwork. Every week we roll our bins out to the curb and then later back to the house. Every week the bins are emptied. We only notice it when circumstances interrupt the flow. The department we are talking about is our Sanitation Department.



In the fall and winter Sanitation's "Super Sucky Leaf Truck" crews move from ward to ward vacuuming up leaves from the curb. This service is so popular it has its own Facebook page run by the public. Listing sightings of the trucks with pictures of them in action, the page is a testament to a service our citizens treasure.

If you don't want to wait for the SSLT, you can bag your leaves and bring them to the curb and the grabber trucks will pick them up the day after your regular sanitation run. Loads of leaves, branches, and unpainted wood are carried to American Composting where they are turned into mulch. Other bulky items like furniture, carpet, and mattresses are picked up by grabber trucks and taken to the Two Pine Landfill along with the regular sanitation pick-ups.

Residents can drop off household hazardous waste (like fertilizer, pesticides, antifreeze, oil and gasoline, plastic grocery bags, empty aerosol cans, some batteries, and home electronics) at the Green Station at 418 West 13th Street, which is open Tuesday mornings 7-9:30 am, Tuesday afternoon 3:30-5:30 pm, and the third Saturday of the month from 7 am to noon.

Unlike in surrounding cities, North Little Rock residents do not receive a bill for Sanitation services. Little Rock for example charges a monthly sanitation fee of \$29.68, plus additional charges for extra garbage or recycling carts, and additional bulky item pickups. In North Little Rock, recycling is paid for by a charge on the electric bill. That recycling fee pays for Waste Management's recycling services.

For more information on how to correctly dispose of waste go to nlr.ar.gov and click on the Sanitation page.



The Root Connection

Garden Myth Busters: Winter Edition (Zone 8a)

Rachelle Kelly, North Little Rock Garden Program Manager

As the gardening season winds down, it can be tempting to think that there is little left to do in your garden until spring. In reality, November is a great time to focus on tasks that protect your soil, support wildlife, and prepare your garden for next year. Let's bust some common garden myths for this time of year.

 **Myth #1:** You should clear every bit of your garden for winter.

Truth: Leaving some plant debris, especially hollow stems or seed heads, provides essential winter shelter for native bees and beneficial insects. A few remaining stalks also give birds a food source.

Try This: Leave a mix of seed heads and dried stems standing and add a few small brush piles in corners of your garden. This creates winter habitat for pollinators and other helpful wildlife while keeping your garden tidy.

 **Myth #2:** Fallen leaves are messy and should be bagged.

Truth: Fallen leaves are free mulch and compost material. Instead of sending them to the landfill, shred or mow them and use them to insulate soil, protect garlic or perennial herbs, or start a leaf mold pile.

Fun Fact: Just one inch of shredded leaf mulch can prevent up to 90 percent of winter weed growth.

 **Myth #3:** There is nothing to plant after October.

Truth: Zone 8a has mild winters, making November an excellent time to plant garlic, shallots, onions, and cover crops like crimson clover or winter rye. These crops will get a head start before spring.

Try This: Sow a quick-growing cover crop like winter rye or crimson clover to protect bare soil, add organic matter, and improve fertility for next spring's garden.

 **Myth #4:** Cold weather kills all garden pests.

Truth: Many pests and their eggs overwinter in soil, mulch, or on leftover plant debris. Doing nothing allows them to return in the spring.

Pro Tip: Rotate garden beds and turn the soil lightly in late fall. This exposes overwintering insects to cold temperatures or makes them easy prey for birds, reducing pest populations for next year.

 **Myth #5:** You can skip feeding your soil until spring.

Truth: Soil microbes remain active in the fall. Adding compost or other organic matter now gives them time to break it down and enrich the soil before planting season begins.

Try This: Top-dress garden beds with a one to two inch layer of compost and let winter rains help work it into the soil naturally.

 **Myth #6:** You can stop watering once it cools off.

Truth: Even in cooler weather, winter crops and newly planted perennials need consistent moisture until the ground freezes. Dry soil can stress plants and stunt growth.

Rule of Thumb: Water deeply every ten to fourteen days during dry spells, especially for garlic, strawberries, and young trees.

 **Bonus Myth:** Pumpkins belong in the trash after Halloween.

Truth: Old pumpkins are excellent for composting or feeding wildlife. They break down quickly and provide nutrients for your soil.

Try This: Smash pumpkins directly into your compost pile or garden bed. Your soil and local wildlife will thank you.

Take A Walk continued from back page.

We have an older cemetery in North Little Rock. Thomas Cemetery is located at 3725 Division Street next to the Edgewood Cemetery. Thomas Cemetery is owned by the City of North Little Rock and overseen by the city's Thomas Cemetery Committee. Established in the 1870s by Mr. J.W.B. Thomas, a farmer who donated two acres to have a small city cemetery.

With more than 700 graves, the cemetery is full, but there are significantly fewer headstones than there are graves. Grave sites are being mapped. The cemetery contains a dozen civil war veterans and some World War II veterans as well.

More information can be found on the Thomas Cemetery Association Facebook page.

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

November 19, 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.

ACTS Church
13th & Franklin Sts.
Call for meeting information
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.

Call for meeting information
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
Jennifer Johansen, 501-772-0550

North Little Rock Landlords Assn

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

Park Hill Neighborhood

Call for meeting information
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.

Call for meeting information
Randy Naylor, 501-350-8775

Sherman Park Neighborhood

Call for meeting information
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

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City Attorney, Amy Fields 501-975-3755

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Nathan Hamilton 501-952-7679

Ward 2

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Nicole Hart 501-960-2461

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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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**Remaining NLR
Holiday Schedule**

**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.**

**New Years Day
January 1, 2026**

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



**Remaining
2025
Recycling Weeks**

November 2, 16 & 30

December 14 & 28

2026 Recycling Weeks

January 11 & 25

February 8 & 22

March 8 & 22

April 5 & 19

May 3, 17 & 31

June 14 & 28

July 12 & 26

August 9 & 23

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

Take A Walk Among the Tombstones

If you drive the highways of Arkansas, through the small towns and unincorporated communities you cannot help but notice our cemeteries and graveyards. Cemeteries are larger and usually public. Graveyards tend to be smaller and associated with a church or other religious institution.



The most famous cemetery in Arkansas is the Mount Holly Cemetery. Located at 1200 South Broadway in Little Rock, Mount Holly is the burial place of governors, state Supreme Court justices, senators, mayors, slaves, farmers, children, suffragettes, and prominent business leaders. Mount Holly has two full-time and one part-time staff that maintain the grounds. They are aided by the Pulaski County Master Gardeners, since Mount Holly is a special project. More information can be found at info@mounthollycemetery.org.

One of the strangest resting spots is the grave of an unknown child in the triangle where highways 67/167 and Highway 157 merge near Judsonia. A single stone next to the northbound entrance ramp, the stone and its fence are always decorated with flowers and toys. The grave dates from 1890-1891. The stone's inscription reads, "The Unknown Baby Girl – In Death She Belongs to All of Us." The highway was built around the stone because it was cheaper to build around it than to move it.

If you stop in to visit an older cemetery or graveyard expect to see many different types of headstones. If old enough to contain civil war soldiers, confederate headstones have a gentle point on them, while union headstones have rounded tops. Childrens' headstones can have lambs, cherubs, angels, cradles, or baby shoes on them. Woodsmen of the World members have tombstones shaped like tree stumps. Members of civic groups like Masons and Elks are identified: Masons usually have the square and compass on their headstone; Elks Lodge members may have an elk head engraved on their tombstones.

The composition of graveyards have changed over generations. Expect to see many more infants and children buried from 1800 to the early 1900s. In 1800 the infant mortality rate was 46%. In the United States in 1880 22% of our children died before their first birthday. The development of vaccines, antibiotics, and understanding of nutrition dropped infant mortality to today's rate of 8.2 per 1000 live births in Arkansas. We no longer see entire sections of graveyards, called "babyland", set aside for infants.

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