



# NLR Neighborhood News



## Recycling Changes Begin April 2019

This year will see some changes to the way North Little Rock residents recycle. Following a long negotiation process in 2018, the City Council agreed to a new contract with Waste Management (WM) to continue single stream recycling in our city. The Mayor and Council are pleased that we are able to retain a recycling program in North Little Rock, with some improvements of service and a relatively slight increase in cost to residents.

Before an agreement with WM was reached there were many concerns from residents, Council Members, and the Mayor about how the recycling program had been implemented over the past several years. Not every concern was able to be resolved, but a great deal of research revealed that the alternatives for now would be much too expensive and cumbersome on our community, and simply ceasing to offer recycling services at all was not the wish of our community.

The recycling industry has experienced significant upheavals in the past few years. China used to be a major importer of our country's recyclable material, but following their decision to stop taking imported material that revenue is no longer an option. The market for recyclable glass has decreased to the point where it is no longer economically feasible for most companies to even process the material. Single stream recycling has contributed to the issue of more contamination of non-recyclable materials and created a problem of efficiency.

Recycling changes for residents (beginning April 1st, 2019)

Monthly fee to increase to \$4.14 from \$2.99

No glass material accepted

No plastic bags accepted

No pizza boxes with food residue accepted

# Time to Dust Off Some Reminders ---



- 1.) Garage/Yard sales are limited to one per quarter each year. Any signage for sales must be removed at the close of the sale. You cannot put signage of any kind on utility poles and signs should not block the view of traffic. If you have any questions regarding garage/yard sales contact North Little Rock Code Enforcement at 791-8581.
- 2.) All businesses operating within the city limits of North Little Rock must have a current business license. This includes anyone doing yard work including teenagers. If you have any questions regarding a business or if a license is needed call the North Little Rock City Clerk's office at 975-8617.
- 3.) Anyone soliciting door-to-door within the city must have a photo ID issued by the City of North Little Rock. If you have any questions regarding whether someone is licensed call the North Little Rock City Clerk's office at 975-8617 or call the North Little Rock Police non-emergency line at 758-1234.
- 4.) Keep your vehicles locked and items of value out of sight. Warmer weather means more people out walking the streets at all hours. It's so simple to walk by and lift the door handle to see if the door is locked. Never leave a gun in your vehicle.
- 5.) Don't leave your home with windows/doors open or unsecured. Trim back any plants/bushes/trees that prevent your neighbor from clearly seeing your home.
- 6.) If you hear your dog or your neighbor's dog barking, get up and see what is causing the dog to bark. If it's the moon kindly speak to your neighbor about the situation. If it's someone looking suspicious call the police.
- 7.) North Little Rock has a leash law. Do not let your pets run the neighborhood. It's for their safety as well as yours and your neighbors. Did you know you are liable if your dog bites someone?  
  
Pets need fresh water and a shady place out of the sun to rest. They also need a dry place to stay when it rains.
- 8.) You are not allowed to chain a pet to a post or tree. If you have to put your pet on a cable it must be attached to a runner. Questions??? Contact the North Little Rock Animal Shelter at 791-8577.
- 9.) What's Your Number? City ordinance 7093 requires that your house have a house number on it that is visible from the street, at least three inches tall. Businesses are required to have numbers that are six inches tall. Numbers should contrast with the background and it is requested that they be reflective to help emergency crews find houses at night. Every house and business in North Little Rock should have visible numbers.
- 10.) Did You Know? North Little Rock requires grass or weeds to be no more than eight (8) inches in height in all residential zone districts or eight (8) inches in height in all commercial or industrial zone districts on which a structure is located; or not to exceed twenty-four (24) inches in height on lots in commercial and industrial zone districts on which a structure is not located. If you have questions contact North Little Rock Code Enforcement at 791-8581.
- 11.) Food truck operators must have a current health department inspection, a business license, an Advertising and Promotion license, an inspection from the NLR Fire Department, and written permission from the property owner where they will be selling. Food trucks may sell on property zoned commercial or industrial. They cannot sell on the street unless it is during special events that close the street with prior approved by the City. They must have permission from the City before selling on City property. The truck is responsible for providing trash cans, removing trash, and cleaning the area. Trucks cannot provide seating for patrons.



## Avoiding Utility Scammers for NLR Electric and CenterPoint Energy Customers

What if someone calls demanding immediate payment – often requiring the use of a pre-paid bank card- to avoid shutting off your service? It is a scam. Neither NLR Electric nor CenterPoint Energy will call demanding immediate payment over the phone to avoid disconnection of service. Neither of those utilities will have someone show up and demand payment in person to avoid disconnection of service. Hang up and call the utility if you have questions. Call the police if you are the victim of a scam.

Scammers may call and say you have overpaid your utility bill and you need to provide banking or credit card information for a refund. Neither utility will ask you for financial information over the phone. Both utilities will apply any credit balance to your next bill.

Scammers posing as utility workers may knock on your door and claim they need access to your property to inspect, repair or replace equipment. Both utilities' employees will provide proper identification for your review. Look at the vehicle they arrived in. Does it have a North Little Rock logo on it? Does it have a CenterPoint Energy logo on it? If not, it may be a scam. You can always call the service numbers on your bill to see if the repair people are legitimate. If you have questions or doubts, call the police. Do not let workers in your house if they show up and claim there is a gas leak in the neighborhood and need to come it to check lines or appliances. They are there to distract you and steal your valuables. If your service is not interrupted, there is no need to come into your home. Do not let anyone in your home before calling the utilities service number (on your bill) and verifying that crews are working in your area. Again, all employees will provide proper identification for your review.

If service is interrupted by a weather or accident-related outage, anyone showing up at your door promising to restore power or gas quickly for immediate payment or for an upfront reconnection fee is a conman. Length of outages depends on the extent of system damage and availability of crews. Our crews will not demand payment to restore your service quicker.

Text messages will sometimes be sent requesting bank or credit card information and look like they are from the utility. Never give financial information to anyone over the phone. If they are legitimately from the utility they already have your financial payment information.



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### 2019 City Holiday Schedule

January 1 - New Year's Day  
January 21 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
February 18 -  
George Washington/Daisy Gatson Bates Day  
May 27 - Memorial Day  
July 4 - Independence Day

September 2 - Labor Day  
November 11 - Veterans Day  
November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving  
December 24 - Christmas Eve  
December 25 - Christmas

Contact NLR Sanitation at (501) 371-8345 for trash schedule during holiday times.



## Questions? Contact the Following

All dates are evening meetings unless otherwise noted.

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.  
Angelica Barnard, (501) 297-8720  
abarnard0321@gmail.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.  
Lee Brewer, 945-7695

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](http://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  
Evelyn Creal, 945-2870

Melrose Outreach  
Every 3rd Wednesday, 7:00  
Melrose Grocery, 807 Willow St.  
Margo Tenner, 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  
Jennifer Johansen, 772-0550

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, 945-5999  
Nlrrosecityneighborhood@gmail.com

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Assn.  
2nd Thursday, 7:00 in  
January, March, June & September  
Yates Phillips, 837-3779

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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**2019  
Recycling Weeks**

- March 3, 17 & 31
- April 14 & 28
- May 12 & 26
- June 9 & 23
- July 7 & 21
- August 4 & 18
- September 1, 15 & 29
- October 13 & 27
- November 10 & 24
- December 8 & 22

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, 6:00 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

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# Avoid Pitfalls Following the Death of a Loved One

When a death occurs in your family, and you are a close survivor of the deceased, you may become a target for some of the worst swindlers. Sometimes these individuals will try to collect a debt the deceased never owed or to deliver unordered merchandise for payment by the survivors. (A good example is the Bible scam in the movie Paper Moon.) Beware of scammers trying to prey upon your grief even if they seem friendly and honest. Understand that your defenses are down in this time of grieving.

Scammers may tell survivors there is a nonexistent life insurance policy that requires a final premium payment before benefits can be collected. Or they may say there is some valuable asset requiring a final payment of some kind. They are taking your money and will then have your financial information as well.

Beware of any promoter of securities calling with a report they had been asked to prepare recommending new purchases of stocks or bonds or changes in the existing holdings of the deceased. Often the person's goal is merely the commissions involved in the purchases or sales. Don't make any changes in your investments until your mind is working more normally. Experts advise that you not buy or sell any securities, make any loans, convert your life insurance policies, buy annuities, or do anything until after you wait a while and get the best advice possible. Be especially cautious if the caller tries to pressure you or has a limited time frame. Now is the time for you to carefully guard your financial security.

If you decide to scatter your loved ones ashes, let the funeral home know of your plans so the ashes can be pulverized first to ensure the ashes are a fine powder suitable for scattering.

According to experts, go slow, consult experienced trusted advisers and do not pay any unfamiliar debt or sign any document without thorough investigation and giving yourself time to recover you mental balance.

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## City Services Reminder

Effective January 1, 2019, North Little Rock City Services located at 120 Main Street is no longer accepting payments for Central Arkansas Water or CenterPoint Energy. They will continue to accept payments for North Little Rock Electric bills only.

For more information about making payments to Central Arkansas Water and CenterPoint Energy, you will need to contact them directly.

Central Arkansas Water - (501) 372-5161

CenterPoint Energy - 1 (800) 922-7552

**Please notify Neighborhood Services of any address change. Bulk rate mail will not be forwarded.**



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