



CITY OF SHREVEPORT  
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**Block by Block Initiative Hits Midway Point with Impressive Results**

Mayor Tom Arceneaux's *Block by Block* initiative—Shreveport's neighborhood-by-neighborhood strategy to fight blight and revitalize distressed areas—has reached its halfway mark, with six of eleven sweeps completed and measurable progress across the city.

Since launching in June, *Block by Block* has mobilized city departments, parish agencies, nonprofit partners, and neighborhood volunteers to tackle blight from every angle—property standards enforcement, public works cleanup, litter removal, abandoned vehicle towing, animal welfare checks, fire safety outreach, and more.

The results so far have been striking: **1,936 tons** of litter and debris collected—equal to 3,872,000 pounds—along with **2,758 tires** removed from neighborhoods.

Breakdown by sweep:

- **Ingleside:** 6 tons of litter/debris, 238 tires
- **Highland:** 1,600 tons litter/debris, 25 tires
- **Queensborough:** 103 tons litter/debris, 1,085 tires
- **MLK:** 69 tons litter/debris, 480 tires
- **Cedar Grove:** 89 tons litter/debris, 450 tires
- **Allendale:** 69 tons litter/debris, 480 tires

The next sweep will take place this Saturday, **August 16**, in West Shreveport. Anyone interested in volunteering should arrive at Bill Cockrell Park, located at 4109 Pines Road, at 7:45 am.

The following sweeps are scheduled:

- **August 23** – Stoner Hill
- **September 6** – Southern Hills
- **September 13** – Mooretown
- **September 20** – Broadmoor

Mayor Arceneaux praised the overwhelming response from both city staff and residents.

“What we’ve seen over these past two months is nothing short of inspiring,” said Mayor Arceneaux. “From our city departments to our neighborhood volunteers, everyone is leaning in to make their communities cleaner, safer, and stronger. *Block by Block* isn’t just about clearing debris—it’s about restoring pride, building trust, and showing that real change is possible when we work together.”

*Block by Block* is an intensive and collaborative planning process developed with assistance from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. Shreveport was one of 40 cities selected to participate in the 2024-25 Leadership Initiative program. Block by Block will target resources in blighted areas, with each blighted neighborhood receiving an improvement plan that will move from neighborhood to neighborhood, block by block.

Residents are encouraged to take a moment and fill out the Block by Block Neighborhood Reinvestment Survey, linked here: [BLOCK BY BLOCK NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT SURVEY](#).

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