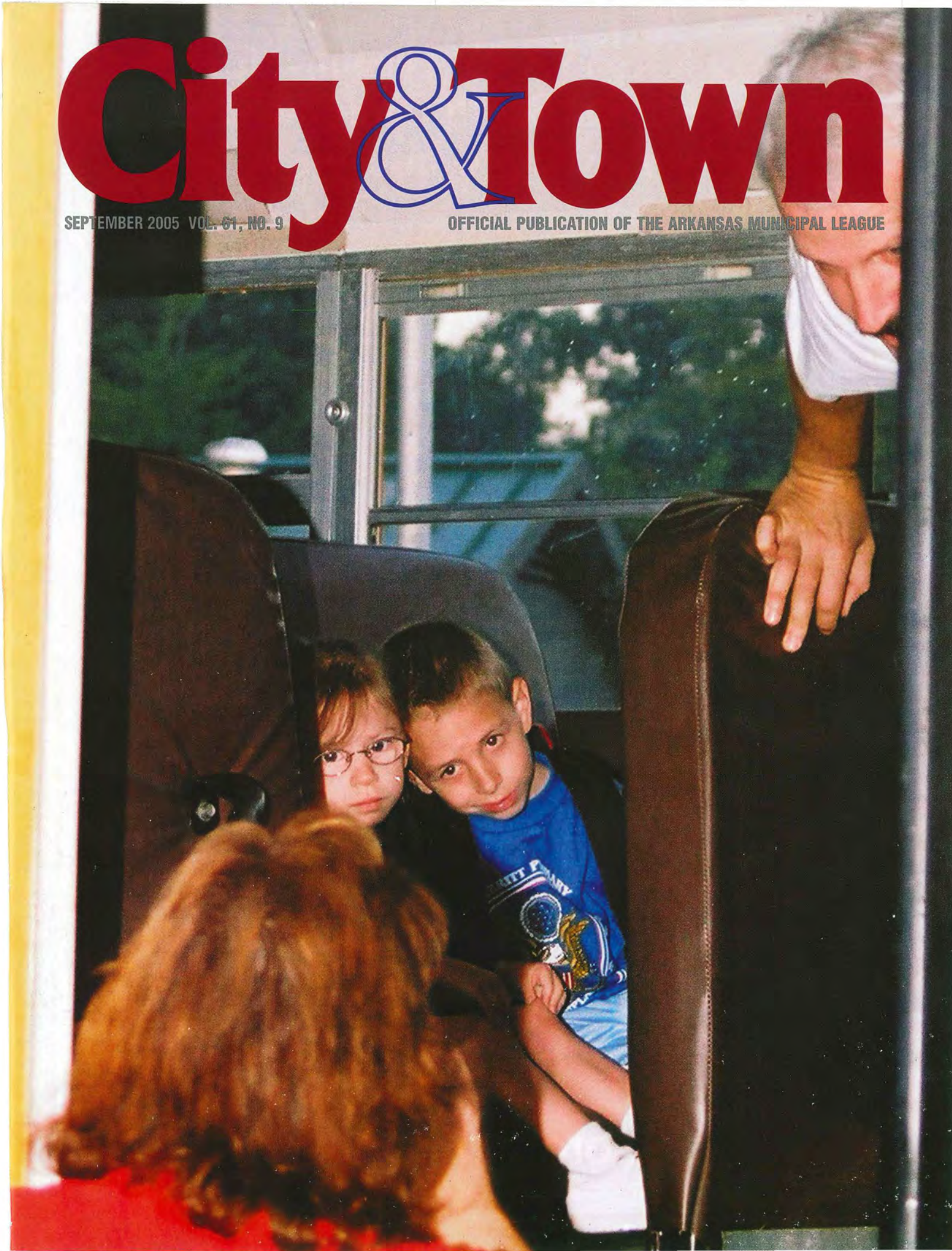


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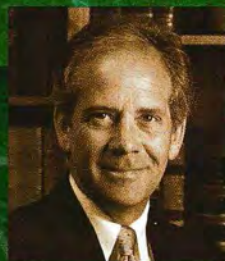
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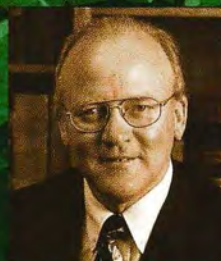
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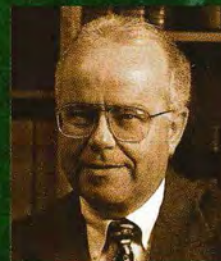
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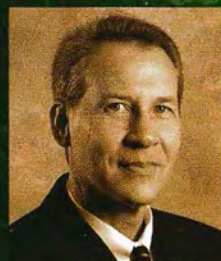
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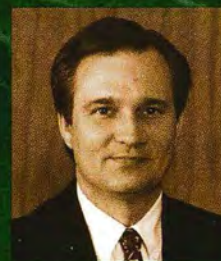
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At the back of the Pine Bluff Convention Center, this room was filled with volunteers, Red Cross officials and others who were receiving, stacking and sorting supplies brought in a stream of vehicles to the Center for distribution to Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

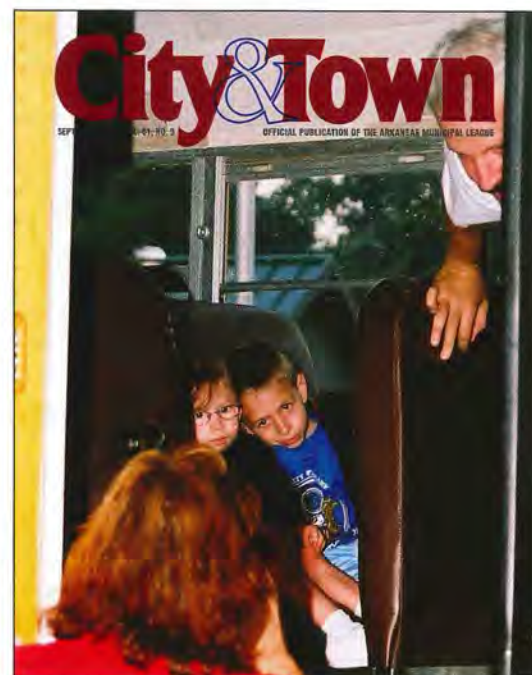
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ON THE COVER: Saying good-bye to her school-bound children, Victoria, 3, and Jeremy, 7, Melissa Reimann, left, is an emergency medical services worker of the New Orleans area who had to report back to work, then went back into the Arkadelphia Recreation Center to prepare to depart. She, husband Adrian and children had fled Hurricane Katrina and were staying at the Red Cross shelter in the Recreation Center. See Katrina-related articles, pages 6, 8, 9 and 22. Bud McMillon is the bus driver.—jkw

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Dear Colleagues:

Since the League executive committee last gathered for its successful planning conference in Eureka Springs, America has experienced one of the most devastating natural disasters in our nation's history—Hurricane Katrina.



I know that all of you have been glued to the news as reports of this tragedy come across the television as I have. Although I do not expect that any Arkansas cities will ever suffer the scope of devastation that New Orleans and the Gulf states experienced, I am certain that some of us will have one kind of disaster or another that will require us to put our municipalities' disaster plans into action. I thought we had a pretty thorough plan in place in Bentonville, but I have realized since Katrina that it could and should be updated and improved.

Specifically, we need to have Plan B, C and D in place concerning communications and power sources. I have instructed staff to look into some kind of satellite communications as a backup in case we have no other means.

In addition, we intend to have generators powered both by diesel and natural gas in case we have no electricity at our various command centers. We intend to work in concert with the school system for safe havens and bus transportation where possible. The list is long and will get longer.

I hope none of us will ever have to use our disaster plans, but I encourage all 501 cities in Arkansas to develop, revise and improve our plans. I pray that we will never have to use them. As we all look at our plans, let's share them with one another. I'm sure we'll be better prepared because of it!

Sincerely,

*Terry Black Coberly*

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Camden Assistant Fire Chief Mitchell Barnett, left, firefighter Noel Steelman, and Capt. Cary Bennett, right background, load boxes of clothing, food, other supplies for evacuees.

# Arkansas reaches out

Evacuees from Hurricane Katrina's devastation find help, warm welcomes in their neighbors to the north.





PHOTO BY JOHN K. WOODRUFF, LEAGUE STAFF

By John K. Woodruff, League staff

**A**RKANSAS CITIES AND TOWNS are responding to aid Hurricane Katrina evacuees who are coming by the thousands to municipal doorsteps after the Aug. 29 storm devastated their homes, jobs, communities and the lives of friends, loved ones, families.

Katrina's now called the costliest hurricane of all time by its demolishing much of the beloved New Orleans, then flooding it and doing the same to other coastal regions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Estimates about the number of evacuees in Arkansas reached 70,000 on or before Sept. 9. The state had officially registered about 13,000, although some duplication was possible. Experts within two weeks of the hurricane feared the death toll in all affected areas could reach 10,000 to 20,000 and property damage, \$100 billion to \$200 billion.

"It's really frustrating," Camden Assistant Fire Chief Mitchell Barnett said Sept. 2 as he and others loaded boxes crammed with clothing and other goods in a pickup. They'd been collected from Camden residents who dropped them off at the Central Fire Station for distribution to Katrina survivors.

"I want to get these things to people who need it now," Barnett said. But diesel fuel at the time was non-existent south of Jackson, Miss., for the fire department's vehicles, he said.

Barnett and Fire Capt. Cary Bennett and Noel Steelman were gathering and hauling the goods to a Camden distribution center.

Earlier that day, at the Arkadelphia Aquatic Park and Recreation Center where more than 40 evacuees were sheltered, parents were scurrying to get children on the school bus and off to schools that had opened their doors to the evacuees.

Melissa Reimann of the Avondale community across the Mississippi River from New Orleans, about 7 a.m. leaned into the school bus doorway and gave another good-bye to her children, Victoria, 3, and Jeremy, 7. It would be three weeks before she would see them again.

Reimann, an emergency medical services worker, was due to report back to work at New Orleans. Her husband, Adrian, would watch their son and daughter and try to figure out what to do next. "We don't have a clue," he said when asked about his family's future. Meanwhile, they were staying at the Recreation Center, converted into a Red Cross emergency shelter. They fled on Aug. 28, barely ahead of Katrina's winds and rain that leveled much of New Orleans, caused

floodwaters to breach the levee system and flood the bowl shaped, below-sea-level city of historic architecture, great cuisine and home of jazz.

"They really appreciate what the state is doing," John Roberts of Sheridan, a Red Cross volunteer who is in charge of the shelter, said of the evacuees. He later put his arm on the shoulder of an evacuee as he attempted to consol her. She later sat and attempted to eat a breakfast of cereal as she watched with tear-reddened eyes her son and a donated large-screen television that showed continuing broadcasts of the Katrina-caused horrors. She was too upset to discuss her plight.

The television was one of three donated to the shelter. The large one showed national news and hurricane and flood developments; the other two were for children's games and programs, said Joan Roberts of Sheridan, Red Cross spokeswoman for the shelter and wife of John Roberts.

Most families in the shelter were from New Orleans, 367 miles south of El Dorado, and the Jefferson Parish. Roberts had no idea how long the Arkadelphia shelter would operate. About 100 evacuees staying in Arkadelphia motels, private homes, churches and elsewhere around the city gather at the Recreation Center shelter for meals.

Volunteers with the Red River Baptist Association's disaster relief group were handling the shelter's day-to-day operations, Jerry Schleiff of the Association, said. He was visiting with evacuees Catherine Johnson of Kenner, La., 20 miles south of New Orleans, and her daughter, Carole, 14. The two were going to leave later in the day, a week after their arrival, for relatives in Nashville, Tenn. "People are great," she said of the shelter.

The city of Thornton began a Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort and began collecting donated food, goods and clothing for evacuees on Sept. 1 and by the next morning, Assistant Fire Chief John Scott estimated that



almost \$1,000 had been collected and boxes of food already had been donated. Mayor Levenis Penix said the money would help evacuees pay for necessary immediate needs and help pay for other relief expenses.

"I'm seeing that citizens of this town are highly concerned," Penix said.

Thornton was preparing its fire station community room to care for five or six evacuees, hopefully in a single family. The relief fund would provide money, food and clothing for evacuees. The city would seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for city expenses to care for the evacuees. FEMA already had turned down the city to help on expenses with an evacuee family of five because the family was able to find temporary shelter in a lakeside tent.

Penix said the city was looking to house evacuees perhaps in the old Thornton school, vacated when Thornton consolidated its schools with Bear-den. But the school, closed a few years, first would have to be refurbished.

Fordyce Mayor William Lyon had another idea for caring for Katrina-damaged cities and caring for stricken residents. He suggested to the Governor's Office that cities and towns in Arkansas "adopt" like-sized cities and towns in the hurricane effected areas. Volunteers, say from Fordyce, a city of about 5,000, would travel to a similar-

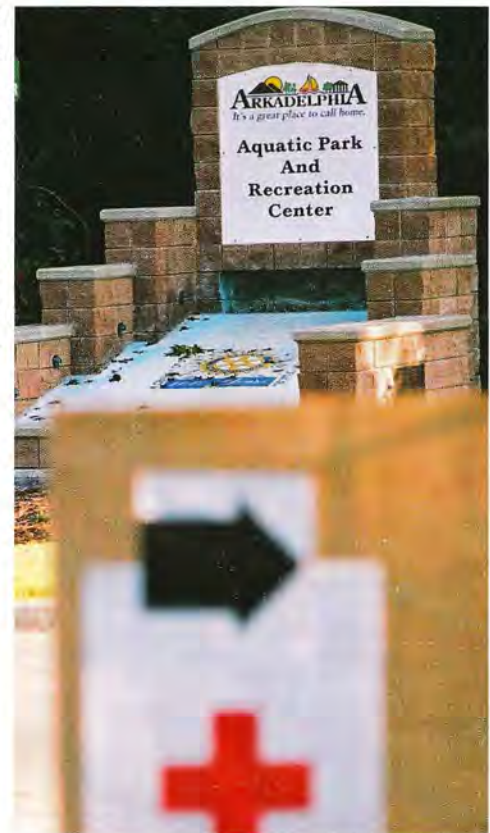
sized city—after learning of the needs of the affected city—with supplies and tools to help that city back on its feet. "To me, that would be the best way we could help those people," Lyon said.

"Fordyce is full of loggers and equipment. We can do a lot." He was meeting Sept. 1 with the Dallas County judge and the county emergency services director about his idea. Meanwhile, the city was helping coordinate evacuees seeking shelter with churches and other resources.

Pine Bluff Convention Center was in full use Sept. 1 and scrambling with activity as evacuees poured in for all



Balloons, above, offered a bit of cheer for evacuated families at the Arkadelphia recreation center converted to a shelter. Volunteer Jerry Schleiff visits with Catherine Johnson and daughter Carole of Kenner, La. "It's a good place to call home," the sign to the Arkadelphia Aquatic Park and Recreation Center reads at right. The center, a Red Cross shelter, was a temporary home to evacuated families.



See **Katrina**, page 43

## Katrina-ravaged cities need experts.....

The National League of Cities has asked cities and towns around the country for individuals who are able to help rebuild the communities, large and small, from the devastating effects of

Hurricane Katrina. The persons should notify the NLC and the Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi state leagues.

"These communities need individuals who are able to help and understand how to repair and rebuild the critical infrastructure needed for their citizens' day to day lives so



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that they can start rebuilding their communities," the NLC said Sept. 9 to NLC members and state leagues.

"Significant storm damage occurred in communities over 100 miles inland that do not normally experience hurricane force wind or rain," the message said. Many of the communities now lack power, water, sewer, gas, roads and other basic services provided by local government.

Persons who might help should contact three organizations by e-mail: NLC at [outreach@nlc.org](mailto:outreach@nlc.org); Louisiana Municipal Association at [tmchugh@lamunis.org](mailto:tmchugh@lamunis.org); Alabama League of Municipalities at [perryr@alalm.org](mailto:perryr@alalm.org) and the Mississippi Municipal League by FAX at 602-353-0435.





Volunteers at the Pine Bluff Convention Center unload donated supplies for Katrina evacuees. Below, the Convention Center lobby was a temporary community gathering spot for evacuees, even for Nica, the Chihuahua.



## City officials, personnel need FEMA incident management training

The League staff has received numerous questions about who should take the introductory course of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FEMA's NIMS Alert reprinted here addresses these questions. The League strongly encourages as many of the listed city officials and personnel as possible to take the training. In light of recent events, it is obviously imperative that cities and their officials be informed about emergency and disaster response.

According to FEMA, the Secretary of Homeland Security developed NIMS at the request of the President. NIMS integrates effective practices in emergency preparedness and response into a comprehensive national framework for incident management.

### • NIMS Alert

IS 700, The NIMS Introductory Course—Who Needs to Take It?

Last September when the Secretary of Homeland Security sent a letter to the nation's governors, he outlined a series of steps that must be taken and actions that should be taken in FY 2005 to become compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Specifically, the letter said that state, territorial, tribal and local level jurisdictions should support NIMS implementation by completing the NIMS awareness course IS 700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction.

This independent study course explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The Secretary clearly intended to provide discretion to state, territorial, tribal and

See **FEMA**, page 43





## Planned retirement community attracts those who want 'out of big cities.'

By Dacus Thompson, League staff

**F**OR MANY ARKANSAS MUNICIPALITIES, THE SEEDS of beginnings are buried in untraceable roots of railroads, rivers, cotton or lumber; the town's or city's forefathers long forgotten. But that is far from the case for Arkansas's first planned retirement community, Cherokee Village, which this year is celebrating the 50-year anniversary of its founding as a place to retire.

The community incorporated as a municipality in 1996. Its history is almost too neatly wrapped.

Cherokee Village's roots reach to 1954 when John A. Cooper, a West Memphis lawyer, planter and banker, used his Otter Creek Ranch

on the South Fork River as a starting point to expand and expand still more. The

visionary believed that post-World War II prosperity would lead to more retirement, and that

a community based around retirement—with an abundance of outdoor activities—would succeed. Cooper orchestrated the purchase and development of the 14,000 acres that comprise Cherokee Village.

What followed for Cooper and a few associates, a group later named Cooper Communities Inc., is similar to what any business with a new product must do: they worked trade shows, county fairs and other venues to promote their retirement haven, giving away, in the early years, camper lots and vacation packages in Cherokee





Village to stir interest.

Cooper's sales pitch and gimmicks must have worked. Today, the Arkansas Ozarks municipality has a growing population of close to 5,000, fifty-one percent of whom are under retirement age. The blossoming under-65 age group is due to Cherokee Village's friendly and rural atmosphere, said Susan Maynard, the city's clerk/treasurer. "We attract people who want to get out of the big cities," Maynard said. "We've got a really good school system here, and with the Internet, business people are able to do work in a more rural environment."

The retirement community pushed for incorporation in 1996 to receive state turnback funds. "Our road infrastructure was falling apart, and we didn't have the money to fix it," said Cherokee Village Mayor Ray Maynard. "Once the developer [Cooper] pulled out, the Suburban Improvement District (SID) was created, which provided money for a lot of road and street maintenance and other things, but it was a losing battle."


The SID was formed, according to the Cherokee Village SID Web site, "... in 1969 to accept responsibility on behalf of the property owners for the custody, maintenance and operation of all the amenities donated to the property owners by the developer."

Mayor Maynard said a few residents resisted incorporation because "they wanted things to stay just as they were," but a growing drug problem, coupled with the infrastructure's deterioration, forced the community to become a municipality. "We used to just have security people who roamed around and tried to keep things straight, but it was a haven for drug dealers," the mayor said. "But now we have full-time police officers and much better police protection. We've run the drug dealers out of town, for the most part."

Outside of retirement, tourism is Cherokee Village's "big thing," Susan Maynard said, with the main draws

being canoeing and fishing at the Spring River, and downtown Hardy, which is more than a century old and only four miles away.

A celebration in June, which was attended by an estimated 3,000 people, officially marked

Cherokee Village's anniversary. 



## Cherokee Village becomes FireWise

FireWise Communities/USA, a program that encourages residents to work with local firefighters to identify wildfire hazards and implement mitigation programs, recognized Cherokee Village as a FireWise community.

"We are so proud!" Cherokee Village Clerk/Treasurer Susan Maynard said of the recognition. The city held a luncheon Sept. 7 in honor of the recognition.

Norphlet in Union County is a FireWise community.

Cabot, Carlisle, Eureka Springs, Lonsdale in Garland County are

working to become FireWise communities.

FireWise communities earn the national distinction because of efforts to make homes and landscapes more resistant to wildfire by, to name a few, creating and maintaining a defensible space between the home and the surrounding wildland, spacing trees to where fires cannot spread easily, keeping lawns mowed and watered and installing fire resistant siding.

To learn more about becoming a FireWise community, visit [www.firewise.org/usa](http://www.firewise.org/usa).





About 2,000 spectators were present as Arkansas became the first state to memorialize African Americans on its State Capitol grounds Aug. 30 by commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Central High School integration with statues depicting the Little Rock Nine's walk together. Minnijean Brown Trickey, right, embraces Jefferson Thomas, left, after the unveiling. The monument entitled *Testament*, was sculpted by John and Kathy Deering of Little Rock.



PHOTO BY LAVARIE RUTENIS, LEAGUE STAFF



## Continuing the race against racism

Race Equality Week, Sept. 26-30, is an opportunity

for city leaders to reaffirm a commitment to eliminate all forms of racism and discrimination. The National League of Cities (NLC) sponsors the special week.

For the sixth annual event, the NLC provides on its Web site a downloadable kit with helpful tools to promote a successful Race Equality Week. Find a sample press release, a procla-

mation, examples of theme names and suggestions for a schedule of events.

Host citywide activities to raise race awareness, but first, proclaim national race equality week in the community, NLC advises. It says designate each weekday with a socially benefiting theme, such as equity in economic opportunity and education days and cultural identity day.

For more information visit [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

## State sues over body-armor vests

The State of Arkansas has sued Toyobo, the manufacture of body armor containing Zylon fibers, as well as Second Chance Body Armor, the manufacturer that sold Zylon vests to the Arkansas State Police and other state agencies.

The U. S. Department of Justice Aug. 24 announced unsettling results of tests of body armor vests containing Zylon. The tests were a series of six shots fired into 103 used-Zylon Vests; at least one round penetrated 60 vests.

An additional 39 vests that passed penetration testing were still deformed beyond federal standards. Only four Zylon vests met all performance criteria. The tests showed that exposure to moisture and light accelerates the degradation of the fibers and reduces the effectiveness of the vests.

"Our primary responsibility in this case ... is to make sure that the officers who work to protect us are themselves properly protected by the body armor they wear," Attorney General Mike Beebe said. "This study adds solid, empirical data to our case against both companies on behalf of Arkansas law-enforcement officers and taxpayers." More details are at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi).







# REVERSE REVERSE auction

Electronic, sealed,  
'reverse' bidding is  
available to Arkansas  
cities and towns

**A**RKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE-MEMBER CITIES AND towns now can save money by purchasing equipment, goods and services through an electronic, Internet-based, sealed-bid procedure called "reverse auction."

Reverse auctions are authorized under new Arkansas law. The League sought legislation that became Act 1957 of 2005; it became effective in August.

The League has worked with Asset Management Technology (AMT), the company that developed electronic sealed bidding (ESB) programs for other state municipal leagues, to begin the novel purchasing procedure in Arkansas.

AMT assists cities and towns to set up equipment and procedures to conduct a bidding event, or reverse auction. AMT trains vendors to submit bids online.

### Watch the prices go down

Electronic sealed bids, or reverse auctions, work simply: After advertising the bid, your specifications are sent to prospective bidders and posted online. Bidders are pre-qualified by submitting proposals before the bidding event, or auction.

Qualified bidders submit prices during the auction. Bidders can view their relative rank in the bidding: first,

second, third, etc., and while bidding remains open, can adjust their pricing. Bidders do not see the prices of other bidders, maintaining sealed bid integrity.

Many private sector (Fortune 500) companies routinely use reverse auctions to save money on their purchases. Cities using electronic sealed bidding have experienced significant savings, such as:

- Vehicles—12 percent savings
- Computer Equipment—26 percent savings
- Diesel Generators—14 percent savings
- Heavy Equipment—17 percent savings
- Police Ammunition—22 percent savings

### Using ESB to participate in reverse auctions

Each city and town must pass an ordinance allowing reverse auctions for select purchases before using the ESB program.

Act 1957 of 2005 allows cities and towns of all classes the option of reverse Internet auctions to buy goods and services. The adoption of an authorizing ordinance is necessary.

The law does not allow the reverse auction procedure for purchases and contracts for construction projects and materials.

Act 1957 says that the ordinance must include these procedures:






- Bidders must be provided instructions and individually secured passwords for access to the reverse Internet auction by either the city, town, or reverse Internet auction vendor;
- The bidding process shall be timed, and the time shall be part of the reverse Internet auction specifications;
- The reverse Internet auction shall be held at a specific date and time;
- The reverse Internet auction and bidding process shall be interactive with each bidder able to make multiple bids during the allotted time;
- Each bidder shall be continually signaled his or her relative position in the bidding process;
- Bidders shall remain anonymous and shall not have access to other bidders or bids;
- The governing body shall have access to real-time data including all bids and bid amounts.

The Act allows the governing body to create by an additional ordinance reverse Internet auction specifications for buying a specific item or purchase.

The city or town is authorized in the law to pay a reasonable fee to the reverse Internet auction vendor. The fee may be included as part of the bids received during the reverse Internet auction and paid by the winning bidder or paid separately by the city or town.

The municipality may refuse all bids made during the reverse Internet auction and may run anew the reverse Internet auction process if the municipality determines it is in the best interest of the city or town.

Contact Pres Brailsford at the League (501-374-3484, ext. 103) to get started. AMT will help cities and towns select bids which historically save money, and guide cities and towns through each step of the process. 

## Put the little fire out before it starts something big

### 'Use Candles with Care' NFPA advises to reduce house fires.

National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, is when the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) bumps up fire safety promotion.

In its 94th year, the NFPA uses National Fire Prevention Week to raise public awareness of the importance of testing smoke detectors, practicing fire drills, locating fire hazards and taking other fire preventive measures.

This year's theme, Use Candles with Care, is in reaction to a spike in home fires started by candles. Since 1990, the number of fires started in homes by candles has risen from roughly 6,000 to more than 18,000, often due to people using candles as a light source after their power has been shut off.

As a fire preventive step, the NFPA encourages electric power customers who are unable to pay their power bills to



call the National Energy Assistance Referral project, 866-674-6327.

Here are ways to reduce candle fire accidents:

- extinguish all candles when leaving rooms;
- keep candles at least a foot away from anything flammable;
- use sturdy candle holders;
- trim candle wicks to 1/4 inch;
- extinguishing candles when they burn to within two inches of their holder; and
- avoid candle use during a power outage.

The week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The fire burned for two days, October 8-9, killing 250 people and ravaging much of the city.

For more information on National Fire Prevention Week, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).



# Paragould's prudent planning pays off

Three-phase community development plan has folks in Greene County community proudful.

By Dacus Thompson, League staff

In hindsight, Paragould Mayor Mike Gaskill couldn't be happier that part of the city's 1995 community development proposal failed.

"Parks and recreation was rejected by 90 votes, and it turned out to be a good thing because we didn't have any money to pay for maintenance," Gaskill said. "We wouldn't have had all of these great facilities and I guess we thought they would just take care of themselves."

The facilities Gaskill referred to are an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, a multi-million dollar community center, new baseball and soccer fields, skateboard

park and renovated softball fields and city parks. "All in all, these projects ran about \$15 million," Gaskill said, far more than the city allotted in the 1995 proposal.

Although the new parks and recreation facilities are the most visible of the city's decade-long community development plan, the facilities were the part of the plan of which the residents of Paragould needed the most convincing.

In early 1995, community leaders in Paragould held public meetings throughout the city to hear what the people thought the city needed. "After each meeting, we would put a piece of paper on the wall in the chamber of commerce and we'd write down all the things the people told us," Gaskill recalled. "And then we decided what the top three needs were." In 1995, the needs were streets—22 miles of Paragould's roads were unpaved, water filtration needed improving (the water was safe to drink, but, Gaskill said, "The water had a little bit of an iron taste, didn't look pure and had to be doctored with a lot of chlorine.") and parks and recreation facilities were



Counting the ways to get wet can be a real challenge at Paragould's water park and indoor pool—marked for competitive and lap swimming. So allow plenty of time to count them or to try out each way to get dunked, poured on, splashed or plunged down a water-slick tube. Or maybe a few, quiet, indoor laps will do.



behind times, in that order.

The streets and water filtration sections of the three-part proposal passed handily, and a one-cent sales tax was implemented. "We issued the bonds and did the street improvements and built the water filtration plant," Gaskill said. "In the meantime, we took the community development plan and did low-cost/no-cost improvements around the city to keep everybody interested." The low-cost/no-cost improvements were the second phase of the community development plan, or CD2, as it became known. "When we started retiring the bonds that we started in '95, we started looking at the recreation package again," said Gaskill. "In 2000, we started working on CD3, [the parks and recreation package]. It was the only issue we were going to work on."

Gaskill said that by this time the people trusted what the city was trying to do. He explained: "In the early '90s, we needed a new courthouse and a jail, and we did it pay as you go. And when we were finished paying for it, we took the tax off. The same thing came in 1995. That bond was \$6.5 million and it was on a seven-year

issue, and we paid it off in 4 1/2 years and removed the tax."

So by the time the community development planners started their pitch for the final phase, or CD3, the community knew what to expect.

Four sales teams made presentations all over the Greene County city, attending everything from youth baseball signups to senior citizens events, with storyboards and pictures of the proposed facilities in hand. "We spoke to every organized group in the city, and what we sold them on was that this parks improvement tax would touch every age group in our community," Gaskill recalled. "The seniors were driving to Jonesboro to do water aerobics, so they wanted a therapeutic pool built indoors. The swim team needed something for competitive swimming. Soccer needed fields to play on that were made for soccer. The kids with skateboards came to a council meeting and said, 'Hey, we need a skateboard park.' So we asked them what they wanted and we got that built. And it just went on and on."

When it came time to put the CD3 to a vote, the community development planners' preparation paid off: 65 percent voted in March 2001 to pass a 1/2 cent sales tax to issue bonds for new construction and a one-cent permanent sales tax for operation and maintenance of the new facilities. The city's anticipated date to pay off the \$15 million bond is 2013, but Gaskill said that he expects it to be paid by 2010 or 2011. "Our sales tax return is greater than we anticipated," he said.

Paragould's gutsy, catchall community development plan spared no expense when it came to building the facilities. The community center is a mammoth 52,000 square feet, complete with basketball and racquetball courts, walking track, meeting rooms wired for conferences and commercial kitchen; the indoor swimming area is



Paragould Mayor Mike Gaskill, middle photo, takes a tour of the new Paragould Community Center, complete with a contemporary and spacious kitchen and a gymnasium equipped with jogging, basketball and other recreational facilities. The complex of the center, aquapark, competitive swimming facilities, soccer and baseball fields, skateboard park and renovations of existing recreational and exercise facilities were all needs as selected by Paragould's residents.



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# Book Review

By Jim vonTungeln

One opens a book published by the Urban Land Institute expecting to read about large-scale developers, particularly a book entitled *The Power of Ideas: Five People Who Changed the Urban Landscape*.

This reader was surprised, then, to find that only two of the five are developers. The others include a mayor, a senator and a college professor.

This book features the first five recipients of ULI's J.C. Nichols Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development. The award honors the legacy of master developer Jesse Clyde Nichols (1880-1950).

Fittingly, for our readers, the list begins with Joseph P. Riley, mayor of Charleston, S.C. An attorney by training, Riley entered politics because of a concern for civil rights and social justice. Elected in 1978, he began by addressing racial tensions in the city and then went on to become its master builder. His efforts resulted in Charleston Place—a \$100 million development in the city's center—as well as Waterfront Park and other projects that have turned Charleston into a thriving tourist and business center.

The late U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan devoted half his life to the redevelopment of "America's Main Street"—Pennsylvania Avenue. In addition to the resurrection of that artery, he oversaw the development of the "Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture," which guided the development in the nation's Capital, including the completion of the Federal Triangle. We remember him in our part of the country as one of the creators of the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

Houston developer Gerald D. Hines is one of two developers among the five. A mechanical engineer, he used his knack for detail and efficiency to become a major developer.

From modest beginnings, he progressed to innovative projects such as the Galleria and One Shell Plaza developments in Houston and others throughout the country. His Pennzoil

Place was dubbed the "Building of the Decade" in 1975 by The New York Times. His developments, in addition to being bold and large, are known for creating personal urban spaces and to relating to the individual at ground level.

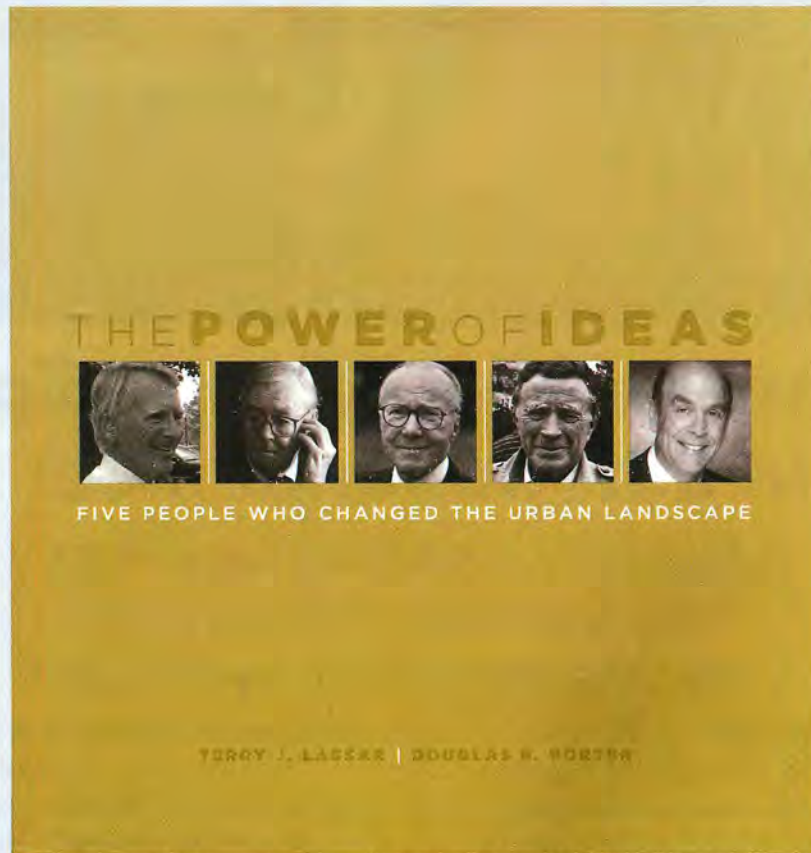
Vincent Scully has affected urban development through teaching, writing and criticism. Receiving a doctorate from Yale in art history after WW II, he entered a career in teaching art and architectural history that has shaped many of our modern ideas about urban form. In 1966, *Time* magazine listed him as one of the "10 great teachers" in the United States. He is credited with being a major influence on the careers of two of the icons of the New

Urbanism: Andres Duany and wife Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk.

St. Louis developer Richard Baron completes the list. Also an attorney, he has achieved miracles in large-scale infill development. His mixed-use and mixed-income projects, such as Westminster Place in St. Louis, are among our best alternatives to the high-rise ghettos that characterized much public housing of the past. Credited with a "... deep sense of and an unusual sympathy for the poor," he has proven that massive developments don't always have to serve the affluent.

This book should be an inspiration to local officials who can see what a passion for excellence can accomplish in making our built environment something that we can proudly pass to future generations.

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*The Power of Ideas: Five People Who Changed the Urban Landscape*, written by Terry J. Lassar and Douglas R. Porter; (Urban Land Institute, 2005, ISBN: 0-8742093-0-7; 123 pages; \$34.95.)





Sherman Banks of Little Rock, president of Sister Cities International, presides at the Opening Celebration and Parade of Nations at the July 27-31 SCI conference at Spokane, Wash.

PHOTOS BY JOHN K. WOODRUFF, LEAGUE STAFF

# Arkansans work at 'citizen diplomacy' in international meet

## Delegates from Arkansas brush up on "people-to-people diplomacy" at Sister Cities International Conference.

By John K. Woodruff, League staff

SPOKANE, Wash.—The legacy of President Dwight D. Eisenhower lives on in Arkansas cities and towns and their counterparts across the world in South Korea, Italy, Japan, England, China, Belgium, France, Ukraine and the Dominican Republic.

Those countries are where Mena, Fayetteville, Pine Bluff, Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Little Rock and North Little Rock have Sister Cities International (SCI) partners. They carry on what Eisenhower initiated 50 years ago next year in a 1956 White House forum in which the president proposed a people-to-people citizen diplomacy initiative.

Sister Cities programs, as those carried out between Arkansas cities and towns and their foreign counterparts, connect private citizens, municipal officials and business leaders across the globe. Basically, sister city relationships allow and promote residents of the partnering communities to exchange ideas, gain international perspectives, increase their understanding of global issues, and, as was evident at this conference on the bank of the Spokane River, renew cherished friendships.

As flags from the almost 130 countries paraded colorfully with backlighting from an evening sun onto the river-surrounded stage to open the five day annual conference, SCI President Sherman Banks of Little Rock, reminded the

audience in the amphitheater of Eisenhower's admonition.

"There can be no real peace for any nation unless it is achieved for all," Banks quoted the former World War II Supreme Allied Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force and president.

"President Eisenhower's intention," Banks continued, "was to involve individuals and organized groups at all levels of society in citizen diplomacy, with the hope that personal relationships, fostered through local, state, national and international affiliations, would lessen the chance of future world conflicts."

To the crowd gathered from all over the world, "you break the chains of fear, bigotry, and indifference," Banks said.

As the flags were marched out and placed in dazzlingly shiny stands that reflected the sun's light, Banks, concluded to a standing ovation, "Let us therefore march until every empty belly in Africa is filled. Let us march until AIDS like polio is all but eradicated from this earth. Let us march until all the



Banks urged delegates to take risk and to be seekers of peace and truth through people-to-people relationships.





Near the SCI conference center site, this marker on a busy street corner boasts of Spokane's sister cities in Japan (a friendship connection of more than 40 years), China, Ireland and Korea.

illiterates are literate. Let us therefore march to the continued realization of President Eisenhower's dream, people coming together to bring harmony in the world."

Sister Cities grew from those roots planted by Eisenhower. It became a part of the National League of Cities and in 1967 it became a separate, nonprofit organization.

Banks delighted the conference delegates with his president's speech later that he opened with a welcome in the nine languages that encompassed the majority of the delegates at the conference. He challenged the delegates to take risks, saying it is "our time to risk, our time to become the leading 'citizen diplomacy' organization in the U.S."

Noting that the fear of terrorism has "taken center stage in our consciousness," Banks cautioned, "No religion teaches this kind of hatred."

Sister Cities International can help be seekers of peace and truth. With his president's initiative, Banks had promoted a better understanding of Islam and more participation of American cities with foreign cities in predominately Muslim countries. "We can promote

peace not by force, but by achieving an understanding of our Muslim brethren," he said.

Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan (1997-2001) and the 49th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Tom Foley, told the Conference that people-to-people diplomacy lessens the possibility of future wars. Foley, a Spokane native, served 30 years in the U.S. House of Representatives from Washington's Fifth Congressional District.

"We have never done anything as effective in respect to international relations as we have done with people-to-people programs," he told about 500 delegates to a hearty round of applause.



Foley: SCI is the most effective people-to-people international relations program.

Security issues, however, he said, pose a challenge to the United States and its foreign visitors; security problems have hurt the country's ability to draw students to this country, in particular those in graduate studies in the sciences and engineering. The redesigning of the visa program, which necessarily had to be done, still should not be cutting off opportunities to visit this country, he said. "It is directly harming our future national economic, scientific and security life."

Cities have traditionally provided places of security, important values for human experiences and stability, yet, today, he said, "cities themselves are under attack and have particular vulnerability to terrorist activities." He cited, as an example, the highly developed transportation systems.

"It is terribly important that cities continue to play their traditional role," he said. "We have today so many examples that the importance that cities still have in human experience and administration of government."

City officials in particular share common experiences and typically when they get together, even from across the world, they may discuss getting rid of garbage, Foley quipped.

Foley noted that Japan and the United States "fought

Below, a breakfast gathering of Arkansas folks prompted Banks, left, of the need to register early for the 50th SCI Anniversary Conference July 13-15, 2006, in Washington, D.C. Plenty of attention came from Banks' left to right: Judy Dietz of Little Rock, Hanna Mariah Hatta of Little Rock, Theodicia Lathan of Hot Springs and Bob Callans of Little Rock. Below right, Lathan, center, and Debra King of Tacoma, Wash., discuss with Dan Warren his political pitch for friend Eddy Remy, a write-in candidate for the SCI Board of Directors. Remy won the seat. Warren and Remy, not shown, participate in the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Cap-Haitien, Haiti, Sister Cities Program.





I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

— Dwight D. Eisenhower



This Spokane tribe boy, 6, was a standout and the youngest member of the three generations in his family who performed during opening SCI ceremonies on the Spokane River at Spokane, Wash.

the bitterest of wars.” Yet out of that bitterness has come one of the strongest alliances and friendships in the world.”

It is “extremely important” that the United States continue building relationships with the People’s Republic of China, he said. Foley noted the more than 50 dele-

gates from China who were attending the SCI conference.

Foley commended Sister Cities for its work with Muslims. He said it was fundamental that “resolutions of modern threats of terror not be seen as attacks on Islam or attack on Muslims or any religion or culture.” Banks had noted that SCI initiatives for peace have yielded a 33 percent increase in sister city relationships with Islamic countries.

Arkansans at the meeting did get together at a brief breakfast meeting, led by SCI President Banks and

“That’s what everybody needs to hear,” Sue Mehaffey, secretary of the of SCI program at Omaha, Neb., said after Banks’ opening speech, then posed with him for a photo.



Banks, left, and successful SCI Board candidate Ed Remy of Fort Lauderdale visit after the opening conference ceremony.

attended by Bob Callans, a member of the Little Rock Sister Cities Commission, Judy Dietz of the Arkansas Secretary of State’s Office and the Arkansas SCI coordinator, Hanna Mariah Hatta, executive director of the Little Rock Sister Cities Commission, Theodocia Lathan, the Hot Springs Sister Cities Program coordinator, and John Woodruff, Arkansas Municipal League communications coordinator.

Banks emphasized the importance of early registration for the 50th year celebration conference July 13-15, 2006, in Washington D.C. He said attendance, because of limited space, would be limited to 1,000 delegates. 🏛️

Want to know more about SCI?  
See page 30 for Sherman Banks’ column,  
a monthly feature in **City & Town**.



SCI Executive Director Tim Honey, from left, Banks, Herb Tyson of the International Council of Shopping Centers, a corporate sponsor, and Don Borut, executive director of the National League of Cities, SCI’s initial home base.





## Municipal Property Program

Your Municipal Property Program offers broad coverage for your municipal property. The limits of coverage are \$50 million per occurrence per member for damages from fire, windstorm and other incidents in excess of \$5,000.

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The Municipal League Property Program participants at their 2004 annual meeting approved recommended rates according to the following scale.

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FIRE CLASS VI	— .0025	X covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VII	— .003	X covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VIII	— .0034	X covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS IX	— .0038	X covered value	=	Premium
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For more information, call us at League headquarters, 501-374-3484.



# Delta Caucus to meet annually with Congress

## Hurricane Katrina shows need for greater Delta funding.

By John K. Woodruff, League staff

LITTLE ROCK—It's back to Washington, D.C., for the Mississippi Delta Grassroots Caucus, a much expanded and more diverse group than that which migrated to Congress in 1999 to call attention to some of the nation's worst poverty conditions that continued to grow.

Lee Powell of Washington, D.C., who manages the Caucus's affairs, told the Caucus at a meeting Aug. 24 that the group will convene annually in Washington to keep the Delta issues alive with Congress. "We want to get away from the sporadic pattern" of past years, he said.

The group met at the League headquarters in North Little Rock and representatives spoke the next day at a news conference at the State Capitol.

The Caucus, a nonpartisan coalition promoting economic development in an eight-state region, seeks to find ways to meet the many and growing needs in economic development, education, healthcare, agriculture, transportation and housing.

Now, with the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, the Caucus seeks considerable redevelopment and rebuilding of the region. Katrina plowed its way Aug. 29 into Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Several Caucus participants soon were "hard at work on disaster relief," Powell said as he also participated in the volunteer work from the Salvation Army headquarters at Baton Rouge, La., just days after Katrina. He told of its "heat, humidity, insects, bad odors and trauma."

Powell, reacting from Katrina's devastation, endorsed greatly increasing the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) budget "over and above what it normally gets" and said it can pay a long-term role in the region's economic recovery and promoting and coordinating recovery.

It's a "national crisis," not just a regional one, he said. Volunteers wanting to help the recovery can obtain information on the Arkansas State University Delta Studies Center Web site, [www.clt.astate.edu/dsc](http://www.clt.astate.edu/dsc).

The recovery and rebuilding of Katrina-affected Delta areas "would obviously be a huge increase in regional economic activity," Ernie Goss, an economist at Creighton University who tracks regional development, the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* reported Sept. 11. "That is certainly going to happen." Goss predicted a strong comeback for transportation, education and tourism in the region.

Pete Johnson, DRA co-chairman, told the newspaper: "I think it presents an incredible opportunity for all of us to rebuild in a huge way."

All of the 2006 DRA money ought to go to the Delta areas most affected by Katrina, representatives of the DRA's



At State Capitol, Powell, right, and other speakers held a news conference on Delta developments. Assistant Municipal League Director Ken Wasson expressed continued League support of Delta Caucus.

eight-state region have decided, the *Democrat-Gazette*, said.

The Caucus has expanded substantially and has become more diverse. Caucus participants come from eight states in the southern reaches of the Mississippi Delta. Congress established the DRA in 2000 after a Caucus delegation took appeals to Washington for increased attention and funding for the Delta. Participation is from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky and parts of Alabama.

The Coalition's participants and supporters include former White House officials—as former U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater (native of Marianna, Ark.) and Bob Nash. Wesley Clark, 2004 presidential candidate, retired four-star general who heads WesPac political action committee backs the Caucus, as do representatives from the Southern Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Forum, the University of Arkansas Economic Development Institute, the Crossroads Coalition, Southern Bancorp, Entergy, Heifer International and others.

Powell has noted developments with the DRA—the Senate doubled the Bush administration's requested \$6 million for the Delta Regional Authority funding to \$12 million in the energy and appropriations bill. The DRA Rural Development funding increased under Senate recommendations, for Rural Communities Advancement Program (RCAP), to \$4.5 million.

Funding in the transportation bill reauthorization for the Interstate 69 route through Delta states received more than \$330 million of \$404 million allocated in the budget for the I-69 corridor. (Arkansas's share was \$147 million for the corridor and the Great River Bridge.)

Among supporters of increased DRA funding were Senators Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) and Mark Pryor (D-Ark.), Reps. Senators Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) and Mark Pryor (D-Ark.), Reps. Marion Berry (D-Ark.) and Mike Ross (D-Ark.), Trent Lott (R-Miss.), Thad Cochran (R-Miss.), Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), Richard

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## Two clerks earn acceptance in clerks' academy



Whitbey

North Little Rock City Clerk/Collector Diane K. Whitbey has been accepted as a member in the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' (IIMC) Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program, which encourages municipal clerks to continue their professional growth and development.

The program honors achievement beyond clerks' attainment of the Certified Municipal Clerk Award.

Candidates must complete graduate work at IIMC-approved municipal clerks' institutes or prove similar advanced educational attainment. Leadership must be demonstrated in professional associations, committee work, conference attendance and professional writings



Jackson

and achievements.

Whitbey has completed IIMC-approved programs and other courses, seminars and conferences relating to local government.

Jonesboro City Clerk Donna K. Jackson has been accepted into First Level Membership of IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy. Approximately 15 percent of more than

10,300 members of IIMC have qualified for the program.

An IIMC member since 2004, Curtis began work for North Little Rock in 2001. Jackson, an IIMC member since 1991, has been employed with Jonesboro since 1991. She received the IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk's Award in 1996.

## District II city clerks meet Oct. 21-22

Arkansas City Clerks, Records and Treasurers, District II, will meet Oct. 20-21 at the community room at Fire Station 2 at 2017 Hwy. 65/82, Lake Village, Ark. The district includes the southeast corner of the state, but all clerks in the state are invited.

Topics include the risk of identity theft, how to pre-

pare for disaster and more.

Registration begins at 4 p.m., Oct. 20; the meeting concludes about 3:30 p.m., Oct. 21. Registration is \$30, meals included. Send your name, title, municipality, work phone, registration fee to Lake Village Clerk/Treasurer Lynette Graham, P.O. Box 725, Lake Village, AR 71653.

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# National Flood Insurance Program can help reduce flood damage, flood insurance premiums

This is the first article in a two part series for city leaders about efforts underway to modernize flood plain information in Arkansas.

By Kimberly Bogart

**F**LOODS ARE THE NO. 1 NATURAL HAZARD OCCURRING in all 50 states. They have many causes and increasing industrial and residential development has a large impact on an area's ability for the land to absorb surface water. One thing that has been proven over and over is that a disaster resistant community is more able to recover from a flood with less property loss and less of a need to depend on tax money for disaster assistance.

**MYTH:** Homeowners insurance covers flood damage.

**FACT:** Only specific flood insurance will cover flood damage.

Many people hold the opinion the federal government will aid them after their community floods. But, most floods are too small or too local for the U.S. president to declare a federal disaster. And, if by chance an area is declared a disaster and does receive aid, it is usually in the form of a loan that has to be paid back with interest (ultimately costing more than paying flood insurance premiums in the first place).

## There is help

More than 35 years ago, in response to increasing requests for aid to help homeowners recover from floods, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). To participate in the NFIP, communities must approve and put into effect local ordinances that are designed to reduce flood damage to both property and life.

Through joining the NFIP, communities are able to receive assistance and guidance on how to best protect themselves from the possibility of flooding and to reduce the amount of future flood damages. Buildings constructed in compliance with NFIP building codes results in approximately 80 percent less damage each year than those not built along the same standards. Today almost 20,000 communities belong to the NFIP and through the communities actions over \$1 billion of flood damage is reduced annually.

**MYTH:** Only those in the high-risk zones can flood.

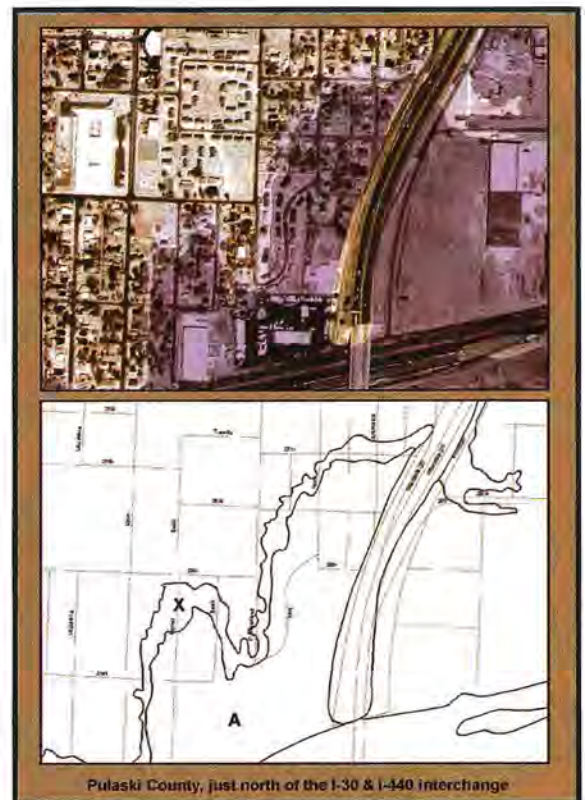
**FACT:** Everyone lives in an area that has some risk of flooding associated with it; and 25-30 percent of all flood

claims are received from the moderate- to low-risk areas.

The federal government has also passed legislation that legally mandates that federally backed lending institutions require flood insurance for loans issued on properties located in the high-risk flood zone area. Flood insurance is available through private insurance companies or through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). But, to obtain federally backed flood insurance a community has to be in the NFIP. Property owners located outside of the high-risk areas have the option of purchasing flood insurance at a discounted rate that is issued for lower risk areas.

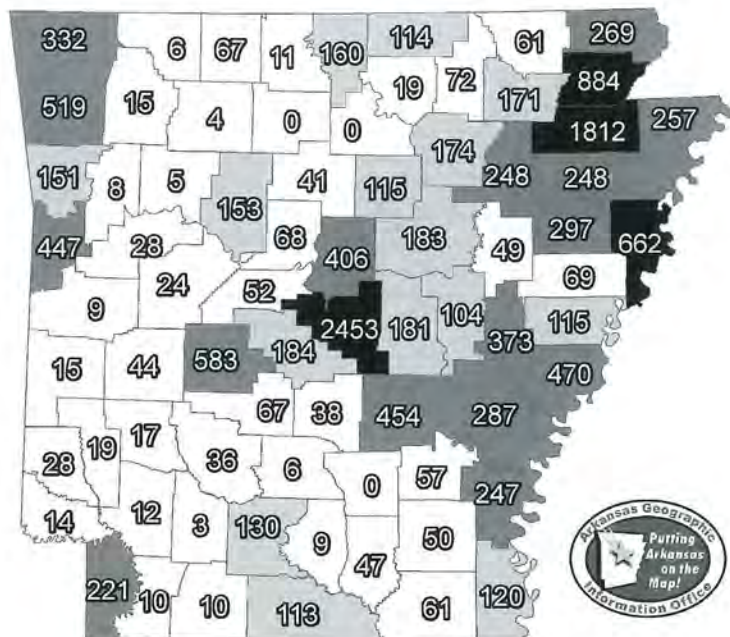
## Reduce your premiums

Communities and even entire counties can gain additional help from FEMA through joining the Community



While the aerial photography based image (on top) makes a "prettier" map, the line based one (on bottom) has more functionality as a Flood Map. It allows local flood plain managers to more efficiently update their maps with current data, including new housing developments, new ortho-photos, or new topographic information. But, without an accurate digital roads data layer, a community's only option is the photo based flood map which can severely limit its ability to effectively manage floodplains over time.





The number of NFIP flood insurance policies by county as of Sept. 30, 2004.

Rating System (CRS). This program is a completely voluntary incentive program that rewards communities who go above and beyond the minimum standards to be in the NFIP.

Under this program credit points are given for each activity that a community does to reduce flood damage and increase public awareness about floods, based on how effectively that activity reduces the potential for damage. Ten levels are in the program with each level gained equaling a 5 percent decrease in flood insurance premiums.

Joining the CRS is easy; all a community needs to do is to apply. Some of the more basic activities included in the CRS are the following: filing local floodplain information in your public library, increasing public awareness about flooding, restricting development in high risk flood zones, and updating and maintaining flood zone maps for your community with Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

As of Sept. 30, 2004, there were 14,778 flood insurance policies in Arkansas totaling \$6,426,033 in premiums paid out. Five percent of that equals just over \$321,300 in potential savings. So the next time you see flood warnings posted on your television, remember what your community can do to protect itself and give its citizens peace of mind.

For more information, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), [www.fema.gov/nfip.crs.htm](http://www.fema.gov/nfip.crs.htm) and [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), or contact NFIP State Coordinator Mike Borengasser at [micheal.borengasser@arkansas.gov](mailto:micheal.borengasser@arkansas.gov). To find a NFIP insurance agent in your area call 1-888-RAIN 924.

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Nov. 15-Dec. 31, **PINE BLUFF**, 9th Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends, 800-536-7660 ext. 2144, ggustek@pinebluff.com

## Old materials for a new library

Mount Vernon, population 144 in Faulkner County, now boasts its own library. The city library was dedicated in a festival of activity Sept. 10, two days before it began regular business hours. Music, pie auction, prizes, mime actors, political speakers and lots of good food and visiting heralded the newest municipal amenity, a library in a former Church of Christ. Mayor Anneliese Armstrong and Mt. Vernon resident Richard Boosey helped fulfill to fruition the dream of Susan Boosey, who died in May 2003, to gain a library for her little town. Richard Boosey, her husband, was a speaker. Armstrong, in photo below, shows a library treasure, a bound volume of old **Arkansas Gazette** newspaper reprints. The latest

library necessities are there too: a room of six computers with high speed Internet access. Mime Kate Maze, below, of Little Rock's Parkview High School, entertains Cassie Boosey, 5, granddaughter of Susan Boosey. Her sister, Peyton, also 5, sits behind them on the lap of their dad, Rick Boosey, who said his mother had a love for reading books and a library was the one thing that Mt. Vernon didn't have. He and his family live at Fayetteville. The cost of the library was about \$11,000; the city is paying it out over five years. The library, now with 1,300 hardbound books being coded through the Faulkner County Library at Conway, also has several hundred donated paperback books.





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# Summaries of attorney general opinions

Recent opinions that affect municipal government in Arkansas.

From the Office of Attorney General Mike Beebe

## Eminent domain must serve public purpose

Opinion: 2005-150

Requestor: Denny Altes—State Senator

In light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Kelo v. New London* (04-108) 268 Conn. 1, 843 A. 2d 500, can a city in Arkansas use its power of eminent domain to take private property for a private enterprise? **RESPONSE:** Assuming this question inquires about an exercise of eminent domain similar to that in the *Kelo* case, for strictly economic development purposes, with no primary underlying public use, in my opinion the answer is generally “no” under existing Arkansas case law and the Arkansas Constitution. This is true because Arkansas has adopted a narrower view of the so-called public use test than other states and the federal courts. The legality or constitutionality of any particular exercise of the power of eminent domain, however, must be analyzed in light of all the facts surrounding the proposed taking. See opinion for full analysis.

## Cities can restrict smoking in public places

Opinion: 2005-129

Requestor: Taylor, Jerry—State Senator

Does an Arkansas municipality have authority to impose the restrictions set forth in the proposed Pine Bluff City ordinance regarding the regulation of smoking in most public places and places of employment? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the proposed ordinance, which has been enacted as amended, would withstand an objection under applicable state and federal law. State law restricting smoking is not sufficiently comprehensive to preempt local legislation on this issue pursuant to a municipality’s police power.

## Cities can regulate only in-city ambulances

Opinion: 2005-117

Requestor: Deen, Thomas D.

Pros. Att’y, 10th Judicial District

Do municipalities have the authority generally under the Municipal Ambulance Licensing Act to regulate emergency medical services providers for county hospitals located within the municipality? Q2) Pursuant to provisions of ACA 14-266-105(a)(5), are patient transports between cities that are located in different counties authorized for local regulation by the “intercity” provision, or is local regulation prohibited by the “intercounty”

exception regardless of where the transport originates? Does the requirement in the statute’s exception that the transport originate “outside the regulating city” apply only to intercity transports, or to both intercity and inter-county transports? **RESPONSE:** Q1) Yes. Subsection 14-266-102(a)(2) of the Code expressly authorizes cities to regulate “any and all aspects attendant to providing emergency medical services and ambulance operations within the boundaries of their respective cities ...” Q2) With respect to the first part of your question, although the statute is somewhat confusing, I believe the “intercounty” exception set forth at ACA 14-266-105(a)(5) bars local regulation of transports between cities lying in different counties regardless of where the transport originates. The statute authorizes a city to regulate (1) intracity ambulance transports originating within the city; (2) intercity transports originating within the city that do not leave the county; and, in all likelihood, (3) any intracounty transport originating in the city but not culminating in another city. However, the statute expressly bars local regulation of any intercounty transport, regardless of where it originates. With respect to the second part of this question, if an intercity transport originates outside a city and occurs to or from a medical facility within the city, the punctuation of the statute suggests that the transport cannot be subject to regulation by the city. Again, as noted above, the statute appears to proscribe any local regulation of intercounty patient transports, regardless of where the transport originates.

## Excessive force test may OK pepper-ball gun use

Opinion: 2005-107

Requestor: Miller, Paul—State Senator

Does an officer in the county sheriff’s office have the authority to use paint ball guns to load and shoot pepper balls for the purpose of controlling crowds and for other uses deemed necessary to protect law enforcement officers and the general public? **RESPONSE:** I cannot offer a simple “yes” or “no” answer to your question. Arkansas law does not directly address the use of “paint ball guns” that shoot “pepper balls.” Your question must therefore be analyzed under the test for whether the use of such weaponry would be considered excessive force. Whether excessive force is used in a pre-arrest or investigatory stop is a factually intensive determination in which a court must determine whether the officer acted in an objectively rea-



sonable manner considering all attendant circumstances. It is possible that the use of a pepper-ball gun could be appropriate, but it is also possible that use of such techniques would be excessive force dependent on the surrounding circumstances. See opinion for discussion.

#### **Compelling public interest needed to open records**

Opinion: 2005-175

Requestor: Witherell, Stacey

Empl Servs Mgr, LR Human Resources

Is the decision of the custodian of records to release only the evaluation performance documents believed to have a compelling public interest in response to an FOIA request for fire department disciplinary actions consistent with provisions of the Freedom of Information Act? **RESPONSE:** The general proposition that a compelling public interest in disclosure must exist before employee evaluation/job performance records may be released is correct. The opinion sets forth the other criteria the custodian must apply in determining which documents, if any, the custodian will release.

#### **Council may reject mayor's appointee for its own**

Opinion: 2005-142

Requestor: Scroggin, Preston—State Representative

If a mayor appoints a person to a board or commission and the city council does not agree and votes the appointment down then nominates a new candidate and the mayor approves their choice, would the appointment be valid? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the appointment described above would be valid assuming that all other formalities surrounding the appointment were met.

#### **Where voters registered crucial, not residence**

Opinion: 2005-147

Requestor: Kevin Goss—State Representative

With regard to Act 1409 of 2005, concerning the approval of motor vehicle racing facilities, if a petition is developed in an area in which a significant number of the residents have moved from the area, but are still registered voters of the area, should the petition have 75 percent of the current residents' signatures who are also registered voters or will the percentage still be figured based on the total registered voters, which includes those who are no longer residents of the area? **RESPONSE:** Act 1409 of 2005 requires that at least 75 percent of voters registered as residing within three miles of a proposed motor vehicle racing track must approve construction of the facility. Act 1409 sets forth no procedure for testing whether voters registered as living within this perimeter in fact do so, and I do not believe the legislature intended to authorize looking behind the voter-registration records in order to establish actual residency.

#### **Street turnback is for city street work only**

Opinion: 2005-155

Requestor: Broadway, Shane—State Senator

Since 75 percent of state turnback money goes to the street fund, can money from that fund be used to pay for 75 percent of the cost of an interim census when it is expected to increase the amount of funding to the street fund? Q2) Is street fund money eligible to pay for the cost of a full-time traffic control technician, including repair parts and supplies needed for maintenance of traffic signaling devices? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the answer to your first question is "no" under the assumptions noted below because municipal aid fund revenue derived from special revenue of the highway department may only be used for "maintenance, construction and reconstruction" of streets, ACA 27-70-207(b)(1)(A) (Supp. 2003), and a census does not fall under any of those categories. With respect to your second question, in my opinion the answer is "yes" to the extent that the proposed employee's work and equipment will constitute the "maintenance, construction and reconstruction" of city streets.

#### **Padlocking business likely out of A&P hands**

Opinion: 2005-157

Requestor: Dunn, David—State Representative

Does a city's advertising and promotion commission have authority to padlock a business as a result of nonpayment of taxes? **RESPONSE:** Although the answer to this question is far from clear, I believe a local advertising and promotion commission is probably limited in its remedies to executing on a judgment obtained pursuant to ACA 26-75-603 (Repl. 1997). The only direct authority to padlock a business for nonpayment of taxes is that set forth at ACA 26-18-1001 and -1004(b)(1) (West Supp. 2005), contained within the Tax Procedure Act, which permit the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration to lock a business that has thrice failed to report gross receipts tax or compensating use tax within a 24-month period. Even though a tax levied to support an advertising and promotion commission is denominated a "gross receipts" tax, ACA 26-75-602(a) (Repl. 1997), it is a tax collected exclusively by the commission pursuant to the procedures set forth at ACA 26-75-603, which do not directly include padlocking the business of a delinquent taxpayer. Subsection 26-75-603(b) does provide that local enforcement and collection of the advertising and promotion tax may, "so far as practicable," track the procedures set forth in the Tax Procedure Act, possibly including the procedure of closing and padlocking a business. However, this conclusion is far from inevitable in light of ACA 26-75-603(c), which authorizes municipalities to enact implementing ordinances relating only to limited aspects of tax collection, none of which would permit closing and padlocking a business. Legislative clarification appears necessary.



# Arkansas is reaching out to the world

Sister Cities International provides the mechanism to place Arkansas as a destination on maps of the world.

By Sherman Banks

**A**rkansas cities and towns have participated in international programs through Sister Cities International for more than 30 years. Through Sister Cities International, Arkansas municipalities have connected with cities in nine countries.

Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network with a mission to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation.

By working with Sister Cities, Arkansas has created and strengthened partnerships with international cities in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level, to stimulate and enhance economic development, and to promote cultural understanding.

By working with other Sister Cities organizations in other countries we can create jobs, investments and business opportunities. The programs help promote Arkansas around the world and it puts our state on the map as a travel destination.

Arkansas municipalities have sister cities in China, Korea, Japan, Belgium, Ukraine, England, Italy, France and the Dominican Republic. Developing partnerships with other cities and countries benefit city, county and state governments as well as businesses, educational systems, and ultimately the residents.

Sister cities learn about each others' cultures, they exchange students, they exchange goods, and the barriers come down to allow a better understanding about each other. Mena, Arkansas is helping Mena, Ukraine, by providing medical equipment. Axiom Corporation in Little Rock and Wal-Mart in Bentonville have economic ties in China.

Axiom also has economic ties in England. Little Rock has developed a letter of intent for the development of a relationship between the University of Arkansas Medical Campus and the University of Catania in Ragusa, Italy, for bio-technology. The cities of North Little Rock and Hot Springs conduct student and cultural exchanges annually.

Our relationship with Korea prompted the now deceased Grand Master Lee to bring the American Taekwondo Association headquarters to Arkansas. Every year in June, people from all over world descend on Little Rock to participate in an international karate tournament for seven days, filling our hotels, shopping at our

malls, and eating in our restaurants.

Our goal through the Arkansas Municipal League is to see more cities in Arkansas develop partnerships with foreign cities. We can only benefit tremendously from having additional sister cities.

We can attribute most of the success Arkansas has had with sister cities to the residents of the state. We are fortunate to have citizens who are willing to volunteer with sister cities programs and to work municipalities to further the dream for a better world. The more our citizens travel around the world, the more they see the importance of taking part in a global society.

The Arkansas Municipal League has been pivotal in encouraging Arkansas cities to participate in the international arena. We want to have more international involvement with global corporations and stronger relationships with international organizations.

We have the opportunity as a centrally located state in the heartland of America (the crossroads of country) to have foreign consulates in our capital city who promote foreign enterprise. We can have sister cities from around the state with global diplomats to showcase Arkansas's products for exportation. Arkansas is on the brink of an international explosion.

Sister Cities International offers the platform to promote our state without the insecurity that usually follows when venturing into uncharted waters. Sister Cities offers the umbrella of friendship to do business and exchanges and that is major step toward a stronger understanding of each other, which leads to global peace.

In my next column we talk about how Arkansas cities can become active on the global stage, particularly since the global economy is becoming more complex and international relationships among nations are becoming more strained.

With your help, Sister Cities is a concept that we want to spread throughout the state.

*To find out more about how to reach out internationally, contact Sherman Banks, president of Sister Cities International at (501) 376-0480 or e-mail [sbanks@aristotle.net](mailto:sbanks@aristotle.net) or write P. O. Box 165920.*



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## SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL®

### **Deadline for Morocco tour: Sept. 25**

Sister Cities International invites Arkansas municipal leaders to participate in the Partnership & Peace Tour—Morocco, March 17-27, 2006.

Sherman Banks of Little Rock, president of SCI, and Mary Jean Eisenhower, president and chief executive officer of People to People International lead the tour.

She is the granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who initiated SCI at a White House conference in 1956.

Banks said the tour will explore "the extraordinary cultural heritage of Morocco and the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez, Marrakech and Casablanca."

After a one-day conference in Casablanca on U.S./Islamic partnership the group will deliver donated wheelchairs.

Participants, Banks said, will enjoy luxury hotel accommodations (a castle), exquisite architecture, lively marketplaces and extraordinary culinary treasures at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Rabat, the Imperial Ball in Fez, "Chez Ali" dinner/entertainment in Marrakech and other great events.

"This is your chance to experience the power of people-to-people diplomacy and take part in Sister Cities International's 50th Anniversary Celebration," he said.

Space is limited to 60 persons; registration and deposit must be received by Sept. 25. Register at [www.sister-cities.org/RegionalInformation/Morocco2006](http://www.sister-cities.org/RegionalInformation/Morocco2006) or contact Viktor Zikas at 202-347-8630 ext. 4875 or [vzikas@sister-cities.org](mailto:vzikas@sister-cities.org).

## Deadline Oct. 1 for 50th anniversary book

Arkansas cities and towns with sister cities, don't be left out of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book. Members are invited to submit: Photographs—Action photos preferred, with captions identifying place, people, occasion, date; Great Stories—Memories, anecdotes, features about your organization's activities, outstanding individuals, award winning programs. Download anniversary book and photo submission forms. Each submission should be no more than 500 words and may be edited if necessary. Submit no more than five stories and 10 photos for each community sister city.

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# Big or little, city halls need to be user friendly

City departments, in the same or separate buildings, should be ready to provide the service the public needs.

By A.E. Johnson Jr., P.E., Staff Engineer



Johnson

**I**n my many years of serving as staff engineer for the Arkansas Municipal League, I have visited a variety of city halls. There are big city halls and small city halls.

The big city halls have annexes and a variety of departments, such as parks and recreation, finance, public works and wastewater, and are located in big cities.

In big cities, usually the water service is run by a water commission with offices in another building. Also, some big cities have their own trash pickup; others contract to a private firm, or they do a combination of both.

Big city halls have cashiers. This is where one pays for a privilege license, a building permit and, on occasion, water and sewer bills.

The big city hall is usually separate from the fire department, police department and municipal court. Nonetheless, big city halls are complicated. Big city halls usually have departments of planning and engineering. They also have a hearing room where the city council meets and public hearings are held on items like land use plans, zoning requests, bond issues and public works projects.

Municipal government at the local level can get complicated.

Some of the bigger cities have developed data centers. These centers attempt to collect information about zoning, land use, the water and sewer systems, proposed street projects, subdivision maps and soil. Data centers allow individuals to come to one place and collect all of the information that they need about the municipality's infrastructure and regulations regarding a piece of property or a development.

Some of the bigger cities have advanced to the point where a developer of a large scale project is assigned a facilitator to help that developer meet the required planning conditions, engineering reviews, traffic requirements and water and sewer improvements that will be necessary.

Being an engineer, there is nothing worse than being told, "Get your plans together and submit us 12 sets for review—one set for water, planning, engineering, code

enforcement, traffic, the fire department and a couple to give to the private utility companies." This puts the engineer and developer at the mercy of the slowest agency to review the plans.


When the plans are returned, the water company wants an easement along an existing road; however, traffic wants the road relocated; however, the two driveways for the commercial establishment near the entrance are satisfactory, but planning and zoning has a problem with the commercial land use at that location. And soon the utility easement is at the rear; however, it conflicts with the drainage easement requested by the engineering department.

Finally, parks and recreation wants the flood plain to be dedicated for use as a park and would like to have the drainage easement moved. Not enough good things can be said about a development coordinator pulling everything together. Yes, big city halls can be very complicated and frustrating.

In contrast is the small city hall. Small city halls are usually found in small towns. In these city halls you can pay your water and sewer bill from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a zoning map with a bunch of pencil marks stuck on the wall. One of the office doors reads water, sewer and street department, and that person also handles building inspections whenever there is construction. There is an office for the city clerk/treasurer, the empty office for the part time mayor and, quite often, the police department.

But the big city hall and the little city hall have two things in common: the people that come in their front door expect the same type of service; and nobody knows how to tell you to get to city hall.

All city halls need to be user friendly, and they need to be readily accessible to the general public with helpful tips and directions for the customer seeking the various services. Whether your city hall is large or small, tall or spread out, it is important to provide the public the services it seeks.

Reach Al Johnson at 501-374-7492. He is available to consult with member cities and towns as a service of the League. 



# Anti-terrorism session studies fake IDs

The Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC) of the Eastern District of Arkansas, U.S. Department of Justice, will conduct a training session Sept. 28 at the Arkansas Tech University campus in Russellville.

The training is for officers who might encounter persons who are in the United States illegally and who are using fake identification. The training is at the advanced level for law enforcement officers who will be able to provide this training to fellow officers.

The one-day course will be taught by officials from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Senior Special Agent Ricky A. Gabbard will cover identification of fraudulent immigration documents, including passports, I-551, I-20 and I-94. U. S. Secret Service Special Agent Chuck Briscoe will discuss detecting and preventing identity theft, which was named the leading crime in America by the Federal Trade Commission. Training includes identifying fake documents.

Register by sending form to Mandy Warford, LECC Coordinator, PO Box 1229, Little Rock, AR 72203, or call 501-340-

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# Variety is the spice of life

Plant varieties of trees to improve downtowns, environment.

By John Slater, Urban Forestry Partnership Coordinator

**A**s communities grow and develop, most native soils change. Land is either leveled or filled during construction, and the native soils are seldom replaced. Valuable nutrients and organic matter are lost, and soils change forever. These areas are then surrounded by asphalt and concrete, which is super-heated in summer and warm in winter, making it hard for trees to survive. Through the years, some trees can survive and thrive in these soils, and, with research, new varieties have been developed.

## What's the point?

Go to downtown Little Rock, Fayetteville, Eureka Springs or Hot Springs and walk around. I have lived in Hot Springs all of my adult life and never tire of walking downtown. The trees invite you to stay and relax. Studies show that people are attracted to places of business which have trees in the area; they are inclined to stay longer and spend more money. Go to an old neighborhood that has tree-lined streets and you'll notice they look more livable than the ones where new tract homes, without trees, are being built.

## What trees can grow downtown?

There are many considerations when it comes to picking a tree that may be suitable for a small, downtown tree pit. Don't plant trees with wide crowns, low-hanging branches or shallow roots that can lift sidewalks. Trees that have large leaves or produce a lot of fruit can be messy and take a lot of cleanup time. The larger the space for tree roots to grow, the longer they will live, so make the pit larger if there's room. Be aware that trees planted in small pits do not live a long time. It is necessary to make long-range plans to replace those trees every 10 to 15 years. Plant trees that have small leaves and that are drought tolerant, pest resistant and can grow in poor soils. Some trees that meet these

specifications are: lacebark elm, thornless honey locust, eastern hophornbeam, hawthorn, eastern redbud, yaupon holly, possumhaw and Chinese pistache.

As you move out of the downtown area, the opportunity to plant different trees increases because the planting spots are larger. The size of a parking lot parking spot is 15 by 8 feet. With 120 square feet, one can plant golden raintree, trident maple, little gem magnolia and ginkgo (male only) trees. If the planting spot is increased to over 200 square feet, little leaf linden, hickory and English oak trees can be considered.

## Look up—right tree, right place

Whenever possible, plant trees that will provide shade for neighborhoods, although that's not always possible because of power lines. Here is a list of power line-friendly deciduous trees: serviceberry, eastern redbud, Chinese redbud, kousa dogwood (try to plant where they will get afternoon shade), parsley hawthorn, Washington hawthorn, green hawthorn, crabapple, kwanza green cherry, possumhaw, golden raintree, Oklahoma white-bud, American hornbeam and yoshino cherry.

Consider crape myrtle only if it will be allowed to



Slater





grow as a tree and not butchered as a shrub. For instructions on how to properly prune a crape myrtle, call the Arkansas Forestry Commission. People are missing the most attractive features of this plant, which are the color, texture and shape of its bark. This tree will flower without cutting it like a shrub. The flowering only lasts a short time, yet the bark looks great all year round. Here are a few evergreen trees for power lines: Chinese pistache, Foster holly and silver red cedar.

### Street trees

Most people want to plant flowering trees. There is always room for the small trees, but to make cities more inviting it is better to plant large shade trees. When there is room for them to grow, plant trees that will not be in conflict with utilities above or below the ground. Trees that grow well are: London plane trees, shumard oak, bald cypress, ginkgo, willow oak, water oak, sawtooth oak, red oak, magnifica hackberry, dawn redwood, rotundiloba sweetgum (fruitless), sugarberry, tulip poplar, blackgum, Japanese zelkova and some maples.

Trees for fall color and large lawns are: sweetgum, blackgum, maples (plant sugar maples in the north part of the state), sugarberry, shumard oak, willow oak, bald cypress, red oak, Kentucky coffee, catalpa, cherrybark oak, sassafras, tulip poplar, western soapberry, flowering dogwood, fringe tree, sycamore, yellowwood, blackhaw and the ginkgo (male only).

To find which trees can be planted in areas that have been spared from the bulldozer and left natural, pick up the Arkansas Forestry Commission's Trees of Arkansas. You can then decide what other trees you might want to add to your urban forest. There's nothing wrong with planting specimen trees for students to use for tree identification classes.

### Variety is the spice of life

We need to add variety to our urban forest with as many different species that will survive this stressful environment. Trees enrich our lives. It is always exciting to see something new around the corner—a new shape, different colors of leaves, flowers and bark. We need to surround ourselves with nature so we will get outside to enjoy it and maybe along the way get a little exercise to prolong our lives.

Thanks to State Urban Forest Coordinator Patti Erwin, Little Rock Urban Forester Pete Rausch, Don Woods of Entergy, Van Buren Certified Arborist Michael Johnston, University of Arkansas Monticello Profes-

sor Lynne C. Thompson, Landscape Architect Brent E. Vinson, the Benham Companies and Lou Anella of Oklahoma State University. They furnished me with a wealth of information.

Oklahoma State University has an excellent Web site, [www.okplanttrees.org](http://www.okplanttrees.org), that has everything you need to know about trees. I hope in the near future to put together my own list and have enough room to include their comments and the scientific names of all these trees. If you need more information, visit [www.forestry.state.ar.us](http://www.forestry.state.ar.us).

Make a memory—Plant a tree

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## Land Issue Seminar, Oct. 20

The Municipal League will sponsor a seminar, Land Use Issues, Oct. 20, at the League, 301 W. 2nd St., North Little Rock.

Registration, \$20, begins at 9 a.m. The seminar ends mid-afternoon. Registration deadline is Oct. 18. Call Ken Wasson at the League, 501-374-3484, Ext. 211, or Whitnee Bullerwell, Ext. 206.

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## The Arkansas Fire Prevention Code—revisited

How about municipalities making sure that the fire protection code is enforced?

By Jim vonTungeln, Staff Planning Consultant, American Institute of Certified Planners



vonTungeln

**A**fter several months of thought and research on the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code (AFPC), I offer the following observations: many mayors and city council members are unaware that it exists; some staff members don't agree on how to administer it; it may be the best friend that municipal governments in our state have had since the local option sales tax.

Some background: prior to the 2002 AFPC, the 1999 edition was used. It consisted of the 1997 edition of the *Standard Fire Prevention Code* and the 1997 edition of the *Standard Building Code*. The codes did not include the present appendices nor did the code seem to arouse much attention outside the major urban areas.

It is important to understand that the code is much more than a fire safety code. It contains building codes as well.

When cities first began applying the 2003 code, some builders and developers began crying that "they" (the cities) would drive development into the unincorporated areas of the state or the smaller communities that had not adopted building codes.

As it turns out, the code is a state law and its jurisdiction does not end at the city limits. Either it or a more restrictive code applies to the entire state. That seems to be a little known fact outside the major cities of the state.

It makes the observations listed above even more interesting.

First, it is discomfoting to learn that many mayors are unaware of the code because they, along with every firefighter and police officer, are ex-officio deputies to the director of the Department of Arkansas State Police: ACA § 12-13-103(7). They are subject to the duties and obligations imposed by the Fire Prevention Act.

Our state's attorney general's office has offered an opinion (2003-198) that the code applies everywhere, so local officials might be well advised to get up to speed on it.

Second, some ambiguity resides within the code, along with considerable authority given to the fire chief concerning the flexibility with which it is applied. Some chiefs shun the authority (and responsibility) for waiving any provisions. Therefore, the code means whatever the most restrictive reading of it says. Others are trying to make the code as user friendly as possible. A few

are even preparing policy documents directing its application.

Code enforcement officials have weighed in on the code.

They, for example, disagree over whether the appendices apply unless they are expressly adopted. The attorney general's office says they do.

At the state level, the fire marshal homeports with the state police. He is given the responsibility for seeing that the code is enforced but not the commensurate resources to make it happen. As with many enforcement efforts, activity remains primarily "complaint based."

So, there seems to be a bit of scrambling about, which brings me to my third point. The Chinese tell us that there is great opportunity in times of confusion. Why shouldn't our municipalities be the "knights in shining armor" with regard to the code?


The code is the state law. It contains the fire safety code and all other building codes. The Arkansas fire marshal's office consists of two people. They do an admirable job but need all the help they can get. Now from where on earth could that help come?

Who might best protect the public interest by helping make sure that the State Fire Protection Code is enforced? I propose the same entities that already house and protect all of our state's health care facilities, most of our non-farm job suppliers, all of our institutes of higher learning and a majority of the state's residents. Yes, it should be our state's municipalities.

And what, you might ask, do our municipalities receive in return for helping administer the fire code?

Think about it. Rural water districts can't provide fire protection. Rural fire districts rely upon tanker trucks that may or may not arrive in time to stop fires. There are very few building inspectors in the unincorporated areas. Industrial and commercial developments can't meet the fire code without urban services. Residential developments will remain exposed without the same.

I can't think of better selling points for annexation and a strongly regulated planning area boundary.

*Comments or questions? Reach Jim vonTungeln at 501-372-3232. His Web site is [www.planyourcity.com](http://www.planyourcity.com). He is available to League member cities and towns for consultation as a service of the League.* 



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The COPS School Safety Package is available free of charge, and can be ordered by contacting COPS Response Center at 800-421-6770 or [askcopsrc@usdoj.gov](mailto:askcopsrc@usdoj.gov). For information about COPS, visit [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).

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# Wildlife woes can be resolved with help

Some problems municipal animal control can't handle, but know who can.

By Julia Coulter, North Little Rock Animal Control



Coulter

**A**t midnight the emergency phone buzzes blaringly into my consciousness. It is police communications; a city resident has found an unwelcome guest—a bat has taken up residence in the living room.

Why can't bats behave like civilized folks and lurk in living rooms during normal hours? It was the second after-hours bat call of the week, one full of daytime requests for live traps for squirrels, opossums and those rascally raccoons that make August for animal control a very long month.

I know this column covered wildlife last month, but I want to continue the conversation, with a slightly different slant. What do you do if your agency is not equipped to handle a resident's particular wildlife problem? I recently had a resident contact us about a beehive in his wall. How to handle that problem was beyond my scope of knowledge, but I did know to refer him to the Apiary Board at the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, which maintains a database, by county, of beekeepers who offer volunteer removal services. Although our department could not help the resident directly, I was able to direct him to someone who could.

If a resident has a squirrel in the attic, a raccoon that accosts the trashcan nightly, an opossum in the basement or other such singular incidents, then a trap may be a quick solution.

But what do we tell the resident who lives next-door to a wildlife corridor? Envision a beautiful home with a pristine lawn (until the annual autumn armadillo invasion), a bubbling creek running through the edge of the backyard and 10 acres teaming with wildlife that all seem to want to take up residence in that home. A single trap may not do the job, as you can trap from now to doomsday and still have animals in the area wanting to sublease the house!

What do you do? How do you satisfy the homeowner without leaving a trap at the residence for months at a time, therefore reducing your ability to assist other residents? (If your animal control division or department even offers trapping service, that is.)


Equip your animal control department with information. Know where to go for answers to questions and

wildlife-related problems. You may not be able to solve the problem yourself, but you can have the information at your fingertips so that you can pass it to the homeowner. Options such as home exclusion, habitat modification and repellents when used together may offer a longer-term solution to trap-and-relocate, because it seems when one squirrel is removed, five more come calling!

In this Internet age, it is easy to find answers to particular problems (with the possible exception of how to successfully catch an armadillo). The following sites are some of the many available and cover do-it-yourself habitat modification as well as exclusion for wildlife pests: [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu) (under homes, people, and pets), [www.muextension.missouri.edu](http://www.muextension.missouri.edu) (look under wildlife pests), [www.icwdm.org](http://www.icwdm.org) (excellent site for solutions by species). Information about nuisance wildlife and how to exclude them can also be found through the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Web site, [www.agfc.state.ar.us/critters/nuisance.html](http://www.agfc.state.ar.us/critters/nuisance.html).

If bats are a major problem, there is an excellent publication on bat-proofing a home at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service's Web site, [www.uaex.edu](http://www.uaex.edu).

For a list of animal repellents by species check out [www.critter-repellent.com](http://www.critter-repellent.com). For beehive removal, the Apiary Board can be contacted at 501-225-1598. In addition to information on Web sites, several businesses in central Arkansas handle wildlife exclusion, such as Arkansas Urban Wildlife, 501-758-5755. Treat Wildlife Control, 501-771-4895, does exclusion work and beaver removals. We used its service for a pair of wolves that were released in our city, and we were very pleased with the swift results. Check your local area to see if there are similar companies in operation.

If old Mrs. Smith calls at 4:30 a.m. with an opossum in her toilet, you can go and grab it; If Mr. Hernandez has a raccoon that comes through his cat-door every night, you can offer him a trap. But if Mr. Humphrey calls about a colony of bats living in his attic, I'd have Arkansas Urban Wildlife's number close at hand. You serve your residents by having a solution at the ready, which makes your agency—and your city—look good! 



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# Flouridated drinking water improves dental health

Lacking fluoridation in drinking water is especially harmful to children's teeth.

By Lynn Douglas, D.D.S., M.P.H.



Mouden

**B**ecause of its significant benefit and low cost, fluoridation of drinking water statewide ranks as the single most cost-effective public health measure that we could accomplish in Arkansas.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Public Health and the state Department of Health and Human Services believe fluoridation is good public policy and stand ready to help communities better understand the issue.

## Cost is minimal

The cost of fluoridating for local governments is minimal. Federal grants make it possible for the state to provide the fluoride equipment, training and technical assistance. That leaves the purchase of the fluoride additive, which on average costs about 50 cents per person per year. In virtually every community that has decided to fluoridate, the cost has been absorbed by existing budgets.

Solid evidence favors use of the additive in drinking water, including 60 years of fluoride-adjusted water in Little Rock.

Fluoride is a natural element and is found in rocks and soil everywhere, and in fresh water and the ocean. Its levels range from 0.1-12 parts per million fluoride to one million parts water. Studies have found that between 0.7-1.2 parts per million fluoride is the optimal level for preventing tooth decay. In some cases, communities must lower fluoride levels.

## Stamp of Approval

These adjustments have the stamp of approval by virtually every major public health organization, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health. The American Dental Association has endorsed community water fluoridation since 1950 and the U.S. Public Health Service recommends community water fluoridation to prevent dental decay. The CDC works with state and local health departments and water districts to make sure that this health benefit is delivered safely and effectively across the country.

According to the CDC, only 8,319 Arkansans are on

water systems with adequate naturally occurring fluoride to prevent tooth decay.

Today about one million Arkansans lack the benefits of fluoridated water, and the situation is especially harmful to children.

A survey two years ago of 7,000 third and fourth graders in Arkansas found that 40 percent to 50 percent had experienced tooth decay, and 10 percent had emergency dental needs.

Another survey was done of children in Morrilton and in Perry County, whose communities are separated by the Arkansas River. That January 2002 study found that kindergartners in unfluoridated Perryville, Casa and Ann Watson schools—all in Perry County—had twice the decay as kindergartners in Morrilton, which fluoridates its drinking water.

## Prevents Unnecessary Tooth Decay

For many children whose parents can't or won't take them to the dentist, a simple adjustment in fluoride levels could prevent unnecessary tooth decay. A childhood of tooth decay is likely to mean lost teeth by adulthood—a cosmetic as well as economic burden. Future dental work will cost them dearly, and if they're missing teeth it's likely to cost them a fair shot at some jobs.

Research at the NIH and CDC has determined that fluoridation will prevent up to 65 percent of all cavities, and that every dollar spent on fluoridation prevents up to \$39 in dental treatment. A lifetime of fluoridation costs less than one dental filling.

Community water fluoridation is safe, effective and economical. In an age when the decay-prevention benefits of water fluoridation have been proven time and again, it is not necessary to place anyone at risk of tooth decay.

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SULLIVANT, DDS	REHAB SPECIALISTS	GENERAL DENTISTRY	727 N CARDINAL	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-4242
COPIEN, PT	REHAB SPECIALISTS	REHAB SPECIALISTS	22 SOUTHPARK CENTER	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-5600
DILDINE, OT	REHAB SPECIALISTS	REHAB SPECIALISTS	22 SOUTHPARK CENTER	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-5600
GARR, ST	REHAB SPECIALISTS	REHAB SPECIALISTS	22 SOUTHPARK CENTER	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-5600
JOHNSON, ST	REHAB SPECIALISTS	REHAB SPECIALISTS	22 SOUTHPARK CENTER	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-5600
SEGOVIS, PT	REHAB SPECIALISTS	REHAB SPECIALISTS	22 SOUTHPARK CENTER	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-5600
SNOW, PT	REHAB SPECIALISTS	REHAB SPECIALISTS	22 SOUTHPARK CENTER	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-5600
WATTS, OT	JANE	REHAB SPECIALISTS	22 SOUTHPARK CENTER	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-5600
ARKANSAS SURGICAL HOSPITAL	STEPHANIE	HOSPITAL	5201 NORTHSORE DR	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72118	501-748-8000
CODY, MD	LADD	NO LITTLE ROCK EMER. GROUP	3333 SPRINGHILL DR	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-202-6800
TUCEK, MD	TOM	OTOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT)	2504 MCCAIN BLVD #114	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-9800
ROBBINS, DDS	BRIAN	SIMMONS FAMILY DENTAL	402 E PARKWAY DR	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-890-6174
SKINNER, DDS	MARY	GENERAL DENTISTRY	8000 HWY 107 NORTH #18	SHERWOOD	AR	72120	501-992-2020
WRIGHT, PHD	HERSHEY	OZARK GUIDANCE CTR	710 HOLLY ST	SILLOAM SPRINGS	AR	72761	479-524-8618
GARNER, MD		OZARK RADIATION ONCOLOGY	5835 W SUNSET	SPRINGDALE	AR	72762	479-361-2585
<b>IN-STATE UPDATES</b>							
ARENDALL, MD	CLARENCE J	FAMILY PRACTICE	641 HWY 71 NORTH #5	ALMA	AR	72921	479-632-8111
AMERICAN HOME PATIENT	JERRY V.	DURABLE MED. EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	1699 HARRISON ST.	BATESVILLE	AR	72501	800-962-9792
HOWARD, DDS	W. GENE	HOWARD FAMILY DENTISTRY	22450 INTERSTATE 30	BRYANT	AR	72022	501-847-1889
HOWARD, DDS	LANE	HOWARD FAMILY DENTISTRY	22450 INTERSTATE 30	BRYANT	AR	72022	501-847-1889
SMITH, DDS	KELLY	SALINE DENTAL CLINIC	3001 HORIZON	BRYANT	AR	72022	501-847-1022
MEYER, MD	LAWRENCE	DARDANELLE FAMILY CLINIC	200 N 3RD ST	DARDANELLE	AR	72834	479-229-2827
BIGONIGIARI, MD	GREGORY	OZARK RADIOLOGY GROUP	3215 NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1000
JELINEK, MD	ROBERT	OZARK RADIOLOGY GROUP	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1000
MORRIS, MD	MARK G.	OZARK RADIOLOGY GROUP	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1000
MOSLEY, DDS	ALVIN	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	2861 N. COLLEGE AVE.	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72701	479-521-1111
SCHWARZ, MD	KENNY	OZARK RADIOLOGY GROUP	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1000
DUFF, DDS	DEBRA	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	8700 S 36TH TERRACE	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-646-1979
GIRLINGHOUSE, DDS	JOHN	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	8700 S 36TH TERRACE	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-646-1979
SWICEGOOD, MD	JOHN H.	PAIN MANAGEMENT	3420 S 74TH ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-314-6922
WHEELER, DDS	BILLY	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	8700 S 36TH TERRACE	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-646-1979
BEASLEY, DDS	F. ANTHONY, JR.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	10101 MABELVALE PLAZA	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72209	501-565-3509
BENNETT, MD	T. ERIC	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
BOWEN, MD	CHARLES W.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
CLOGSTON, MD	DEBASIS	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
DAS, MD	J. LYNN	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
DAVIS, MD	VAN H.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	415 N UNIVERSITY AVE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-6841
DE BRUYN, MD	JERRI	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
FANT, MD	JAMES W.	BREAST HEALTH CLN OF AR	3401 SPRINGHILL DR #470	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-955-9468
FASULES, MD	DAVID D.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
GRIFFIN, MD	RONALD	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
HARPER, DDS	DAVID C.	DENTAL CARE ASSOC. OF AR.	4700 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-801-5011
HICKS, MD	RANDALL	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
HUNDLEY, MD	STEVEN W.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
HUTCHINS, MD	BRENT A.	OPHTHALMOLOGY & OPTOMETRY	17200 CHENAL PKWY #440	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72212	501-830-2020
JAMES, OD	RANDY A.	JAMES EYECARE CENTER	11900 KANIS RD #D1	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-687-0826
JAMES, OD	ELEANOR	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
JORDAN, MD	JIM C.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
KENNEDY, MD	ANDREW	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	415 N UNIVERSITY AVE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-6841
KIZZIA, MD	ROBERT A.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
KUMPUKIS, MD	WILLIAM M.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	301 N. SHACKLEFORD #B1	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-227-5155
LAMBERT, MD	DONALD F.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
LEE, DDS	JAMES A.	GASTROENTEROLOGY	1100 N UNIVERSITY#102	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72207	501-603-0303
MEACHAM, MD	W. ROBERT	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
METRAILER, MD	PERKINS	ARKANSAS PATHOLOGY ASSOC	1 ST VINCENT CIRCLE #220	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-683-4116
MORROW, MD	TENA	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
MUKUNYADZI, MD	ALEXANDER	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
MURPHY, MD	JAMES E.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
ORSINI, MD	SAYADUL	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
SHUFFIELD, MD	KENNETH G	CORNERSTONE CLINIC FOR WOMEN	#1 LILE COURT #200	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-5500
SIDDIQUI, MD	DAVID E.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
SINGLETON, MD	STEPHEN	PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT MED.	3401 SPRINGHILL DR. #245	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-758-1530
SMITH, E	LAMBERT	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	3343 SPRINGHILL DR. #1055	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-758-5133
FIDOREK, MD	JON P.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	3343 SPRINGHILL DR. #1055	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-758-5133
LAMBERT, MD							
LINDEMANN, MD							



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CLINIC/SPECIALTY	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE
MCNEE, MD	VALERIE	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	3343 SPRINGHILL DR. #1055	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-758-5133
PASSINI, DDS	EDWARD JR.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	4909 WARDEN RD	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
KELLER, OD	LUTHER B.	ARKANSAS EYE ASSOC.	102 PLANTATION DR	OSCEOLA	AR	72370	870-563-3596
SMITH, DDS	RICHARD L.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	11 CHAPEL VLLG SHOPPING CTR	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-879-1200
MOORE, DDS	JEFFREY M.	SIMMONS FAMILY DENTAL	402 E PARKWAY DR	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-890-6174
SIMMONS, DDS	DON A. JR	SIMMONS FAMILY DENTAL	402 E PARKWAY DR	RUSSELLVILLE	AR	72801	479-890-6174
EVANS, MD	DAVID	SEARCY MEDICAL CENTER	2900 HAWKINS DR	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-278-2800
SEARCY DENTAL ASSOC.		GENERAL DENTISTRY	710 MARION ST #302	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-268-3666
NICHOL, MD	BRIAN T.	INTERVENTIONAL PAIN CONS.	2215 WILLOWOOD #206	SHERWOOD	AR	72120	501-833-0046
ROSS, MD	JOSEPH	OZARK RADIATION ONCOLOGY	5835 W. SUNSET	SPRINGDALE	AR	72762	479-361-2585
SMITH, MD	ARNOLD	OZARK RADIATION ONCOLOGY	5835 W. SUNSET	SPRINGDALE	AR	72762	479-361-2585
NIBA, MD	SUH NORBERT	EMERGENCY MED.	14 GOTHIC RIDGE RD	VAN BUREN	AR	72956	479-474-1100
<b>IN-STATE DELETES</b>							
ARENDALL, MD	CLARENCE J.	ALLERGY & ASTHMA	937 HWY. 64 EAST	ALMA	AR	72921	479-632-3855
SNODGRASS, DDS	JACK	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	939 LOCUST ST.	CONWAY	AR	72032	501-450-7066
PICKARD, DDS	WILLIAM	GENERAL DENTISTRY	2861 N. COLLEGE AVE.	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-521-6660
GIRLINGHOUSE, DDS	RON	CONVENIENT DENTAL	5704 S. 14TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-646-1979
HUNT, DDS	JAMES	CONVENIENT DENTAL	5704 S. 14TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-646-1979
KENDRICK, DDS	CARL	CONVENIENT DENTAL	5704 S. 14TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-646-1979
TALIAFERRO, DDS	MADISON	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	1421 CENTRAL AVE.	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	501-624-4888
ACKERMAN, MD	WILLIAM E.	ANESTHESIOLOGY	4301 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-6699
ACKERMAN, MD	WILLIAM E. III	AR SPECIALTY CARE CTR.	600 S. MCKINLEY #102	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-666-2824
DE BRUYN, MD	VAN H.	LR CARDIOLOGY CLINIC	#7 SHACKLEFORD WEST	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-664-5860
GORDON, DDS	ALISHA	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4700 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-5011
HOWARD, DDS	JERRY V.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	8505 GEYER SPRINGS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72219	501-565-3509
HOWARD, DDS	JERRY V.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	301 N. SHACKLEFORD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-227-5155
HOWARD, DDS	W. GENE	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	8505 GEYER SPRINGS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72219	501-565-3509
HOWARD, DDS	W. GENE	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	301 N. SHACKLEFORD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-227-5155
KIZZAR, MD	JIM	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
LEE, DDS	WILLIAM M.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	8505 GEYER SPRINGS RD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72219	501-565-3509
MCNEE, MD	VALERIE	ARKANSAS HEART, PA	9600 LILE DR. #360	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-6525
MOORE, DDS	JEFFREY M.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	301 N. SHACKLEFORD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-227-5155
PARNELL, MD	CLIFTON	GENERAL SURGERY	500 S. UNIVERSITY #318	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-4577
PASSINI, DDS	EDWARD JR.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	8505 GEYER SPRINGS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72219	501-565-3509
PASSINI, DDS	EDWARD JR.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	301 N. SHACKLEFORD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-227-5155
SMITH, DDS	RICHARD L.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	8505 GEYER SPRINGS RD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72219	501-565-3509
SMITH, DDS	RICHARD L.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	301 N. SHACKLEFORD RD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-227-5155
TATRO, DDS	LEONARD	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	5326 W. MARKHAM #B	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-5011
ALLRED, DDS	GARY	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
CROW, DDS	STEVE	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
DEMPTSTER, DDS	ROBERT S.	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
HARPER, DDS	RONALD	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
HENRY, MD	TOM	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
HOWARD, DDS	JERRY V.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	4724 CAMP ROBINSON RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72114	501-753-5750
HOWARD, DDS	W. GENE	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	4724 CAMP ROBINSON RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72114	501-753-5750
LEE, DDS	WILLIAM M.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	4724 CAMP ROBINSON RD	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72114	501-753-5750
LYNCH, DDS	L. M.	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
MOORE, DDS	JEFFREY M.	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	4724 CAMP ROBINSON RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72114	501-753-5750
PICKARD, DDS	WILLIAM	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-771-5105
SMITH, DDS	RICHARD L.	GENERAL DENTISTRY	10 HERITAGE PARK CIRCLE	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-753-5750
SNODGRASS, DDS	JACK	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
TALIAFERRO, DDS	MADISON	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	4909 WARDEN RD.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-3000
BRAXTON, MD	FRANK	OSCEOLA DIALYSIS CTR.	1420 W. KIESER	OSCEOLA	AR	72370	870-563-2695
RHODES, MD	J. BREWER	NEA CLINIC	616 W. KEISER	OSCEOLA	AR	72370	870-563-5888
CHAVIS, MD	BRENT	FAMILY PRACTICE	801 W. RIVER ST.	OZARK	AR	72949	479-667-4138
NIBA, MD	SUH NORBERT	EMERGENCY MED.	801 WEST RIVER	OZARK	AR	72949	479-667-4138
CHAVIS, MD	BRENT	FAMILY PRACTICE	500 N ACADEMY	PARIS	AR	72855	479-963-6101
CARPENTER, DDS	RICHARD	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	11 CHAPEL VLG. SHOPPING CTR.	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-879-1200
LYNCH, DDS	L.M.	MODERN DENTAL PROFESSIONALS	11 CHAPEL VLG. SHOPPING CTR.	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-879-1200
CHAVIS, MD	BRENT	FAMILY PRACTICE	895 W. 6TH	WALDRON	AR	72958	479-667-4138
NIBA, MD	SUH NORBERT	EMERGENCY MED.	1341 W 6TH ST	WALDRON	AR	72958	479-637-4135
<b>OUT-OF-STATE ADDITIONS</b>							
FARMER, MD	CHRISTOPHER	FAMILY PRACTICE	500 W PORTER	AURORA	MO	65605	417-678-7888
NAUSHAD, MD	ABDUL	ADVANCED PAIN CENTERS	35 DOCTORS PARK	CAPE GIRARDEAU	MO	63703	573-335-4422
NAUSHAD, MD	ABDUL	ADVANCED PAIN CENTERS	1207 MAPLE ST	FARMINGTON	MO	63640	573-756-3000
FARMER, MD	CHRISTOPHER	FAMILY PRACTICE	120 W 16TH ST	MTN. GROVE	MO	65711	417-926-6111
FARMER, MD	CHRISTOPHER	FAMILY PRACTICE	940 W MT VERNON #100	NIXA	MO	65714	417-724-5200
GRIFFIN, MD	KRISTIN	INTERNAL MED.	940 W MT VERNON #210	NIXA	MO	65714	417-724-5300
MIDDLETON, MD	RACHELEN	FAMILY PRACTICE	940 W MT VERNON #100	NIXA	MO	65714	417-724-5200
GORDIN, MD	AUDREY	FAMILY PRACTICE	1106 W JACKSON	OZARK	MO	65721	417-581-3548
MONTGOMERY, MD	CHRISTOPHER	CARDIOPULMONARY REHAB ASSOC	2725 N WESTWOOD BLVD #17	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-778-9348
TINSLEY, MD	AUSTIN R	FAMILY PRACTICE	3019 FAIR ST	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-778-9300
BAKRY, MD	MOHAMED	PULMONOLOGY	1900 S NATIONAL #2580	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65801	417-820-3505
BROOKS, MD	J. PATRICK	COLORRECTAL SURGERY	1965 S FREMONT #2850	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-3800
BURRY, MD	MATTHEW	NEUROSURGERY	1965 S FREMONT #1800	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-5150
CHASE, MD	CHRISTOPHER	EMERGENCY MED.	1235 E CHEROKEE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-2115
FREEMAN, MD	JULIE	PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT MED.	3231 S NATIONAL	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65807	417-885-0810
HILL, LCSW	VICKI	PSYCHOLOGY	1235 E CHEROKEE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-2914
KHOURY, MD	EDMON	OTOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT)	1965 S FREMONT #1900	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-887-3223
MISTEROVICH, DO	HOPE	FAMILY PRACTICE	1640 E KEARNEY	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65803	417-863-9190
PARKS, DO	FRANK	EMERGENCY MED.	1235 E CHEROKEE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-2115
BROOME, MD	DAVID	DELTA REG ANESTHESIA	1400 E UNION ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	800-232-5703
DALY, MD	FRANCIS	GREENVILLE UROLOGY GROUP	344 ARNOLD AVE	GREENVILLE	MS	38701	862-334-8584
JACKSON, MD	RICHARD	DELTA REG ANESTHESIA	1400 E UNION ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	800-232-5703
KINARD, MD	HUGH	DELTA REG ANESTHESIA	1400 E UNION ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	800-232-5703
SALOON, MD	RICHARD III	DELTA REG ANESTHESIA	1400 E UNION ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	800-232-5703
TURNER, MD	JOHN IV	DELTA REG ANESTHESIA	1400 E UNION ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	800-232-5703
<b>OUT-OF-STATE UPDATES</b>							
NAUSHAD, MD	ABDUL	ADVANCED PAIN CENTERS	2153 N WESTWOOD BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-776-1100
TINSLEY, MD	AUSTIN R	TINSLEY MEDICAL CTR	2400 LUCY LEE PKWY.#A	POPLAR BLUFF	MO	63901	573-686-1144
SHAH, MD	BHARAT	PLASTIC & RECON. SURGERY	1229 E SEMINOLE #340	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-9330
WEBSTER, PHD	DEBORAH	PSYCHOLOGY	2135 S FREMONT	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-2170
LAURENCE, MD	GREGORY N.	GERMANTOWN FAMILY CARE & OB	2195 WEST ST	GERMANTOWN	TN	38183	901-752-4999
PORTERA, MD	STEPHEN G.	UROLOGY	6215 HUMPHREYS BLVD #110	MEMPHIS	TN	38120	901-227-9610
JACKSON, MD	WILLIAM K.	HTPN ORTHOPEDIC SRVS	3600 GASTON AVE. #1101	DALLAS	TX	75246	214-827-7565
QUILLEN, MD	DONALD W.	NEW BOSTON FAMILY CLINIC	114 HWY. 82 W.	NEW BOSTON	TX	75570	903-626-6951
<b>OUT-OF-STATE DELETES</b>							
FAULKNER, MD	DORINDA	SJC EMERGENCY MEDICINE	1235 E CHEROKEE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-863-9190
SWENNING, MD	TODD	EASTERN OK ORTHOPEDIC CTR	6475 S YALE AVE #301	TULSA	OK	74136	918-494-9300
NEIMEYER, PHD	ROBERT	PSYCHOLOGY	DEPT OF PSYCHIATRY	MEMPHIS	TN	38152	901-678-4680
BLUM, MD	JERALD T.	ORTHOPAEDICS SURG. & SPORTS	3600 GASTON AVE. #101	DALLAS	TX	75246	214-827-7565



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kinds of help—shelter, housing, jobs, medical assistance and other aid. By Sept. 6, the Center itself housed 400. Others found shelter in private homes and other facilities.

At the back of the convention center, a long line of cars, SUVs, vans and trucks on Sept. 2 were bringing donated food, clothing, toys—anything of help for evacuees. Volunteers just inside the door went through the goods, piled on tables and the floor, and sorted them. Mayor Carl Redus, at the center late the night of Sept. 1, and was continuing a few times a day to check on the center's massive undertaking—administered by city and state officials, agencies and scores of volunteers.


Forrest City had set up a Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort under the office of Mayor Larry Bryant and administrative services, with, just under those offices, a command center at the Civic Center.

A detailed graphic of linked boxes and lines showed who does what in the relief effort. It charted persons in charge and their phone numbers. Boxed revealed divisions of shelter/housing, food service, transportation,

communications, education, human services, recreational services, volunteer coordination, finance and others. By Sept. 6, the city had tracked 357 evacuees, including 180 in individual homes, 84 in churches, 70 in St. Francis County Section 8 housing, 33 in Forrest City Housing Authority facilities and 200 in nine motels and hotels.

The Cabot City Council allotted \$50,000 to assist Hurricane Katrina victims and allow them to live in recreational vehicles and avoid paying water bills for two months. The evacuees must be registered with FEMA to receive assistance.

Elsewhere in the state, cities and towns were opening civic and community centers for shelter, meals or both and coordinating relief efforts. From Junction City, which sits on the Arkansas-Louisiana border and was feeding evacuees at its community center, to Springdale in the northwest and Osceola in the northeast, cities, towns and their residents were reaching out to evacuees.

On September 3, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff described the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as “probably the worst catastrophe, or set of catastrophes” in the country's history. He was referring to both the hurricane and the flooding of New Orleans and its environs. 

# FEMA

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local governments in deciding who should take the course. As further guidance, the NIMS Integration Center encourages all emergency personnel with a direct role in emergency preparedness, incident management or response to take the NIMS course by October 1. It is offered free-of-charge through the Emergency Management Institute at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>.


## Who should take the course in FY '05?

**Executive Level**—Political and government leaders, agency and organization administrators and department heads; personnel that fill ICS roles as unified commanders, incident commanders, command staff, general staff in either area command or single incidents; senior level multi-agency coordination system personnel; senior emergency managers; and emergency operations center command or general staff.

**Managerial Level**—Agency and organization management between the executive level and first level

supervision; personnel who fill ICS roles as branch directors, division/group supervisors, unit leaders, technical specialists, strike team and task force leaders, single resource leaders and field supervisors; midlevel multi-agency coordination system personnel; EOC section chiefs, branch directors, unit leaders; and other emergency management/response personnel who require a higher level of ICS/NIMS training.

**Responder Level**—Emergency response providers and disaster workers, entry level to managerial level including emergency medical service personnel; firefighters; medical personnel; police officers; public health personnel; public works/utility personnel; and other emergency management response personnel may be required next year.


The NIMS introductory course very likely will be a required in FY '06 for state, territorial, tribal and local personnel who have emergency assignments at any level of government. Full NIMS compliance is required by Oct. 1, 2006. NOTE: Some online independent study participants are experiencing delays in gaining access to the IS-700 course. The Emergency Management Institute is addressing this and the problem will be alleviated. 

# Delta

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Durbin (D-Ill.) and Barack Obama (D-Ill.), Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Ill.), Rep. Harold Ford (D-Tenn.), Rep. Rodney Alexander (D-La.), and Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-Ken.). Powell said he appreciates the support of Gov. Mike Huckabee. Rex Nelson of Huckabee's office has been the

governor's contact with the Caucus.

A Caucus conference in mid- to late January in Little Rock will highlight new developments in the Delta. Candidates for Arkansas governor and lieutenant governor will be invited to a forum the day before the conference to hear their plans are for helping the Delta. The DRA will hold its second annual conference Oct. 18-20 in Little Rock. 



# Arkansas Municipal League Municipal Legal Defense Program

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## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2005

### Computer-cleaning aerosols can be deadly

An Internet-circulated letter in April 2005 told of a deadly story about an aerosol product called Dust-Off, which is available in stores that sell computers.

The article is about a police officer, Jeff, and his family. The officer liked building computers and re-working old ones. Many of the old computers he acquired were dusty, so he bought a three-pack of Dust-Off at the computer store. Dust-Off is a can of compressed air to blow Dust-Off a computer.

A few weeks later when Jeff started to use one of the aerosol cans, it was empty. Checking the other two cans immediately, he found them to be empty also. How could this happen?

Soon after this event, Jeff went to the computer store and bought a jumbo can of Dust-Off. He placed it by his home computer.

One evening, Jeff left for his patrol at 10:00 p.m. Before midnight, his wife, Kathy, went downstairs to kiss their son, Kyle, goodnight. At 5:30 the next morning, Kathy went downstairs to wake Kyle. He was propped up in bed with his legs crossed and his head

leaning over. He was pale and white, and he had the straw from the Dust-Off can coming out of his mouth. He had the new can of Dust-Off in his hands. Kyle was dead.

Not only is Jeff a very knowledgeable police officer, but also his wife, as a nurse, shares with him an abundance of drug awareness.

The coroner reported that the propellant from the can of Dust-Off was in Kyle's system. They were told that the propellant, similar to that in a refrigerator, gives a slight high for about 10 seconds to one who inhales it and causes dizziness. Kyle's friend had shown Kyle how to use compressed gas.

Dust-Off contains a propellant called R2, a refrigerant. It is a heavy gas that fills the lungs and keeps oxygen out, causing death within two seconds of inhaling the propellant.

Secure any chemical in the home or workplace that might provide the source of a chemical abuse episode. Evaluate the premises for such aerosol items and secure them.

### Common random selection questions

A'TEST is often asked about random testing; here are some commonly asked.

Q. My husband was selected for a random test and he doesn't use drugs. Do I have to test him?

A. Yes, he does have to be tested. DOT does not know that he does not use drugs and he is an eligible participant in a pool.

Q. My drivers are not here to test and it is the last of the quarter. Do I skip testing them?

A. Absolutely not. You have the selected employee names for an entire quarter and it is your responsibility to test them during the three-month period. Do not wait until the last minute, as failure to test them can result in a fine.

Q. My employee who was selected for a random came back to work after the quarter ended. Should I test him now?

A. No. You only test the selected employee during the quarter of their selection. If they are not available during the quarter due to a leave of absence, do not test them, but document why they were not tested.

Q. What drugs to routine drug tests detect?

Routine drug testing does not involve testing for steroids, inhalants or prescription drugs. There are specialized tests available to detect the presence of such drugs, but they are expensive.



# Paragould

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enclosed in a glass building with a retractable roof that closes automatically when it rains, has a competition-ready, heated lap pool (the environmentally friendly system used to heat the pool draws its heat from outside the building) and a separate therapeutic pool; the outdoor swim park has enough waterslides, spouts and pool games to rival a small water theme park; and the baseball, softball and soccer fields were built or renovated with new scoreboards and stands.

When great strides are made in community improvements, community leaders usually hope the raised quality of life will lure new residents. Population growth, of course, carries its own repercussions. Among them is a need for expanded emergency services. The planning committee considered that potential growth pain. The CD3 plan allotted for hiring 10 police officers and building a fire station in a new subdivision south of the city proper. "The year after we hired the 10 officers, in 2003, the city of Paragould was designated the safest town in Arkansas," Gaskill proudly noted. "It was a community-wide effort."

Although renovations and improvements still are being made—and will continue until 2010, Gaskill estimated—the bulk of the decade-long effort came to a satisfying culmination July 5, when the swim park opened. "We didn't anticipate how much people would embrace all of this," Gaskill said. "We generated more income in the first month the swim park was open than we did in a whole year with the old pool."

"Every night through Labor Day the pool is reserved, and all of our rooms in the community center are being rented on a regular basis by different organizations," Gaskill said. "Even the 20-acre tract just south of the community center had a restaurant open there, and a Holiday Inn Express will open in October." 🍷



## Support a family on \$20 a week?

Volunteer firefighters who are injured in their firefighter duties receive only \$20 a week for a compensable injury.

**Solution:** The Arkansas Municipal League has a program to protect the earning of volunteer firefighters who are injured in their duties.

**What they get:** Weekly temporary total disability benefits based on the MAXIMUM allowed under Arkansas Workers' Compensation Law; weekly benefits go for 52 weeks; \$10,000 death benefit.

**How?** Cost is only \$20 a firefighter a year. All volunteer and part-paid firefighters in the department must be covered. The minimum premium for each city or town with all-volunteer departments is \$240.

Call: Sheryll Lipscomb at 501-374-3484, ext. 234, or Jamie Starr, ext. 220.

*Protect your loved ones'  
financial security.*

## Obituaries—

**Thomas Alfred Johnston**, 85, a former member of the Elaine City Council, died Sept. 1.

**Howard Grant Vance**, 89, of Jonesboro and a former mayor of Sedgwick, died Sept. 5.

**[www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org)**



## Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



**KEY:**  Counties with countywide tax (shaded is 1¢ unless otherwise noted)  
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**Source:** Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer

**See also:** [www.state.ar.us/revenue/eta/sales/taxrates.html](http://www.state.ar.us/revenue/eta/sales/taxrates.html)

**Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2005**

Month	Municipal Tax	County Tax	Total Tax	Interest
January	\$29,743,479	\$31,399,930	\$61,143,410	\$26,022
February	\$35,409,849	\$36,460,184	\$71,870,033	\$67,041
March	\$28,227,748	\$30,270,548	\$58,498,296	\$28,905
April	\$29,312,091	\$31,468,136	\$60,780,227	\$122,149
May	\$31,526,209	\$33,148,164	\$64,674,373	\$30,300
June	\$30,619,446	\$32,122,168	\$62,741,614	\$116,126
July	\$31,325,348	\$33,130,715	\$64,456,063	\$55,218
August	\$32,479,261	\$34,368,901	\$66,848,162	\$134,011
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$248,643,431</b>	<b>\$262,368,746</b>	<b>\$511,012,177</b>	<b>\$579,772</b>
Averages	\$31,080,429	\$32,796,093	\$63,876,522	\$72,472

## 2005 Elections

**FORT SMITH, May 10.**

Passed. Continue 1¢.

**LAWRENCE CO.,** May 10.

Passed. Continue. 5¢.

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 9.**

Passed. 1¢.



## August 2005 Municipal Levy Receipts

Alexander	8,034.56	Lake Village	63,250.13	Baxter County	270,749.21
Alma	126,037.12	Lakeview	4,814.78	Mountain Home	131,233.34
Almyra	1,210.18	Lepanto	10,188.87	Cotter	10,975.84
Altmeier	3,205.42	Leslie	2,017.08	Gassville	20,330.92
Altus	7,692.45	Levinville	6,318.75	Norfork	5,767.97
Amity	7,343.49	Lewinsville	21,240.88	Lakeview	5,092.90
Archadelphia	69,236.77	Little Rock	3,910.00	Big Flat	1,239.40
Ashtown	82,699.43	Litton	810,476.40	Brantley	2,860.15
Atkins	13,691.34	Litton	89,977.30	Brantley	2,860.15
Augusta	20,735.27	Lowell	191,840.26	Benton County	858,882.84
Avoca	7,438.88	Luxora	2,673.62	Silam Springs	160,223.83
Bald Knob	45,630.38	Madison	1,236.78	Rogers	573,764.75
Baring	17,744.00	Magazine	2,669.25	Bantown	291,544.42
Bardeen	7,889.99	Magnolia	170,897.59	Bethel Heights	10,550.57
Bebe	56,423.81	Malmgren	266,371.81	Decatur	19,416.59
Beleville	1,264.56	Mammouth Spring	31,991.57	Genoa	31,991.57
Benton	534,854.26	Manila	16,646.82	Gravette	26,745.84
Bentonville	939,780.29	Manitowish	23,279.45	Lowell	78,528.24
Berryville	151,591.90	Marianna	67,469.40	Certigton	31,710.81
Bethel Heights	55,431.52	Marion	133,845.91	Pea Ridge	34,666.15
Black Rock	2,855.36	Marked Tree	21,581.18	Cave Springs	16,298.70
Blue Mountain	137.25	Marshall	13,439.04	Sulphur Springs	9,915.17
Burthville	279,390.69	Maulsberry	10,256.30	Avoca	6,250.55
Bonanza	1,209.53	Maysfield	18,473.18	Garfield	883.23
Boonville	30,935.25	McClure	13,551.99	Hamlet	1,714.10
Bradley	5,775.53	McClure	86,871.47	Holland	5,600.37
Branch	7,488.91	McClure	25,009.84	Highland	3,617.97
Brinkley	96,832.30	McClure	112,967.33	Little Rock	36,197.79
Bryant	389,236.03	McClure	2,696.51	Springdale	29,715.96
Bull Shoals	124,21.52	McClure	3,676.46	Em Springs	192.10
Calico	439,045.15	McClure	134,144.06	Springtown	1,684.54
Caddo Valley	31,222.92	McClure	3,401.78	Boone County	211,260.47
Calico Rock	24,818.67	McClure	115,549.97	Alpena	3,199.23
Camden	665,561.86	McClure	16,539.98	Bethelville	4,443.38
Carlisle	65,542.92	McClure	312,167.30	Bergman	4,821.14
Cave Springs	5,319.53	McClure	68,514.10	Everlon	1,888.45
Centerline	37,819.16	McClure	9,122.94	Lead Hill	3,188.12
Charleston	21,152.07	McClure	22,892.22	Omaha	1,832.89
Cherry Valley	103,556.60	McClure	23,691.51	South Lead Hill	977.54
Chidester	2,508.63	McClure	103,556.60	Valley Springs	1,855.11
Clarendon	104,078.94	McClure	133,388.81	Zinc	84.24
Clarksburg	104,078.94	McClure	32,567.23	Harrison	134,969.66
Clinton	75,277.59	McClure	32,567.23	Hamlet City	8,109.17
Conway	1,547,693.11	McClure	106,174.36	Braceville	1,713.02
Corning	105,389.40	McClure	3,713.02	Banks	713.02
Cotter	12,021.17	McClure	4,569.26	Hermitage	38,277.20
Cotton Plant	2,032.26	McClure	2,601.10	Warren	38,277.20
Cove	3,397.16	McClure	67,225.57	Calhoun County	38,811.94
Crosscut	323,737.78	McClure	1,805.77	Hampton	8,961.65
Danville	36,331.94	McClure	56,135.06	Harrell	1,848.49
Dardanelle	10,124.60	McClure	6,439.35	Thornton	3,261.67
DeQueen	166,703.42	McClure	36,331.94	Thornton	3,261.67
DeValls Bluff	4,414.69	McClure	19,178.45	Carroll County	147,844.17
DeWitt	129,969.65	McClure	109.98	Beaver	558.62
Decatur	12,895.11	McClure	78,496.69	Blut Eye	211.68
Dermott	37,117.48	McClure	2,033.57	Alpena	488.05
Des Arc	16,504.46	McClure	13,775.11	Chicot County	121,974.06
Diamond City	2,102.35	McClure	27,168.02	Lake Village	16,258.36
Dierks	9,016.15	McClure	610,592.52	Eudora	16,258.36
Dowd	14,086.42	McClure	2,057.74	Dermott	24,143.98
Dumas	195,807.71	McClure	2,102.35	Dermott	24,143.98
Dyer	705.74	McClure	9,793.43	Dermott	24,143.98
Earle	19,407.03	McClure	73,953.82	Dermott	24,143.98
East Camden	4,664.43	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
El Dorado	95,515.59	McClure	39,498.02	Dermott	24,143.98
Elkins	13,050.59	McClure	105,323.58	Dermott	24,143.98
Elm Springs	3,510.82	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Elmore	17,887.97	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Eloah	481.87	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Eudora	29,445.33	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Eureka Springs	210,571.98	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Fairfield Bay	25,740.74	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Farmington	33,420.75	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Fayetteville	2,274,770.75	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Flippin	37,160.65	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Forney	75,989.64	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Foreman	6,907.57	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Forest City	153,943.50	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Fort Smith	2,984,722.03	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Fouke	6,102.69	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Fountain Hill	359.21	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Franklin	5,442.86	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Garfield	3,938.55	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Garland	1,470.37	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gassville	28,404.57	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Genoa	68,216.18	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gilbert	1,140.41	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gillett	3,398.29	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gilliam	1,830.12	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gilmore	414.70	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Glenwood	55,815.26	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gosselin	12,523.53	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Grady	2,989.36	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gravelly	2,989.36	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Green Forest	29,942.87	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Greenbrier	34,645.38	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Greenland	12,837.61	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Greenwood	70,242.60	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gulion	1,195.68	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Gurdon	27,100.19	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Guy	1,815.35	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hackett	2,686.42	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hamberg	24,857.67	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hardy	16,797.36	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Harrisburg	17,998.64	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Harrison	227,485.26	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hatfield	3,568.75	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Havana	1,637.37	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hazen	33,401.55	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hermilleg	3,498.64	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Higley	97,544.08	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Highland	32,112.05	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Holly Grove	4,804.40	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hope	145,865.65	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Horseshoe Bend	18,692.07	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hot Springs	1,787,205.89	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hoxie	12,607.71	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Hughes	10,959.91	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Humphrey	1,610.47	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Huntington	3,064.00	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Huntsville	39,393.97	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Jacksonville	582,958.15	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Jasper	22,350.48	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Jennette	91.49	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Johnson	21,071.37	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Jonesboro	1,050,646.87	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Keiser	2,163.05	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Kennett	1,324.88	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Kibler	2,280.75	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Kingsland	1,488.95	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98
Lake City	4,391.06	McClure	6,839.54	Dermott	24,143.98

## August 2005 Municipal/County Levy Receipts

Cross County	222,365.35	Strawberry	1,429.11	Atkins	35,008.02
Cherry Valley	5,641.88	Lee County	27,962.09	Dover	16,179.82
Hickory Ridge	3,077.39	Marianna	22,764.23	Hector	6,180.26
Parkin	12,838.48	Aubrey	971.03	London	11,261.35
Wynne	69,040.88	Haynes	940.27	Pottsville	15,473.72
Dallas County	65,827.32	LaGrange	536.04	Prairie County	26,853.53
DeSha County	35,860.19	Moro	1,058.90	Hazen	9,768.78
DeSoto	5,207.86	Reynolds	1,041.96	Biocore	2,840.52
Arkansas County	4,890.32	Lincoln County	52,977.60	Des Arc	11,535.15
Dumas	43,489.83	Star City	12,842.90	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Millerville	4,126.47	Gould	2,718.26	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Reed	2,283.26	Grady	2,718.26	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Watson	2,391.19	Little River County	141,249.45	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Tillar	273.99	Ashtown	32,924.46	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Drew County	241,545.51	Ogden	1,473.72	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Monticello	80,968.68	Wilton	3,023.18	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Jamez	210,407.22	Foreman	7,747.34	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Tillar	1,832.51	Logan County	78,831.62	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Wilmar	5,054.88	Blue Mountain	835.40	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Winchester	1,690.86	Caulksville	1,474.61	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Faulkner County	518,109.31	Magazine	5,790.86	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Danacous	9,915.17	Morrison Bluff	468.33	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Enola	1,153.11	Paris	23,480.89	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Mount Vernon	883.23	Radcliff	1,208.90	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Osborne	3,154.94	Scraper	1,405.00	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Holland	5,600.37	Subiaco	2,778.35	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Franklin County	118,350.99	Boonville	26,055.70	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Branch	2,278.74	Lonoke County	188,904.78	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Wiederkehr Village	293.61	Allport	986.91	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Altus	5,214.94	Austin	4,756.60	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Charleston	18,925.69	Carlisle	18,122.02	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Denning	2,585.13	Drake	912.39	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Bethelville	22,500.19	England	23,722.23	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Fulton County	61,284.99	Hunokuk	2,202.23	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Northmoor Spring	4,821.37	Kee	1,848.40	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Salem	6,687.71	Lonoke	33,719.23	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Viola	1,801.52	Ward	20,292.89	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
Horseshoe Bend	29.42	Cabot	120,034.80	Des Moines Bluff	4,672.54
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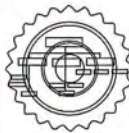
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**ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN II**—Jacksonville Wastewater Utility seeks applicants with min. 60 hrs college credits who'll complete bachelor's in eng. tech., construction mgt., GIS/spatial systems or related in 3 1/2 yrs from hire. Construction, engineering, surveying or mapping exp. a plus. Must have Ark. driver's license. Full time with benefits; 501-982-0581 or 248 Cloverdale Rd., Jacksonville. EOE.

**WATER/WASTEWATER FOREMAN**—Gravette Water Utilities seeks water/wastewater operations foreman with 3-5 yrs exp installing, repairing and maintaining water distribution mains, service lines and related appurtenances. Qualifications: ability to operate backhoe, organize, coordinate/supervise general operations, prepare/analyze reports/records and knowledge of state and federal regulations. Must have Ark. driver's license, Ark. Grade II or above water distrib. and Class II or above wastewater operator license. Salary DOE. Send resume, salary requirement, references to City of Gravette, Attn: Rodger Terrell, 119 Main St. SE, Gravette, AR 72736, or [gravettedocs@cox.net](mailto:gravettedocs@cox.net).

**POLICE OFFICER**—Texarkana seeks certified law enforcement officers. Persons hired under this vacancy will be employed under Texarkana Arkansas Civil Service Commission's "Emergency Hiring Clause." Applicants must be 21, U.S. citizen, hold valid driver's license, have at least 30 college semester hours and no felony convictions. Applicants must meet requirements for certification established by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training and be able to pass physical agility test and thorough background investigation. Ann. starting salary \$31,106 includes benefits. For applications, contact the Personnel and Training Office at 903-798-3328, E-mail [Tateson@txkusa.org](mailto:Tateson@txkusa.org) or visit [www.txkusa.org/arkpolice](http://www.txkusa.org/arkpolice).

**WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR**—England seeks licensed operator to supervise water/wastewater facilities, distribution. Submit resume, references and past 5-year annual salary to attn: Amanda Reynolds, P.O. Box 37, England, AR 72046. Apps. available at 110 N.W. 2nd St. in England.

**POLICE OFFICER**—Marmaduke (Greene County) is taking applications for police officer. Certified applicants only requested. Marmaduke City Hall, 870-597-2753, for information, or mail resume to Marmaduke Police Dept., P.O. Box 208, Marmaduke AR 72443, ATT: Chief Steve Franks

**CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS**—Forrest City Police Dept. seeks certified officers. Good salary, benefits inc. paid holiday, health, dental, eye insurance, retirement, 3 wks paid vacation and LOPFI. Minorities and veterans strongly urged to apply. Call 870-633-3434 for more information or send resume and copies of certification to Chief's Office, c/o Forrest City Police Dept., 225 N. Rosser St., Forrest City, AR 72335. EOE.

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**POLICE OFFICER**—Allport (Lonoke County) is seeking a full-time officer. Please mail resume and certifications to: Allport Police Department P.O. Box 58, Humnoke, AR 72072.

**WATER/SEWER OPERATOR**—Coal Hill is taking applications for a Water/Sewer operator. Need to have water distribution license. City of Coal Hill, P.O. Box 218, Coal Hill, AR 72832. Call 479-497-2204, Fax 479-497-1000.

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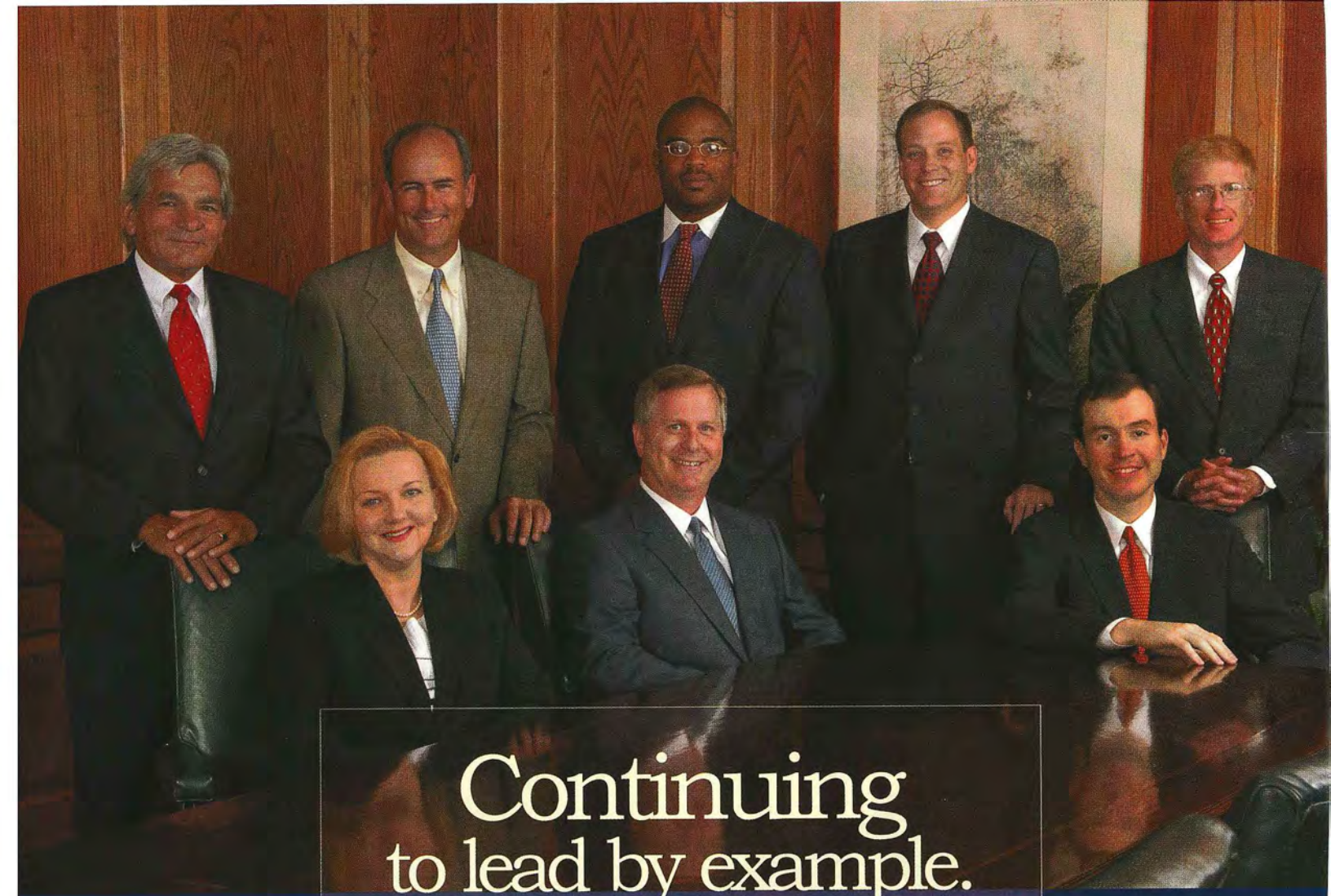
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