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**YES Referred Question No. 1**  
**The Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal,  
and Pollution Abatement Facilities  
Financing Act of 2007**

**YES Amendment No. 1**  
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ON THE COVER—The hazy Little Rock skyline is just visible from a soybean field on the eastern edge of the city. It's these kinds of areas, where urban meets rural, where city water and rural water needs have clashed in the past. A new agreement between the League and the Natural Resources Commission should help eliminate those very issues and means the League can support Referred Question No. 1 in November's election. Read inside about this agreement and the League's stance on other ballot issues. Enjoy!—atm

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Dear Friends:

It is that time of year again. We are all crunching numbers for our 2009 municipal budgets and I am sure if your city is like most, you are looking in every direction for extra resources and income. Unfortunately, with the current economic conditions in not only our municipalities but the country as a whole, we are looking at trimming our budgets as closely as possible.

The League-sponsored seminar concerning municipal finances, ballot proposals and legislative issues was very informative and well attended. Those in attendance gained much insight. Concerning the ballot proposals, I encourage each of you to make copies of this month's cover of *City & Town* and distribute them throughout your cities. Be prepared to explain the League's stance on the issues. I would also encourage each of you to begin having conversations with your legislators about these legislative issues.

Mark Hayes, League general counsel, presented the group with important information regarding FACTA Red Flags (Identity Theft) and the fast-approaching Nov. 1 deadline for municipalities to pass the proper ordinances and implement the program. See the article in this issue on page 23, or if more information is needed, contact the League staff.

The next seminar, which will cover the Fourth Amendment, will be held Nov. 20. We can never be too informed on ways to avoid those Fourth Amendment lawsuits. I strongly urge each municipality to encourage their chief of police and members of their departments to attend this seminar.

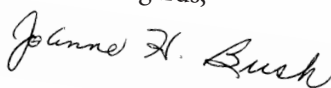
Registration has begun for the 2009 League Winter Conference. Remember: Early bird registrants get their hotel of choice along with the reduced registration fees. The League in 2009 will be celebrating 75 years of service to Arkansas municipalities, and I am certain that the staff will have exciting events planned for this commemorative year. With that said, I encourage all municipal officials and employees to register for Winter Conference. Let's set an attendance record for the 2009 event!

I want to congratulate Recorder/Treasurer Carolyn Willett for being selected as "Office Manager of the Year" at the 31st Technical Conference of the Rural Water Association. Be sure and read the related article in this issue of *City & Town*.

The Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders and Treasurers Association (ACCRTA) is working on final plans for the new clerks orientation held prior to the opening session of the Winter Conference on Jan. 14, 2009. Any newly elected clerk, recorder or treasurer is invited to attend this free seminar with valuable information about the duties of the office. For additional information, visit [www.accrta.org](http://www.accrta.org).

In closing, let me ask you to never forget that we are placed in our elective positions to serve those who have entrusted us with running the cities and towns that make up our great state. If we can end each day by helping or enriching the life of just one of those individuals, whom we have publicly declared to serve, then we have accomplished that which we set out to do.

Warmest regards,



JoAnne H. Bush  
Mayor of Lake Village  
President, Arkansas Municipal League





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# League agreement with NRC eases friction between cities, rural water

Rural water districts have over the years impeded cities' ability to grow in an orderly and safe manner, but a new agreement with the Natural Resources Commission, which now pledges to respect municipalities' five-mile planning areas, enables the League to offer its support to Referred Question No. 1 in November's General Election.

By Jim vonTungeln

Three years of hard work bore fruit at a noon meeting of the Arkansas Municipal League's Executive Committee on Aug. 22 in Eureka Springs. Randy Young, executive director of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (NRC), settled a major issue in the relationship between cities and rural water districts.

Young told the Committee that the NRC would protect the five-mile territorial jurisdiction of a municipality when considering loans for a rural water system. Rural systems would henceforth meet the adopted development regulations of the municipality as well as applicable Arkansas laws.

At issue was the question of whether the League would support or oppose Referred Question No. 1 in the November General Election. This question involves the issuance of \$300 million in general obligation bonds that would enable the NRC to finance water, wastewater and related projects.

League staff and officials, prior to the Aug. 22 announcement, had expressed fears that the new bond issue would create further problems for member cities. These problems rose gradually over a 20-year period during which rural systems, financed and protected by both state and federal governments, moved ever closer to existing city limits. In many cases, they spread to the city limits. Any number of Arkansas municipal governments found themselves almost completely surrounded by rural water lines.

Once in place, rural systems often impeded orderly growth, development and expansion of urban fringes. Installed for the sole purpose of providing potable drinking water, rural systems did not allow for fire protection. Further, they were not sufficient to serve major commercial or industrial uses.

The territories of the rural systems were legally

protected by the federal government—if federal funds were involved—and state government when its funds financed the systems. A series of conflicts, disputes, and lawsuits resulted that proved useful for neither the municipalities nor the rural districts.

In the summer of 2006, the League sponsored a series of meetings in an attempt to reconcile differences among the municipalities, rural districts and state agencies. Representatives of the rural districts found little reason to compromise although the meetings ended with a charge to the League staff to work on legislation addressing the problem.

During the 2007 session of the Arkansas General Assembly, a minor piece of legislation became law. It gave the NRC staff authority to examine the potential of private financing for some rural systems. The law remained permissive and failed to address the base concerns of the League.

During the next year, municipal officials expressed growing concern to the League about the inability of a rural water system to provide basic fire protection. The staff also determined that Arkansas Health Department regulations required water systems to meet the Arkansas State Fire Code. Armed with these concerns and findings, the Executive Committee began seriously to express concern about additional funding for rural systems.

Calling it "a good start," Young delighted the Executive Committee with his proposal in August. After the meeting, attorneys from the league and from the NRC worked out details of the agreement. As it stands the NRC will "... conduct project review and lending in a way that will ensure good development in growth areas."

Specifically, the NRC will certify whether the project is within the territorial jurisdiction of a municipal-

ity. If it is, the applicant must comply with the minimum design standards for water improvements that apply to the project area on the date of application. Compliance includes, but is not limited to, fire flow.

The NRC verified the agreement in a letter dated

Sept. 15, 2008. With receipt of that letter, the League believes that a major change has occurred in the orderly growth and development of The Natural State and the cities that make it great.



June 30, 2008

Dear Blue Ribbon Committee members:

The Arkansas Municipal League has been asked to present questions to the Natural Resources Commission's Blue Ribbon Committee regarding our position on the proposed, new \$300,000,000 bond authority to be considered at a statewide election in November. The League's 74th annual convention deferred taking a position on the matter due to our inability to obtain specifics from the Natural Resources Commission as to how the money will be spent.

The League did adopt a position relevant to the matter, which will be contained in our statement of 2008-2009 Policies and Goals. The section reads:

#### CLEAN, SAFE, PROSPEROUS MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NATURAL STATE

Arkansas must use its limited resources in the most efficient manner possible in order to achieve clean, safe and prosperous cities and towns. Preserving our beautiful natural areas where we have some of the best hunting and fishing in the world, supporting our thriving tourism industry, encouraging a strong agricultural economy and maintaining relatively low taxes are important goals for the future of Arkansas. To maintain this quality of life with low taxes we must allocate our resources very carefully and recognize that city living and country living are different. Supporting rural growth by providing municipal services into unincorporated areas dilutes the quality of municipal services while at the same time encroaches on our state's natural areas, which more properly can be utilized by farmers, sports enthusiasts, tourists and naturalists. The Arkansas Municipal League will oppose legislation and programs which (1) encourage or finance urbanization of unincorporated areas, (2) unnecessarily infringe on the natural state of our country side, and (3) dilute the efficiency of municipal services for the cities and towns. The citizens of Arkansas deserve to have clean, safe, prosperous municipalities in which to reside and do business, while at the same time living in the "natural state."

1. Would the \$300,000,000 of new funds be utilized to do any of the following:
  - A. Encourage or finance urbanization of unincorporated areas?
  - B. Unnecessarily infringe on the natural state of our countryside?
  - C. Dilute the efficiency of municipal services for the cities and towns?
2. Would deference be given to the five mile planning jurisdictions around existing municipalities so as to prevent a rural water system from surrounding an existing municipality, thereby, inhibiting the growth of that municipality or requiring the retirement of rural water indebtedness before those customers can be served with water from that municipality?
3. Would existing cities and towns be given priority for any request to extend water lines into areas within a municipality's planning jurisdiction?
4. How much, if any, of the \$300,000,000 would be used to repair or replace existing water or wastewater lines as opposed to building new lines?
5. How much of the money, if any, would be used to install new waterlines of four inches or less in diameter?

These are the types of issues that have municipal officials concerned when trying to determine a position on the proposed bond authority. Your assistance with providing clear and specific answers on these matters would be very helpful.

We appreciate your request for questions. Your answers will assist our governing body in formulating our position at its August meeting. If representatives of the Blue Ribbon Committee or NRC would like to meet with League officers or representatives prior to that date, please let me know and I will try to arrange a meeting.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Don A. Zimmerman  
Executive Director  
Arkansas Municipal League



July 28, 2008

Re: Questions regarding proposed new \$300 million Bond Authority

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Thank you for your June 30, 2008, letter with questions regarding the state general obligation water bond authority that will be on November's ballot. After discussion with members of the Blue Ribbon Committee, we believe that I, as Director of Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, can better reply to your request for information. The bond proceeds will be used to finance a variety of water-related projects. Water and wastewater projects are only one area covered by this program. Some of the other types of projects eligible for funding include solid waste facilities, recycling facilities, wetlands protection and development, flood control, and irrigation projects.

In response to your first question, it is not the Commission's intent to encourage or finance urbanization of unincorporated areas, unnecessarily infringe on the natural state of our countryside, or dilute the efficiency of municipal services for cities and towns. Our intent is to improve the health of Arkansans, to protect our environment by providing for the proper collection and disposal of waste, and when consistent with the prior statements to assist in providing water resources for economic benefit to the state and its citizens.

The issue of municipal planning addressed in questions two and three involves two processes that the Commission oversees: certification of proposed projects under the Arkansas Water Plan and the financing of water infrastructure projects.

Question two asks whether the Commission will finance a proposed water project within a city's territorial jurisdiction that is not opposed by the city. The Commission will not finance such a project if the municipality has on file with the Commission either a project to serve the area or a water system master plan. All public water projects must obtain state certification through the Commission under the Arkansas Water Plan. Municipalities can protect planned growth areas through Commission approval of their water system plans. The existence of an approved master plan within a city's planning area will prevent other entities from obtaining Water Plan Compliance approval for projects that would encroach on the area.

In question three, you ask whether the Commission will give priority to requests by municipalities to extend water service within their territorial jurisdiction. Certainly, under both the Arkansas Water Plan approval process and our lending programs, municipalities have the ability to finance, operate, and maintain water projects. Where they have actively planned to grow into their territorial jurisdiction, the Commission will be more inclined to approve and lend money for municipal projects.

In your fourth and fifth questions, you ask how bond proceeds will be spent. It is difficult to answer these questions since the bonding authority will be used over several years and a great variety of potential projects will be presented to the Commission during that time. Historically, the Commission has not allocated bond proceeds to specific types of projects.

Question four asks how much of the bond proceeds will be spent to repair or replace existing water and wastewater lines as opposed to installing new lines. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determined the total wastewater needs for Arkansas to be \$408 million (in 2004 dollars). Of that amount \$155 million was for wastewater treatment and \$68 million for sewer line rehabilitation. EPA determined that water systems in Arkansas will need \$3.5 billion dollars (in 2003 dollars) for improvements in the next 20 years. Of that amount \$1.1 billion will be for water treatment and storage and \$156 million will be for new water sources. About \$2.3 billion will be needed for transmission and distribution improvements, including both new distribution and rehabilitation of the existing distribution system.

Based upon the state's needs, it would seem reasonable to assume a large portion of the bond proceeds will be used to rehabilitate and replace aging water and wastewater infrastructure.

Your fifth question is how much of the bond proceeds will finance new water lines of four inches or less in diameter. ANRC has been committed to providing the citizens of Arkansas with a safe, clean and dependable

water supply and the public health benefits derived from that effort. When practicable and economically viable, the Commission encourages the utilization of larger water lines. The Commission understands the benefits of fire protection and long-term planning, but many of the projects financed will be rural areas without safe drinking water. Large size lines in these instances are not viable. It would be analogous to telling someone they can't have a paved road because we only build interstate highways.

A portion of the funds will be used to fund four inch or smaller water lines. A portion of the funds will be used to build water lines larger than four inches. A portion of the funds will be used to construct wells and build water treatment facilities. It is the desire of the Commission to maximize the quality of life for Arkansans by maximizing the benefits of the state's water resources. The Commission's financing programs benefit all Arkansans, rural and urban alike. Municipalities from Louann to Little Rock benefit daily from assistance provided by the Commission.

I hope these answers will allow the Arkansas Municipal League to better understand how this program has been used and how it will be used in the future. This program has greatly benefited Arkansas's municipalities. The Municipal League's support of this Bond Authorization would seem to us to be a natural continuation of the League's goal for the orderly and environmentally friendly development of Arkansas. Its approval by the voters would allow the Commission to assist municipalities in becoming cleaner, safer and more prosperous places to live.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

J. Randy Young, P.E.  
Executive Director  
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

September 15, 2008

Dear Mr. Zimmerman,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with the Municipal League recently regarding Referred Question No. 1, the issuance of \$300 million in general obligation bonds to finance water, wastewater, and related projects.

The Natural Resources Commission understands the Municipal League's concerns with state financing of non-municipal water systems within municipal planning jurisdictions. To address this issue, the Commission will conduct project review and lending in a way that will ensure good development in growth areas.

Stated specifically, when reviewing projects for compliance with the Arkansas Water Plan and when considering applications for state financial assistance, the Commission and its staff (hereinafter "Commission") will require each applicant to certify:

- a. whether the project is within the territorial jurisdiction of a city or town (hereinafter "municipality") other than the applicant's if a municipality ("territorial jurisdiction" being defined by the municipality by the authority granted by Arkansas law including but not limited to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-56-4113); and
- b. that the project will comply with the minimum design standards, for water improvements that apply to the project area on the date of the application including but not limited to fire flow.

I look forward to working with Arkansas's cities and towns to assist them in building, maintaining, and improving their water and wastewater infrastructure using this additional bonding authority.

Sincerely,  
J. Randy Young, P.E.  
Executive Director  
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission



# Seminar covers League positions on November ballot proposals, finances and legislative agenda

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

**B**allot initiatives facing Arkansas voters on Nov. 4, municipal finances and the League's legislative agenda were the focal points of an Oct. 9 seminar held at League headquarters in North Little Rock.

With the global economy facing serious challenges, League Executive Director Don Zimmerman assured the city and town leaders in attendance that League finances will remain strong.

basis to cover operational costs and is therefore not at risk, Zimmerman said.

## Yes to Referred Question No. 1

After reaching a landmark agreement with the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (NRC), the League is supporting the Referred Question No. 1 on the Nov. 4 ballot, the Arkansas Water, Waste Disposal and Pollution Abatement Facilities Financing Act of 2007.

In the past, the NRC's financing of rural water projects in cities' five-mile planning zones has limited their ability to grow in an orderly fashion and has compromised the safety of development in those areas, particularly when it came to providing water lines that met the requirements of the state fire code.



PHOTOS BY ANDREW MORGAN, LEAGUE STAFF

Ninety-two city and town leaders from across Arkansas gathered at League headquarters Oct. 9 to tackle city finance issues and discuss legislation affecting municipalities.

"The League is not a house of cards," Zimmerman said. "You can count on the League; the League is going to weather this."

Some invested reserve money may fluctuate with the markets, but the League works on a solid, cash



Mayor of Lake Village and League President JoAnne Bush, left, introduces NRC Director Randy Young. Young has pledged to work with cities to eliminate clashes over water at their borders.



"Our legislature works much better than most other states'" was one of Zimmerman's arguments against Amendment 2's annual legislative sessions.

The recent agreement between the League and the NRC should eliminate those concerns (see related story on page 8). In a welcome change of policy, NRC Director Randy Young has pledged to respect and protect cities' five-mile planning jurisdiction when considering future water projects funded with the \$300 million bond on the November ballot.

"I'm excited about the changes the Commission is going to be making," Young told the seminar attendees. "It's a win-win situation."

Making sure projects in planning zones are up to code may cost more up front, he said, but in the long run the savings will be substantial.

### **Yes to proposed Amendment No. 1**

The League supports Amendment No. 1, which amends various portions of the Arkansas Constitution concerning voting and elections. The amendment will clarify the law, the League believes, and will remove unnecessary references to "idiots" and "insane persons."

### **No to proposed Amendment No. 2**

The League stands against proposed Amendment No. 2, which would require the General Assembly to meet in fiscal session during even-numbered years, essentially creating annual legislative sessions

as opposed to the current biennial sessions. Of all this year's ballot initiatives, Amendment No. 2 is probably getting the least attention, League Assistant Director Ken Wasson said.

"That concerns us as an organization."

Although the off-year sessions would be limited to 30 days, a two-thirds vote could extend the sessions and expand what issues the legislature could cover during the sessions.

The League agrees with State Sen. Kim Hendren—who spoke out against the proposal at the League's 74th Convention in June—that the amendment goes against the idea of a "citizen legislature," a legislature of representatives who spend most of their time working at home among their constituents. The result of annual sessions would mean even less public trust in an already cynical public.

"We've got a system that's not broken," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said the proposed amendment is "a sleeper" and therefore dangerous. He encouraged city leaders to spread the word: "Amendment 2 would not be good for Arkansas."

### **Legislative agenda has League playing defense**

The League has fought hard and very successfully over the years to make sure Arkansas laws are in the best interest of its cities and towns.

"We spend most of our time on defense," Wasson said, adding that annual sessions, if passed by voters, would give the League even more to defend.

The League's proposed legislation for the 87th Arkansas General Assembly, which convenes Jan. 12, 2009, includes an array of proposals, including acts concerning district courts' territorial jurisdiction, annual mayoral report requirements, promotion and development of city parks, and an act repealing outdated sections of the code dealing with "Y2K" computer issues.

"None of these are 'have-to-have' bills," Zimmerman said. "The really important laws are already on the books thanks to our good legislative process. Amendment 2 would drastically change our process and is not in our state's best interest."

Arkansas's two-year budgeting process and revenue stabilization law is envied by other states, Zimmerman said.

Proposed Legislation for the 2009 Arkansas General Assembly is available from the League. Call 501-374-3484 to request a copy.





# FAIR committee confronts city finances, intergovernmental relations

Global rating scales and the need for strengthening our intergovernmental partnerships were among discussion topics at the National League of Cities' Finance, Administration, and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Steering Committee meeting.

By JoAnne Bush, League president

**AURORA, COLO.**—The National League of Cities' FAIR steering committee met Sept. 11-13 to research and discuss priority policy topics and finalize policy amendments and resolutions for 2009. Many issues affecting municipalities nationwide have come to the forefront, including global rating scales, issuing letters of credit and the home foreclosure crisis.

## Cities filing for bankruptcy

In Vallejo, Calif., the bankruptcy judge ruled in favor of supporting the city's decision to file for bankruptcy, a unique situation for California. This is not the first time for a bankruptcy proceeding; usually the decision to file is caused by an inverse condemnation lawsuit such as what happened in Orange County, Calif., where bad investments caused the area to file for bankruptcy.

Vallejo's situation serves as a cautionary tale of what cities should not do. Vallejo was one of 25 charter cities to first adopt binding arbitration. Binding arbitration covers compensation and minimum staffing levels. It created problems in the city as they tried to balance their budget. They tried to reduce fire department staff, but were restricted by binding arbitration. The city also neglected to address their financial situation. While they experienced growth in recent years, the downturn in the housing markets, loss of construction jobs, loss in property taxes and overall unfavorable economic conditions highlighted the fact that they were not well prepared to handle swings in economy.

In Vallejo, filing for bankruptcy was a tactic to vacate current financial obligations, including negotiations of wages, compensation and staffing levels. A substantial part of the general fund is public safety for municipalities—upwards of 80 percent. However, this may not be a true indicator of what cities are spending, as other services such as park maintenance could be contracted out.

There is concern from the constituency about the fact that property crimes investigation is currently not

being funded or even provided. Foreclosures and a lack of work opportunities are also contributing factors.

Most cities in California, however, are facing an economic crisis right now. The state is looking at a tax increase, if they can reach an agreement on the state budget. Tax increases must go to voters and require a two-thirds vote if earmarked. In Vallejo, a citizen group formed to amend the city charter to delete binding arbitration contracts. There is currently no movement on it, but that may change in 2009.

## GASB update

Brian Murphy, NLC representative to GASB, provided an update on the latest issues surrounding GASB. Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEAs) is an issue that NLC, with input from the FAIR committee, and in collaboration with other state and local organizations, has been actively working against. The perceived implication is that while GASB has stated that SEAs are just a guideline by which local governments could set their own performance measure standards, it will inevitably become required.

Murphy reported that GASB has stated in revisions and clarified that its role is not and will not be to establish standards for performance reporting. To the extent that work is done by GASB on this issue, it will be to pursue voluntary suggested guidance.

GASB would like to hear from cities on this issue. The deadline for written comments is Oct. 31. There will also be a hearing at the NLC conference on Nov. 14 in Orlando. The deadline to notify GASB of an intention to participate in the hearing is Oct. 31. Members are encouraged to participate in the hearing to share local perspectives on SEAs and how they would affect their communities.

## 2009 policy amendments and resolutions

The committee approved nine resolutions for 2009, including three new resolutions on the Municipi-

pal Bond Fairness Act, the need for an intergovernmental partnership, and continued funding for the 2010 Census. The committee directed staff to address the following issues with a few of the resolutions:

- Clarify the bill language in the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act and edit resolution language as needed.
- Make the resolution entitled "Local Government Opposition to Requirements for State Collection and Administration of Local Telecommunications Taxes in Federal Legislation on Streamlined Sales and Use Tax" the first resolution as listed for 2009.
- Consider the need for a resolution on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruling to deny local government's request for relief from federal rule that preempts local government control in the video franchise process. Staff will determine the need for this and update the committee accordingly before the Congress of Cities.

### **Intergovernmental policy brief**

The committee reviewed a policy brief on intergovernmental partnerships. There were many interesting topics for discussion, but the topic that I think we should work very aggressively toward is building back our intergovernmental partnerships. This policy brief, in addition to a variety of others, including housing finance, public safety, sustainability, infrastructure, poverty reduction and healthcare, will serve as NLC's formal policy positions on these issues for both presidential candidates' transition teams

The NLC has published a draft entitled "Policy Brief: Governments Working Together." This draft speaks to the problem of "an unraveling intergovernmental partnership." With localities struggling to meet increasing needs in several areas, and with cities and towns facing fiscal problems resulting directly from state and federal policies, the time is right for a broader national discussion of how to strengthen the intergovernmental partnership. To accomplish this task, NLC recommends the following:

1. Conduct a summit of local, state, and federal leaders to discuss our intergovernmental relationship, the principles and practices of federalism, and the steps we take to ensure an effective partnership on behalf of the American people.
2. Create a permanent venue that:
  - a. Is comprised of representatives of local,

state, and federal leaders, as well as private citizens.

- b. Fosters improved relations, consensus-building, and generation of policy solutions among local, state and federal leaders.
  - c. Provides quality and timely information, data and analysis about the health of the intergovernmental system, including an annual report to the President and the Congress on the status of the intergovernmental system. The report should include a discussion of the prospective consequences of new revenue and spending proposals as well as recently enacted changes affecting all levels of government, including accounting for preemptions and unfunded mandates.
3. Amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) to include the intergovernmental fiscal effects of federal law changes, such as mandates. This would permit members of Congress to raise a point of order if the covered mandates exceed certain cost thresholds. At the same time, the fiscal cost thresholds should be lowered to facilitate the same level of scrutiny about potential federal actions that previously were excluded from the provisions of UMRA.

NLC Past President John DeStefano of New Haven, Conn., put it well when he stated, "The intergovernmental system provides a window into American values. This is really about what we want America to be and what we want for our nation. And what is the role of government in getting us there? We need to come together at all levels to answer these questions so that we can build a better, stronger nation."

Our next FAIR Steering Committee meeting will be Nov. 12 in Orlando, Fla., at NLC's Congress of Cities. The committee will present policy amendments and resolutions to the full policy and advocacy committee. I look forward to presenting future updates. Please contact me at 870-265-2228 if you have questions.



*JoAnne Bush is Mayor of Lake Village, President of the Arkansas Municipal League and a member of the FAIR Steering Committee.*





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# ADEQ eases asbestos rules for nuisance abatement demolitions

By Carol Billings, guest writer

When a house is allowed to deteriorate to the point it becomes dilapidated, unsightly, unsafe or unsanitary, not only does it become detrimental to the public health and welfare by harboring rats, weeds and other obnoxious ills, it becomes a public safety issue for a city. Thieves, drug dealers and criminals of all sorts quickly seize upon the location as a place to hide out, stash their wares, do their evil, sell their drugs and congregate. They invade the peace, quiet and safety of your neighborhoods. Soon they are breaking into your house, stealing your lawnmower, weed eater, car, air conditioner, wiring and anything else they lay their eyes on. It brings the whole block down as virulently as a malignant cancer. The home you've lived in all your life suddenly devalues and you actually fear for your safety and that of your loved ones. Then it spreads.

Once upon a time, a city could declare that troubled house a nuisance, burn it down, dig a hole and shove it in. Then came asbestos laws<sup>1</sup>. Getting rid of that house suddenly became a costly and complicated issue. There were a slew of forms to fill out, people to notify, reams of rules and regulations to follow, surveys to be done and licensed asbestos contractors to be hired. The cost for ridding the neighborhood of that house went from \$200-300 to \$2,500-\$3,000 or more per house. The number of houses cities could afford to tear down went from 200-300 a year down to 20-40 a year.

Last legislative session, a group of concerned city officials, employees and the Arkansas Municipal League decided to tackle the problem head on. Legislation supported by the Executive Committee of the League was headed to committees on the hill when Gov. Mike Beebe and his new head of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Teresa Marks, agreed to look at the interpretation being given the state's version of the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) regulations. The legislation was pulled to give ADEQ an opportunity to correct the problem.

They have done so.

After many months of discussions with federal officials, the ADEQ recently issued a new "Memorandum of Clarification" (see sidebar for full text of the memorandum) of the asbestos rules for cities tearing down houses for public safety reasons<sup>2</sup>. That memorandum, in short, allows cities to tear down one nuisance house<sup>3</sup> per city block per year without having to comply with the asbestos rules. Yes! Thank you, ADEQ.

No longer do you even have to file a Notice of Intent on that house to demolish it<sup>4</sup>. Just do it. The relief could not come at a better time for Arkansas cities. Careful planning can now ease the cost to cities of trying to keep their residents safe and their communities and neighborhoods clean.

Many cities condemn multiple houses at a time (because it costs so much to run the legal advertising required). This practice has sometimes been confused as being a "project" under the asbestos rule definitions when they were nothing more than a conglomeration of houses throughout a city that had fallen into bad decay and now constitute a nuisance. This way of doing business by cities should no longer be a problem. However, ADEQ asks that your city forward each nuisance declaration to them so that they can plot it on their graphical interface map to make sure that your city does not exceed the one house per block per year rule<sup>5</sup>. Violating the rule could cost your city a very hefty fine and bring the Environmental Protection Agency down on our state enforcement agency, ADEQ. Therefore, cities will need to do their own plotting and mapping, too, to assure that they do not violate the one-house rule<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Municipalities are subject to the requirements of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, Regulation Number 21, the Asbestos Abatement Regulation, as are businesses and county and state governments.

<sup>2</sup> Take care that you do not use urban renewal funds to tear these houses down, as it will kick you back under the asbestos rules.

# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CLARIFICATION MEMORANDUM (2008-02)

From: Teresa Marks, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Date: August 2008

Subject: Nuisance Abatement Demolitions

"Nuisance Abatement Demolitions" are demolitions or renovations of residential homes which are demolished or renovated by a local government (or its agent) for reasons of public health, welfare or safety. Regardless of the applicability of Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation 21, local governments are encouraged to conduct asbestos surveys, prior to nuisance abatement demolition activities, using certified asbestos personnel, either under direct employment of the local government or a contractor. ADEQ has determined that nuisance abatement demolitions are not subject to the provisions of APC&EC Regulation 21, within the conditions as outlined below.

1. The demolition/renovation is a small residential building and is not within a city block or similar small compact area of another nuisance abatement demolition conducted by the local government or its agent within the past 12 months. The local government should notify the Department prior to conducting nuisance abatement demolitions. Notifications may be accomplished on an individual basis or in groups of locations. Such notifications should include the address of the demolition and the (approximate) date for each planned nuisance abatement demolition.
2. The demolition is not:
  - a. A commercial project
  - b. Part of an urban renewal project
  - c. A highway construction project
  - d. A project to develop a shopping mall
  - e. A project to develop an industrial facility; or
  - f. Other private development project
3. The demolition does not involve a residential building which was used for commercial purposes or a loft with a storefront (e.g. a business sign is located outside the building indicating the building or loft is used for commercial purposes and invites the public to enter.)
4. The demolition does not involve a small residential building which is used to store farm supplies.
5. Nuisance abatement demolition debris is disposed of in accordance with the requirements of APC&EC Regulation No. 22.
6. Nuisance abatement demolition is not conducted by open burning [See also APC&EC Regulation No. 18, Chapter 6].

NOTE: Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 61.19 forbids owners and operators from attempting to circumvent any National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) by carrying out an operation in a piecemeal fashion to avoid coverage by a standard that applies to operations larger than a specified size.

- <sup>3</sup> This exemption from the rules only applies to residential houses or homes, but not to a house or home with a commercial component in it, or that has had a commercial component in it, such as a beauty parlor. It also does not include a small residential building that has been used to store farm supplies.
- <sup>4</sup> A second house, however, on the same block within a year for any reason, will invoke the notice rules and the asbestos rules.
- <sup>5</sup> The newly restated requirements basically place the municipality on a comparative basis as a home owner. Just like the home owner, no asbestos survey or abatement is required, nor is the municipality required to remove all friable asbestos-containing material. Pursuant to the federal regulation and the state regulation, friable as-

- bestos-containing material is asbestos-containing material that when dry crumbles under hand-pressure. Although the municipality is now not responsible for providing ADEQ with a Notice of Intent (NOI) that will contain an address and approximate date of each planned nuisance abatement demolition, several municipalities want to work with the ADEQ and voluntarily provide notices of when the demolitions occur.
- <sup>6</sup> Disposal of debris is still regulated to the extent that it must be taken to a certified landfill and not just buried somewhere or burned in accordance with the requirements of ADEQ Regulation 22. Landfills must receive prior notice that the debris could contain asbestos.

*Carol Billings is city attorney at Pine Bluff.*





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# War brought Fort Smith, Cisterna together

Sherman Banks, former president of Sister Cities International, explores how a devastating World War II battle ultimately brought Fort Smith and Cisterna, Italy, together as he continues his ongoing series highlighting Arkansas's Sister Cities participants.

By Sherman Banks, guest writer

As you cross the I-540 bridge into Fort Smith, the first sign you see reads "Fort Smith, Population 71, 626, Sister City to Cisterna, Italy." With a population of just under 35,000, Cisterna is a community in the province of Latina in the region of Lazio in central Italy. In 1944, the town was the theater for the historic World War II "Battle of Cisterna." William O. Darby, a Fort Smith native, commanded the United States Army in that battle.

On Jan. 30-31, 1944, two Ranger Battalions were assigned to infiltrate behind enemy lines during the night, to take the town and hold it until a 3rd Ranger Division could arrive. Unfortunately, when the 3rd Division reached Cisterna, they discovered that both the 1st and 2nd Battalions had been completely destroyed.

The town of Cisterna has never forgotten this episode, which stands out as a symbol of the destructive fury of war. The battle helped to forge the bonds of friendship with the survivors of that battle and their relatives. In memory of the battle, Cisterna and Fort Smith (the birthplace of Brigadier General Darby, who lost his life in Po Valley, Italy, on April 24, 1945) signed a sister city agreement on Sept. 14, 1984.

Emery Dockery has been one of the spokespersons on behalf of the city of Fort Smith to the city of Cisterna. He has been integrally involved in both sending delegations from Fort Smith to Cisterna and in receiving official delegations from Cisterna in Fort Smith. Dockery is also the director of the Darby Foundation in Fort Smith.

Efforts to initiate the sister city relationship began

in the fall of 1982 when the mayor of Cisterna hosted a large delegation of Rangers and the relatives of those who had given their lives on the "Ranger Tour of Honor." The tour ended with Cisterna immortalizing the historic gathering by naming a small country road where Ranger Battalion's most fierce fighting took place in honor of the Rangers.

It was also during this memorable ceremony in September 1982 that Cisterna's mayor launched the idea of seeking a sister city relationship with an American town with which they had some historical ties. James Altieri of the Rangers' Veterans Association took the invitation to Fort Smith. William D. Vines, then mayor of Fort Smith, sent a letter in 1983 accepting the invitation.

The Fort Smith-Cisterna relationship clearly demonstrates that sister cities can be created for reasons other than economic and tourism development. However, as a sister city relationship grows, both economic and tourism development inevitably come into play.

As you walk or drive through Fort Smith, you will see what has been inspired by the city's relationship with Cisterna—Cisterna Park, an apartment complex named for Cisterna, and a beautiful fountain in the city center, also named for Cisterna. The sister city relationship between Fort Smith and Cisterna epitomizes what Sister Cities International is all about. It also epitomizes the dream of President Eisenhower that out of the tragedies of war, you can create peace through one individual, one city or one town at a time.





## Rural Water Association honors Smackover's Willett



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Smackover Recorder/Treasurer Carolyn Willett was recently chosen as the Office Manager of the Year at Arkansas Rural Water Association's 31st Annual Technical Conference held in Hot Springs.

The Rural Water Association provides free technical assistance and training to water and wastewater systems throughout Arkansas. Willett has for 23 years held an active Arkansas Class II Water Distribution License, which is important for someone dealing with the daily activities of water and wastewater issues. She has been with the city of Smackover for 30 years beginning as an administrative assistant and has been an elected official since 1981. Willett has served as the president of the Arkansas City Clerks, Records and Treasurers Association and on the League's advisory council and executive committee.

## Springdale construction worker donates \$100,000 to city

Springdale recently received an unexpected gift when a local construction worker gave the city \$100,000, *The Morning News* has reported.

David Snopko, 57, asked that the money be divided among the police, fire and building inspection departments and the animal shelter. Snopko walked into the City Administration Building saying he had money to donate, said Laura Favorite, the city treasurer.

"It was hard to believe," Favorite said, "but he seemed so sincere."

The money came from the estate of Snopko's father. Before his death, the family decided to give away \$1 million. Snopko was responsible for giving away \$100,000.

"I like living in Springdale," he said, "and thought I might give it to the city."



PHOTO BY ZAC LEHR, THE MORNING NEWS

Snopko, left, with his fiancée and their son, will continue to live in the trailer he bought for \$7,000 until his father's estate is settled. "I don't see myself living in a mansion," Snopko said, "but I'd like a house with a patio, a pool and a barbecue. Maybe some room for horses."

Snopko wanted to let the city decide where the money would go, but Favorite asked him to decide. His decisions:

- \$50,000 to the police department. "They leave you alone if you aren't doing anything," Snopko said.
- \$30,000 to the fire department. "They did a great job when my travel trailer burned."
- \$10,000 to the building inspection department. "I work with their inspectors and I have a friend who works there," he said.

The donation didn't leave his father's estate broke, Snopko said. His father left investments scattered from Nevada to Washington to Hawaii. David Snopko went his own way instead of working for his father, he said. He

(see **BRIEFS**, page 44)



# Nov. 1 deadline to implement federal identity theft prevention program

**D**oes your city or utility department take money from citizens for services to be rendered? Does your city or utility department store or maintain personal information of your citizens/customers? If so, you will need to have an Identity Theft Protection Program (ITPP) in place by Nov. 1.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has announced that the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACTA) applies to municipal utilities as well as other municipal services where personal information of citizens has been maintained by the city for services to be rendered in the future. As a result, the FTC has instituted regulations requiring creditors such as municipal utilities to analyze their record-keeping systems and to

assess any potential for identify theft. Further, the FTC is requiring municipal governments that are creditors to pass an ITTP after having done a thorough assessment. Thus, your ITTP must be in place by Nov. 1.

The good news is that the Arkansas Municipal League has developed an assessment outline and ITTP check list that is streamlined and easy to use, and the League has a sample policy available for your use. All of these forms are available on the League's Web site, [www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org), and can also be delivered by email, fax or regular mail by calling Cathy Moran at 501-374-3484, Ext. 214. All questions regarding the legal requirements of FACTA, as well as the League's policy should be directed to Mark R. Hayes, League general counsel, at 501-978-6102.

## Timeline for Implementing the Identity Theft Prevention Program

### ***Before November 1***

1. Governing Body—[or Mayor, City Manager, or City Administrator; with Council or Board Ratification] Forms Oversight Committee  
Appoints Senior Staff to develop, implement and comply with program requirements
2. Complete Operational Evaluation/Assessment (Available on AML Web site)
3. Identify Red Flag events that could occur based on current operations for intake and management of customer information
4. Revise or Develop policies and procedures to establish an Identity Theft Prevention Program (ITPP). (Sample policies available on AML Web site)  
You may incorporate the required elements of the Act—specifically, the Operational Evaluation, potential Red Flag events and staff training, semi-annual review and annual report—into already existing information security policies and procedures
5. Governing Body approves the ITTP
6. Train identified, key personnel
7. Implement the program

### ***After November 1***

1. Operate the Program

### ***On or about May (or 6 months after ITPP has been approved)***

2. Conduct a mid-year review of the Program's Operations
  - a. Conduct an Incident Review of all Red Flag events that occurred during the previous six months—to preventive measures taken

### ***On or about November 1, 2009***

3. Conduct a mid-year review of the Program's operations
  - a. Conduct an Incident Review of all Red Flag events that occurred during the previous six months—to include actions taken immediately, actions taken to limit customer exposure, and other preventive measures taken
4. Write the Annual Report to the Governing Body
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# Summaries of attorney general opinions

Recent opinions that affect municipal government in Arkansas

From the Office of Attorney General Dustin McDaniel

## Act 863 of 2008 applies to Beaver Water District

Opinion: 2008-116

Requestor: Edwards, Marilyn—State Representative

Do the provisions of Act 863 of 2007, amending ACA 14-116-301 as to water districts comprised of less than four (4) counties, apply to water districts that were created and operating prior to enactment of said Act, specifically, Beaver Water District? Q2) What does “retail” mean in the context of said Act? Q3) Would “retail” include only the four major cities as set out above, or would it include other smaller cities that purchase their water from these four cities? Q4) Would “retail” include smaller cities or other water entities that purchase water from Two Ton? Q5) What is meant by the term “other service” and how does this clause affect the answer to any of the above questions? Q6) Can this Act lawfully restrict the board membership? Q7) What is meant by the term “service area” as far as eligibility to vote in an election for a board seat is concerned? 7b) Can all voters in the entire district vote? 7c) From what source are the county clerks and/or the county election commissioners to look to determine “service areas?” 7d) Can they require the Beaver Water District to provide this information to them?

1) Yes; 2) I cannot provide a controlling definition of “retail,” but have set out some discussion of this word for your information; 3) Although I am not a finder of fact in the issuance of opinions, in my opinion the service area described in ACA 14-116-301(b) only includes the area of “retail” sales by the four major cities, who appear from your description to be the only “customers” of the district itself; 4) Again, although I am not a finder of fact, the area comprising the service area of the municipalities and other water entities supplied by Two-Ton do not appear to be within the applicable definition; 5) The word “other services” could have a very important impact on the answers above, depending upon how that term is construed. In my opinion, however, a court would construe this term as having reference only to other “retail” services; 6) The legislature has absolute power unless restricted by the Arkansas or United States Constitutions; 7) In response to the first part of this multi-part question, I can refer you to the language of ACA 14-116-301(b)(1) and (2). In response to the latter parts of this question, consultation with local counsel, the affected water districts and the Secretary of State’s Office is advisable.

## Several statutes affect mayor’s expanded job, salary

Opinion: 2008-132

Requestor: Steele, Tracy—State Senator

Does passage of Little Rock’s Budget Ordinance for 2008 (Ord. # 19,761), setting compensation for the mayor and board of directors, including any applicable raises, satisfy the “ordinance authorization” requirements contained in ACA 14-61-110? Q2) What does the phrase “comparable to the highest ranking municipal official” mean in the setting of the salary and benefits package of the mayor? **RESPONSE:** In response to your first question, the answer in my opinion is “no.” Ordinance No. 19,898, which was passed on December 21, 2007, the City Budget Ordinance for 2008, contains an emergency clause. ACA 14-61-110 does not permit an ordinance containing an emergency clause to set the compensation for a director or mayor of a city. It is more difficult to provide a short answer to your second question regarding the salary and benefits package of the mayor. As stated in your opinion request, the mayor of Little Rock was granted expanded powers by Ordinance No. 19,761. Your request asks for an interpretation of the language pertaining to the mayor’s salary found at ACA 14-61-114(e)(3). This section refers to compensation requirements for a mayor who is given expanded power pursuant to ACA 14-61-114(e)(1) only. However, the bulk of the expanded power conferred on the mayor by Ordinance No. 19,761 appears to have been conferred pursuant to ACA 14-47-140(a)(1). The compensation requirements for a mayor given additional power pursuant to that section are governed by ACA 14-47-140(a)(4), which contains language slightly different than that found at 14-61-114(e)(3). Because both ACA 14-61-114(e)(3) and ACA 14-47-140(a)(4) appear to apply, the language of both sections should be construed together and applied to the mayor’s compensation package. Accordingly, I believe that the phrase “comparable to the highest ranking municipal official” in reference to the salary and benefits package of a mayor who has been given expanded powers pursuant to both 14-61-114(e)(1) and 14-47-140(a)(4) indicates that the mayor should be compensated in a manner that is similar, but not necessarily identical, to other municipal officials and employees with a high level of responsibility.



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# Parking lots: Time for a new look?

The convenience of huge parking lots is not worth the price we pay or the damage to the environment.

By Jim vonTungeln

Few things on earth dominate our waking life as much as the common parking space. Each year Americans spend millions of gallons of gas while cruising to find one. At the same time we spew a commensurate amount of pollutants into the air to strangle an already friable planet.

Parking claims first priority in the design of any building or the plan of any city. It rules our life with the heartlessness of a petty dictator. And yet we worship it beyond all reason and demand that it be provided to us at no cost.

Until recently, that is. A combination of forces of late is causing us to reconsider whether so much free parking is really needed. These forces begin with the sheer cost of providing and maintaining so much asphalt. They also include aesthetics, an emphasis on sustainability and the fact that automobiles may lose some stature when gas costs seven or eight dollars a gallon.

In looking at the nature of parking facilities, we already know the one benefit: They provide us a place to store a vehicle while we do something. If we are lucky, a space is close enough that we don't have to walk far to do whatever it is we want to do. This sums up the benefits.

On the other side, parking facilities:

1. Offer us nothing to ennoble the urban fabric except a sea of asphalt;
2. Produce a huge amount of heat that contributes both to our discomfort and to global warming;
3. Discharge a sea of pollutants into our drainage basins;
4. Prevent the natural purification of groundwater;

5. Can cost more than the structure(s) they serve;
6. Consume land previously occupied by useful and, often, beautiful, structures; and
7. Deplete our natural environment.

Considered from this perspective, they begin to lose some of their magic. As I say, some experts are beginning to view the concept of unlimited free parking with a more critical eye. The soon-to-become seminal work in this area is Donald Shoup's book, *The High Cost of Free Parking* (American Planning Association; Planners Press, Chicago, 2005). This work provides much of the background for this column as well as follow-up work in the coming months.

Shoup argues that providing free parking might be compared with providing unlimited free pizza or phone service. Imagine the waste and gluttony that would result. Shoup makes a compelling case that this has occurred with our passion for free parking.

For now, let us consider some issues that should concern municipal officials. The first deals with the vast amount of unused parking lots in most cities. Years of over-regulation have created entire blocks of unused asphalt parking lots. As state and federal agencies require more and more attention to storm-water management, shouldn't we consider alternate uses for some of these areas?

For example, the concept of "rain-gardens" is taking hold in progressive cities. These consist of man-made depression in the ground used to improve water quality. These landscaping tools are placed strategically to intercept water runoff. They filter runoff in the same manner



Neighboring parking lots in downtown Little Rock illustrate the impact of modest landscaping—or lack thereof.



that the natural landscape does.

In addition, removing unneeded asphalt could help reduce “heat-pods” associated with large asphalted areas. It’s hot enough in our state without help from the urban overlay.

Where rain-gardens are not feasible, landscaping requirements work toward the same goals. They are particularly needed in our downtown areas, where most parking lots are simply empty lots where proud buildings once stood. In some cases, the foundation-works still shows through the surfaces of parking lots.

If your current zoning code doesn’t require landscaping for parking lots, by all means consider an amendment. The most common requirements include perimeter landscaping plus some ratio of plantings per a given number of spaces. More progressive requirements might include landscaped berms to shield large parking lots from the view of passers-by. While you are at it, include requirements for continued maintenance.

It is just as important that we consider the number of parking spaces currently being required in our zoning codes. We will take up that topic next month with some research findings that may surprise you. In the mean-



As the lot at Little Rock’s Alltel headquarters proves, parking lots can be designed and built around the landscape.



This parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Roosevelt Road in Little Rock is far too big for the business it serves. Not only is the space wasted, it makes the city hotter and the unused asphalt pours pollutants into our streams and rivers.

time, take a ride around your city and see if you really need that much parking.



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# Insurance Department provides 'Extra Help' for Arkansas seniors

By Julie Benafield Bowman

The Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), a division within the Arkansas Insurance Department, is implementing a program entitled Extra Help, which is intended to assist certain Medicare beneficiaries with the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. The program is geared toward low-income Medicare beneficiaries who meet certain income limits. Those who qualify may receive assistance with their premium and the cost of medication. This outreach program runs from September of this year through March of 2009.

A key component of SHIIP is the development of partnerships with individuals and organizations to reach lower income individuals who may be eligible to benefit from the program. Interested organizations are potentially eligible to receive funding assistance for their efforts in the form of mini-grants, which range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. SHIIP is especially interested in working with non-traditional partners such as health clinics, pharmacies, grocery stores, service organizations, non-profit organizations, or other groups that have the means to reach lower income citizens on Medicare. A special emphasis is being placed on organizations having the capability of

reaching certain zip codes that Medicare has targeted as having the highest concentration of potentially eligible candidates not currently enrolled.

A variety of partnership levels are available, ranging from those willing to distribute educational materials to those willing to assist people in the application process. Enrollment partners are also needed to help Medicare beneficiaries compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans. SHIIP will provide the necessary training for those organizations willing to dedicate staff or volunteers to the Extra Help program. Outreach material will be provided as well.

Questions about partnership opportunities may be directed to SHIIP Director Melissa Simpson, or SHIIP Volunteer Program Director Pat Holthoff. Each may be reached by calling 1-800-224-6330 or 501-371-2782.

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# Cut back to save energy

From driving city vehicles less to limiting the number of nights you light up the local ball field, cities and towns can take small steps to save energy during these difficult economic times.

By A.E. (Al) Johnson

Everything we do in our daily life requires energy. Our bodies burn calories when we exercise. The food that provides those calories is grown on a farm with an electric irrigation pump and a diesel-fueled tractor for cultivation. The harvested product is transported to a processor that converts the product into a food source, which is then packaged and transported to the market place.

All energy sources are in competition. The original big three energy sources were coal, oil and natural gas, all of which can be converted into electricity, a secondary source of energy that can also be produced using hydro and nuclear power. We now have coming on the scene geothermal power as well as wind power, which has been used in other countries with high energy costs for many years.

With the increase in oil prices, other sources of energy have been able to tap and recover marginal supplies because the market will support a higher price.

When the cost of energy is going up rapidly, it is not possible to have a good economy. The high energy cost in manufacturing, production, and transporting overshadows improved productivity and technology resulting in higher prices.

If you have a lot of money, it is easier to save energy. All you have to do is buy more fuel efficient vehicles and equipment, add additional insulation and introduce alternate energy sources. Cities, unfortunately, don't often have a lot of extra money to spend.

What are some things that cities can do to cut their energy costs? Let's start with the street department. This first recommendation is very difficult for me to make: Forego the asphalt overlay program. Replace the overlay program with crack sealing and leave the money in your budget for next year so you can have the potential of

doubling the overlay program when prices fall.

Avoid using oversized or old, inefficient pieces of equipment. Reduce the street-side mowing area, and eliminate one mowing cycle.

Wait until after the high summer driving season to purchase bulk fuel. Consider a four-day work week during the summer and reduce the number of vehicles being driven from the shop to the job site.

Next, let's look at solid waste. Ask residents to group their trash containers in threes, and ask people in cul-de-sacs to place their containers together. Reduce the number of special pick-up days to one every two weeks.

Check your total energy costs to recycle. It may be necessary to selectively recycle until the situation improves.

If you are operating a landfill, consider opening a cell closer to your scales and shop to cut down on the haul distance.

The parks department can help save energy as well. Cut back on the amount of late night activities that require lighted fields and facilities. Cut back on the amount of grounds keeping and only maintain playing fields' fan areas and designated path ways. Consider alternating your parks and closing each location one night a week.

The police department can simply cut down the number of miles cruisers drive. These miles can be reduced in the areas that have the lowest crime rates.

Good luck in these tough economic times!



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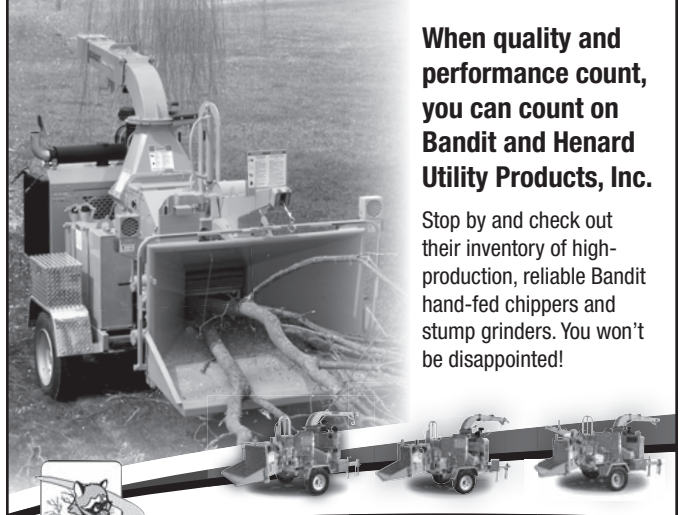
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# Is Your Community a Tree City USA?

Promoting tree care for a lifetime in your community is as easy as 1-2-3!

By John Slater

**W**hy become a Tree City USA? The reasons are numerous: Environmental awareness, climate change, energy savings, clean air, quality of life, citizen pride, financial assistance, and the list goes on and on.

## Did you know?

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, there are 3,216 communities that are currently Tree Cities.

Arkansas has 53 Tree Cities, and the number is still growing.

There are 503 communities that received a Growth Award.

Over 120 million people live in a Tree City USA.

CNNMoney.com recently named America's top 10 cities for 2008 with populations from 50,000 to 300,000.

They are:

- Plymouth, Minn. \*
- Fort Collins, Colo. \*
- Naperville, Ill. \*
- Irvine, Calif. \*
- Franklin Township, N.J. \*
- Norman, Okla. \*
- Round Rock, Texas
- Columbia/Ellicott, Md.
- Overland Park, Kan. (Overland Park "stole" Sarah Patterson from us. She was formerly the urban forester for Fayetteville, and we miss her and her dedication to her work in our area.) \*
- Fishers, Ind.

\* denotes Tree City USA

Take note that seven out of 10 of these cities are Tree Cities USA, and I would not be surprised if the remain-



Hot Springs' tree-lined parks near Central Avenue add to the beauty and overall quality of life in this Tree City USA.



## Obituaries

**J.C. Babbs**, former Cotton Plant alderman, died Oct. 7.

**Leonard Hill**, 83, a Paragould city councilmember from 1980 to 1988, died Sept. 25.

**Glen Walden**, a Ward alderman since 1995 and a League Advisory Council member for nine years, died Sept. 10.

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ing cities are working toward the Tree City designation.

Do you see a pattern? Protecting and growing trees is important to these top 10 communities. Whatever the size of your community, now is the time to start a tree management program.

How can your community become a Tree City USA?

There are four standards a community must meet to become a Tree City USA. With a little help from us, it's not the daunting task that it may seem. Remember, we are just a phone call away; we can visit your community and help you through each step.

### The four standards of Tree City USA

1. A tree board or department (or both)
2. A public tree care ordinance (parks, trails, downtowns, etc.)
3. A community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita
4. An Arbor Day ceremony and proclamation

### Step 1: Form a committee

"Many hands make light work!" The committee can be formed by a tree board, members of a beautification committee, parks department commissioners, or just a few concerned citizens.

### Step 2: Designate a tree ordinance

Use our handy ordinance template at [www.forestry.state.ar.us](http://www.forestry.state.ar.us). Get approval from your city council and mayor or county government.

### Step 3: Add up the dollars

"Per capita represents the great tree care you're already doing." Track volunteer time, meetings, tree planting and maintenance. Maintain city trees to include parks and streets. Collect leaves and wood waste to produce compost or mulch.

### Step 4: Make it official with an Arbor Day Celebration!

Host an Arbor Day ceremony—again, we're here to help—with an Arbor Day tree planting, a proclamation from the mayor or other elected official, a children's poster contest and more.

In the next several months' articles, I will take each step and break it down so all of the steps are easier to understand and to accomplish.

For more information on how your community can become a Tree City USA or how you can manage your city trees, contact Patti Erwin, Urban Forestry Coordinator at 479-442-8627, or email [patti.erwin@arkansas.gov](mailto:patti.erwin@arkansas.gov); or contact me at the number below.

### Make a Memory ... Plant a tree



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# Keep the flu at bay

Know when to administer the influenza vaccine to help keep yourself, others healthy this flu season.

By Michelle Roberts, R.N.

**W**ith more than 225,000 people hospitalized and 36,000 dead on average every year because of influenza, vaccination should ring synonymous with the annual changing of the weather for people of all ages.

Still, there are those who choose not to take preventive action, increasing the likelihood of spreading the virus and making it more prevalent among the general population. And though receiving an annual vaccination will not guarantee a flu-free season, it is the best chance at prevention you can give yourself.

## When to act

Annual flu vaccination should begin in September—or as soon as vaccine is available—and continue throughout the influenza season, into January and beyond.

Influenza outbreaks can begin as early as October, but the flu season typically peaks in January or February, sometimes later. So if you don't get vaccinated early in the fall, it's still beneficial to get one even if you've missed the initial offering in early fall. Once you've received the vaccination, it'll last throughout the season.

Children six months to nine years of age who are getting a flu vaccine for the first time will need two doses. If possible, the first dose should be given in September or as soon as vaccine becomes available, while the second dose should be given 28 or more days later. The first dose "primes" the immune system; the second dose provides immune protection.

## Does it really work?

In years when the vaccine and virus strains are "well matched," the chance of getting the flu is reduced in healthy adults by as much as 90 percent. A well-matched vaccine means that scientists have chosen a serum that mimics the strains or types of viruses that are prominently circulating among the general population in any given year. However, it will not provide protection against non-flu viruses that cause colds and other respiratory sicknesses.

And since the vaccine takes nearly two weeks to begin protecting against the flu, it won't knock out the cold or flu viruses that may already be in your body when you get a flu vaccine, sometimes giving the impression that it was the flu shot that made you sick.

## Don't like shots?

The standard vaccination uses an inactivated flu virus injected into the muscle of the upper arm. Some of the side effects can be soreness at the site of the injection, redness, low-grade fever and aches. A nasal spray using a weakened flu virus is approved for the prevention of certain types of influenza disease in children, adolescents and adults between the ages of two to 49.

Some side effects from the nasal spray can include runny nose, headache, sore throat, cough and low-grade fever. You should speak to your primary care physician to see which option is best for you.

## Spread the vaccine, not the virus

Some employers are contracting with health care providers to administer the vaccine to employees on the job. More and more businesses are seeing this as a cost-effective way to prevent lost work time due to influenza illness.

### People recommended for flu vaccination:

- Children aged between six months and 19 years
- Pregnant women
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from the flu

Source: *National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*



Michelle Roberts, R.N., is Infection Control Practitioner, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



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# Budget for the big picture

Rather than be just a list of necessary expenditures for the coming year, your city's budget should be tied directly to its vision for the future.

By Chad Gallagher

If cities could win the lottery, I know a lot of mayors who would be in line! The financial demands placed upon cities and towns, coupled with tight budgets, result in frustrating situations for municipal officials. Municipalities have a wide range of responsibilities, and these only seem to grow over the years. Cities and towns are responsible for police and fire protection, code enforcement, utility services, solid waste, economic development, infrastructure improvements, animal control, parks and recreation, planned growth and much more. City leadership must find enough funding opportunities to keep pace with new and proposed projects. This is one reason that the grant process is important. However, it is also why creating the municipal budget should be a purposeful, strategic exercise.

Every year municipalities create a budget for the next year. In its simplest form, the budget is a projection of income and plan for expenditures. Your expenditures play a pivotal role because they impact the quality of life of municipal citizens. Because it is one of the most important documents created by municipalities, the budget should become a strategic document. Since the municipal budget determines the amount of resources available to each department, budgeting usually exerts more influence on what gets done than a strategic plan. It is because the budget is such an important part of municipal government that it should be tied to a strategic plan.

Every municipality should have a governing strategic document. I like to call these documents community blueprints. They map out a future direction, what you would like to build and the desired results the community would like to see achieved. Each community blueprint should cover a wide spectrum of issues and clearly articulate the community's overall vision, values, mission and objectives. This grand scale blueprint casts a clear picture of the community's destination. In return, the budget should advance the fulfillment of this vision. Every mayor and city council can articulate what they hope to accomplish and what they would like to see transpire in the community, even if a formal process has not been conducted. While we recommend a formal process be initiated, it is fundamental that the budget be tied to these larger goals.

Many strategic plans do not achieve their goals because there is no organizational mechanism to drive the plan through the budgeting process. The strategic (bigger picture, long-term) thinking and the tactical managing (short-term, narrower picture) of the organization are disconnected. As always, the tactical is more specific, more immediate and more tangible in its urgency and its payoffs. For this reason the tactical tends to usurp the strategic. Without strong linking mechanisms between these two worlds, the strategic drifts out of focus and becomes less relevant.

Creating departmental objectives is a key to preventing your overall strategic plan from being lost. Each department should be asked to create a list of objectives, as well as a list of long-term capital improvements needed to achieve these objectives. Then the objectives should be rigorously tested. Each objective should be challenged against questions such as: Does the objective drive the overall strategic plan (mission, values, vision)? Does the department objective fit into the sum total of the plan? The key is to cause your department heads and managers to think more broadly, to consider the overall direction of the community and to cause each departmental objective to help achieve that goal. Immediately, this will begin to weed out unnecessary spending and spending that might appear good but simply does not help achieve the current goals of the community.

As you engage in the budget process with department heads, try to be succinct and to the point. Do not let the budget process own you—instead take ownership of it. Give clear instructions and help the department managers see the overall direction in which the council and mayor are leading the city.

Lastly, ask each department head to make a list of every department activity, service and responsibility. Ask them to evaluate those services against the overall community plan and to analyze if it is a core piece of business or something peripheral that the city started doing at some point. Then ask each leader to compare each activity to an alternative way of achieving the desired result.

Budgets must be built from the departments up and not from city hall down, but they must be tied to the



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HODGE, MD	TREVOR	HODGE INTERNAL MEDICINE	400 S. 16TH ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-709-7225
SAMMAN, MD	ZAKI A.	MID-SOUTH MEDICAL & CANCER CARE	7303 ROGERS AVE #401	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-452-4525
SEXTON, APN	MARGARET	THE WOMEN'S GROUP	1500 DODSON AVE #230	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-709-7490
STILES, OD	STEVEN B.	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	2401 S. WALDRON RD	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-452-2020
GATES, OD	JASON	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	15 INDUSTRIAL PARK RD	HEBER SPRINGS	AR	72543	501-362-7006
BREVING, MD	ROBERT E JR.	SURGERY SPECIALISTS OF HOT SPRINGS	1900 MALVERN AVE #302	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	501-623-9300
BURROUGHS, MD	JUDY F.	SPA CITY PATHOLOGY	801 CENTRAL #32	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71903	501-624-4547
CARE NETWORK OF HOT SPRGS.		HOME HEALTH	2212 MALVERN AVE #3	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	501-623-5656
HEINEN, MD	CHAD	VILLAGE INTERNAL MEDICINE	702 DESOTO BLVD	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71909	501-922-2217
HEINEN, MD	CHAD	HOT SPRINGS INTERNAL MED	101 MCGOWAN COURT	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-623-2781
MARTIN, MD	ADRIANE K	SURGERY SPECIALISTS OF HOT SPRINGS	1900 MALVERN AVE #302	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	501-623-9300
MURPHY, DO	ANNE	VILLAGE INTERNAL MEDICINE	702 DESOTO BLVD	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71909	501-922-2217
PEMMARAJU, MD	SESHAGIRIRAO	SPA CITY PATHOLOGY	801 CENTRAL #32	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71903	501-624-4547
VALLERY, MD	SAMUEL W.	OTOLARYNGOLOGY (ENT)	1 MERCY LANE #205	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-609-2300
COOPER, DDS	JORDAN T	CENTRAL AR. DENTAL ASSOC	1405 BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-241-2345
DES LAURIERS, MD	S. KILLEEN	HORIZONS FOR WOMEN	521 MARSHALL RD	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-982-3461
ORR, DDS	ANDREW	CENTRAL AR. DENTAL ASSOC	1405 BRADEN ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-241-2345

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BARRETT-TUCK, MD	REBECCA	NEA CLINIC-NEUROSURGICAL ASSOC	3100 APACHE #A	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-8388
GARNER, MD	MATT	CLOPTON CLINIC	300 CARSON	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-4462
MCCLURKAN, MD	MICHAEL	MCCLURKAN CLINIC FOR WOMEN	800 S CHURCH #100	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-932-8181
SCHRANTZ, MD	JAMES	ORTHOPAEDICS SURG. & SPORTS	1000 E MATTHEWS #D	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-972-8040
BEVANS, DDS	JAMES L.	BEVANS CHILDRENS DENTISTRY	300 S RODNEY PARHAM #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-4799
HOSPICE HOME CARE		HOSPICE	1501 N UNIVERSITY #500	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72207	501-296-9043
KULKARNI, MD	LINA	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	800 MARSHALL	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-2933
MYERS, LCSW	STASIA	THE POINTE OP BEHAVIOR HEALTH	1012 AUTUMN RD #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-223-8414
REED, MD	MARK	AR. CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	800 MARSHALL	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72202	501-364-1100
STREETT, MD	DAVID	THE POINTE OP BEHAVIOR HEALTH	1012 AUTUMN RD #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-223-8414
SUMMERS, LPC	JAIME STACKS	THE POINTE OP BEHAVIOR HEALTH	1012 AUTUMN RD #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-223-8414
TEDFORD, MD	JOHN G.	COLON & RECTAL SURGERY	500 S UNIVERSITY #315	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-8466
TIPTON, DDS	BLAYNE	BEVANS CHILDRENS DENTISTRY	300 S RODNEY PARHAM #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-4799
TILLEY, MD	ABSALOM H.	TILLEY DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	1003 SCHNEIDER DR	MALVERN	AR	72104	501-337-5678
PUTMAN, DC	KERVIN	CHIROPRACTIC	513 MENA ST	MENA	AR	71953	479-437-4444
BUNTING, PHD	NANCY	PSYCHOLOGY	PO BOX 310	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-492-2425
MCBRIDE, MD	ANTHONY D.	MCBRIDE ORTHOPAEDICS	628 HOSPITAL DR	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-4710
MOORE, MD	MERWIN B. III	ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATES	628 HOSPITAL DR	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-424-4710
KING, MD	JOE D.	FAMILY CLINIC OF NASHVILLE	1400 LESLIE ST	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-1933
SAYRE, MD	JOHN	FAMILY PRACTICE	900 W LESLIE ST#1	NASHVILLE	AR	71852	870-845-2201
GATES, OD	JASON	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	200 N. HARWOOD	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-3200
CODY, MD	STEPHANIE	NLR EMERGENCY DOCTORS	3333 SPRINGHILL DR	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-812-7589
REED, OD	BEATRICE	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	3929 MCCAIN BLVD #607A	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-791-0600
MERCY-TURNER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL		HOSPITAL	801 W RIVER ST	OZARK	AR	72949	479-667-4138
GREGORY, MD	JOANNE	MAINLINE HEALTH SYSTEMS	233 N MAIN	PORTLAND	AR	71663	870-737-2221
HICKS, MD	CHARLES	MAINLINE HEALTH SYSTEMS	233 N MAIN	PORTLAND	AR	71663	870-737-2221
GOLDEN, MD	KIMBERLY	JEFFERSON COMPREHENSIVE CARE	505 SYCAMORE ST	RISON	AR	71665	870-325-6256
BERRY, MD	MICHAEL F.	PINNACLE RADIOLOGY	2710 RIFE MEDICAL LANE	ROGERS	AR	72758	479-338-8000
CHITWOOD, MD	GORDON G.	PINNACLE RADIOLOGY	2710 RIFE MEDICAL LANE	ROGERS	AR	72758	479-338-8000
HEDGECOCK, MD	JOHN K.	PINNACLE RADIOLOGY	2710 RIFE MEDICAL LANE	ROGERS	AR	72758	479-338-8000
SHOPPACH, MD	JON P.	PINNACLE RADIOLOGY	2710 RIFE MEDICAL LANE	ROGERS	AR	72758	479-338-8000
GANNOE, MD	KRISTIN	NORTH HILLS FAMILY MED. CTR.	7709 HWY 107	SHERWOOD	AR	72120	501-835-6800
DEYOUNG, MD	BRUCE D.	FAMILY PRACTICE	451 S HOLLY ST	SILCOAM SPRINGS	AR	72761	479-524-3141
ALBERTY, MD	BERNADETTE	NW FAMILY MEDICAL CTR	601 W MAPLE #102	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	479-750-6585
BURROW, MD	JAMES	NW FAMILY MEDICAL CTR	601 W MAPLE #102	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	479-750-6585
DOCTORS SURGERY CTR.		OUTPATIENT SURGERY CTR.	303 W POLK AVE	WEST MEMPHIS	AR	72301	870-732-2100
<b>IN-STATE DELETES</b>							
DAVIS, OD	JAMES	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	2615 HARRISON	BATESVILLE	AR	72501	870-793-4400
STENSBY, MD	HAROLD	BENTON EMERGENCY GROUP	3000 MEDICAL CTR PKWY	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-553-1000
WILLIAMS, MD	JOHN S.	FAMILY PRACTICE	527 N 6TH ST	BLYTHEVILLE	AR	72315	870-763-4541
GERSON, MD	DAVID B.	BAPTIST HEALTH FAMILY CLINIC	205 WESTPORT DR #1	CABOT	AR	72023	501-843-6585
CANFIELD, OD	LORI	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	204 N FRONT ST	DARDANELLE	AR	72834	479-223-1260
SAMMAN, MD	ZAKI	ONCOLOGY & HEMATOLOGY	7303 ROGERS AVE #401	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-452-4525
PERKINS, DDS	WILLIAM	MONARCH DENTAL ASSOC.	1421 CENTRAL AVE	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71901	501-624-4888
DESLAURIERS, MD	S. KILLEEN	HORIZONS FOR WOMEN	521 MARSHALL RD	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-982-3461
HILL, DO	SHIRLENE	CHICOT FAMILY PRACTICE	2819 LOUIS SESSION	LAKE VILLAGE	AR	71653	870-265-3813
BRATTON, CRNA	ANDREA	ANESTHESIOLOGY	9601 I-630	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-202-4084
BROWNING, CRNA	RYAN E	AHG ANESTHESIA	9601 I-630	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-812-7587
CARVER, RPT	SUSAN	A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE	32 RHALING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-227-9920
FOOT SOLUTIONS		ORTHOTICS & PROSTHETICS	301 S BOWMAN RD #240	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72211	501-223-3383
HOOPER, CRNA	SHELLY	AHG ANESTHESIA	9601 I-630 EXIT 7	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-202-4084
HUNDLEY, MD	RANDALL	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
MIAN, MD	NOSHEEN	BAPTIST HEALTH FAMILY CLINIC WEST	9600 LILE DR #210	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-217-0500
ORELLANO, RPT	M.J.	A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE	32 RHALING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-227-9920
RAQUE, MD	CARL J.	AR. DERMATOLOGY CLINIC	500 S. UNIVERSITY #704	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-666-5452
TAYLOR, MD	MARTIN A.	THE WOMENS CLINIC	500 S UNIVERSITY #400	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-978-4340
ZITZELBERGER, CRNA	CHRISTIE	ANESTHESIOLOGY	9601 I-630	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-202-2000
FORD, MD	WILLIAM	OZARK SURGICAL GRP.	901 BURNETT DR.	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-9120
KARLSSON, MD	FINN	OZARK ENDOCRINOLOGY	400 S COLLEGE #2	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-425-2722
HERDER, MD	GUY	MAINLINE HEALTH SYSTEMS	233 N MAIN	PORTLAND	AR	71663	870-737-2221
HURWITZ, MD	MERVYN	MAINLINE HEALTH SYSTEMS	233 N MAIN	PORTLAND	AR	71663	870-737-2221
VILLAMOR, MD	RANDOLPH	MAINLINE HEALTH SYSTEMS	233 N MAIN	PORTLAND	AR	71663	870-737-2221
<b>OUT-OF-STATE ADDITIONS</b>							
BYNUM, CFNP	BRIDGET	THE GREENVILLE CLINIC	1502 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	662-332-9872
CUMMINGS, CFNP	BETSY	THE GREENVILLE CLINIC	1502 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	662-332-9872
EUBANK, CFNP	BETH	THE GREENVILLE CLINIC	1502 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	662-332-9872
MORGAN, APN	EDITH DIANN	THE MORGAN FAMILY CLINIC	1699 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38701	662-390-8992
PRATHER, CFNP	SUSAN	THE GREENVILLE CLINIC	1502 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	662-332-9872
LEBONHEUR URGENT CARE-DESOTO		URGENT CARE CTRS.	5480 GOODMAN RD #2	OLIVE BRANCH	MS	38654	662-893-9877
METHODIST MINOR MEDICAL-DESOTO		GENERAL PRACTICE	5480 GOODMAN RD #1	OLIVE BRANCH	MS	38654	662-893-9800
METHODIST SLEEP DISORDERS CTR - DESOTO		SLEEP DISORDERS	5480 GOODMAN RD #3	OLIVE BRANCH	MS	38654	662-893-9890
YALAMANCHILE, MD	RAMESH	GERMANTOWN INTERNAL MEDICINE	391 SOUTHCREST CIRCLE #210	SOUTHAVEN	MS	38671	662-536-1519
YALAMANCHILE, MD	RAMESH	GERMANTOWN INTERNAL MEDICINE	6027 WALNUT GROVE RD #114	MEMPHIS	TN	38120	901-537-1892
LANGDON, FNP	BRANDI	COLLOM & CARNEY CLINIC	5002 COWHORN CREEK RD	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-614-3001
YOWELL, NP	BARBARA	COLLOM & CARNEY CLINIC	5002 COWHORN CREEK RD	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-614-3002
<b>OUT-OF-STATE UPDATES</b>							
BUSHA, MD	ANN	FAMILY PRACTICE	120 W 16TH ST	MTN. GROVE	MO	65711	417-926-6111
HAYES, MD	NANCY J.	FAMILY PRACTICE	120 W. 16TH ST	MTN. GROVE	MO	65711	417-926-6111
GRANT, MD	JONATHAN R.	ST JOHNS REG HEALTH CTR	1235 E CHEROKEE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-2000
GRANT, MD	JONATHAN R.	ST JOHNS CLINIC FACIAL PLASTIC SURG.	1235 E CHEROKEE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804	417-820-9729
GARCIA, MD	JOHN	ST. JOHNS CLINIC	608 BUSUNESS ROUTE 66	ST. ROBERT	MO	65584	573-336-5100
WIEWEL, MD	CHANDRA	ST. JOHNS CLINIC	608 BUSINESS ROUTE 66	ST. ROBERT	MO	65584	573-336-5100
FOLK, MD	BEN III	THE GREENVILLE CLINIC	1502 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	662-332-9872
GILLESPIE, MD	BARRY	THE GREENVILLE CLINIC	1502 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	662-332-9872
THOMPSON, MD	ALLAN	THE GREENVILLE CLINIC	1502 S COLORADO ST	GREENVILLE	MS	38703	662-332-9872
CRITTENDEN, DDS	ROBERT	GENERAL DENTISTRY	704 S 2ND ST	STILLWELL	OK	74965	918-696-2542
HAMMOND, MD	DOUGLAS A.	MEMPHIS SURGICAL SPECIALISTS	2996 KATE BOND RD #209	BARTLETT	TN	38133	901-372-8181



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LINDY, MD	PETER	EAST MEMPHIS ORTHOPEDIC GROUP	2996 KATE BOND RD #301	BARTLETT	TN	38133	901-791-0347
THOMAS, MD	H.O. III	COVINGTON PIKE MEDICAL CLINIC	3789 COVINGTON PIKE	BARTLETT	TN	38135	901-372-3200
MILLER, MD	MARK P	GENERAL SURGERY	7655 POPLAR AVE #230	GERMANTOWN	TN	38138	901-753-6163
RUBIN, MD	MICHAEL A.	RUBIN WARD HEART CENTER	2095 EXETER RD #80	GERMANTOWN	TN	38138	901-761-9092
WARD, MD	FORREST C.	RUBIN WARD HEART CENTER	2095 EXETER RD #80	GERMANTOWN	TN	38138	901-761-9092
KATZ, MD	PAUL	PENNMARC INTERNAL MED. ASSOC	6401 POPLAR AVE. #400	MEMPHIS	TN	38119	901-525-3086
KHAN, MD	ASMA	PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MED SPECIALISTS	50 NORTH DUNLAP	MEMPHIS	TN	38103	901-291-2427
METHODIST ALLIANCE HOME CARE		HOME HEALTH	6400 SHELBY VIEW DR	MEMPHIS	TN	38134	901-516-1400
SLUTSKY, MD	AVRON	PENNMARC INTERNAL MED. ASSOC	6401 POPLAR AVE #400	MEMPHIS	TN	38119	901-525-3086
FLOURNOY, PHD	RICHARD	PSYCHOLOGY	104 S VAN BUREN	MT. PLEASANT	TX	75455	903-572-1406
FLORES, MD	DENNIS R.	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	500 HOSPITAL DR.	NEW BOSTON	TX	75570	903-628-2734
SMITH, FNP	PAUL A	COLLUM & CARNEY CLINIC	128 NORTH ELLIS	NEW BOSTON	TX	75570	903-628-1104
DOUGLAS, MD	D. STRATTON	INTERNAL MED.	1819 MOORES LANE	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-793-3161
DOUGLAS, MD	D. STRATTON	INTERNAL MED.	3510 RICHMOND RD #100	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-831-3033
MCCOY, NP	SUSAN	COLLUM & CARNEY CLINIC	5002 COWHORN CREEL RD	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-614-3006
NE TEXAS SURGICAL CTR.		OUTPATIENT SURGERY CTR.	1902 MOORES LANE #B	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-792-2108
TATUM, CNS	CAROL	COLLUM & CARNEY CLINIC	1902 GALLERIA OAKS DR	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-792-1504
IQBAL, MD	VASEEM	TELERADIOLOGY AMERICA	2117 A ROSALIND AVE	ROANOKE	VA	24014	540-342-8901
<b>OUT-OF-STATE DELETES</b>							
MITCHELL, MD	CAROL	PENNMARC INTERNAL MED. ASSOC	6401 POPLAR AVE. #400	MEMPHIS	TN	38119	901-525-3086
DOUGLAS, MD	DONALD S.	INTERNAL MED.	3510 RICHMOND RD #100	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-792-2990
PERRY, MD	ANGELA	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	2323 KENNEDY LANE	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-793-2020

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moved to Northwest Arkansas 15 years ago and soon moved to Springdale, where he lives with his fiancée, Ashley Stewart, and their 10-month-old son.

### CLE offered at League Winter Conference

Six hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who attend the Arkansas Municipal League's 2009 Winter Conference, January 14-16, 2009, at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. The Arkansas City Attorneys Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE. All CLE will occur on Friday, Jan. 16.

Jay Williams, Gentry city attorney and ACAA president, urges members and non-members to register for the convention as soon as possible. A registration form is in this issue of *City & Town*; copies also are being mailed to city attorneys.

CLE topics are selected based on requests from our city attorney members and will include revenue options for cities and towns, illegal exaction, and DUI review among other topics, along with a one-hour ethics presentation for local government attorneys.

To attend the CLE program, registration is required at the Conference. For registration information, call Whitnee Bullerwell at 501-374-3484 Ext. 206. For CLE information, call Mark Hayes,

ACAA secretary/treasurer and League general counsel, at 501-978-6102, or his assistant, Jamie Adams, at 501-978-6124.

### Symposium links environment, economics

Nationally renowned experts will offer insight and real-world solutions on emerging challenges that threaten community environmental quality when Keep Arkansas Beautiful (KAB) hosts "Clean and Green Makes a World of Difference," the group's annual symposium, on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Hilton Little Rock Metro Center, 925 S. University Ave.

"People want to live, work, play and invest in communities that are clean, safe, healthy and vibrant," KAB Director Robert Phelps said in a media release. "Communities grow through the realization that economic and environmental interests make dollars and sense for the future."

Gov. Mike Beebe will give the luncheon address, and an MTD Yard-Man wheeled string trimmer mower will be given away at the breakfast session.

Registration for the symposium is \$35 and includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. The deadline to pre-register is Nov. 1. Call 888-742-8701 or send your registration fee to Keep Arkansas Beautiful Foundation, P.O. Box 7582, Little Rock, AR 72217. Visit [KeepArkansasBeautiful.com](http://KeepArkansasBeautiful.com) to learn more.

# Changes to 2008 Directory, Arkansas Municipal Officials

Submit changes to Whitnee Bullerwell, [wvb@arml.org](mailto:wvb@arml.org).

## Ash Flat

Delete AL Beth E. McEntire  
Add AL Annette Wolverton

## Bay

Delete CEO Jerrod Rolland  
Add CEO Don McIntire

## Beaver

Delete M Duane Kriesel  
Add M Mary Hill  
Delete AL (Vacant)  
Add AL Jeff Wilson  
Delete R/T Mary Hill  
Add R/T Michelle Pool

## Booneville

Delete PC Stan Campbell  
Add PC (Vacant)

## Briarcliff

Delete M LeWayne Hyland  
Add M//A Victoria Schumm

## Brinkley

Delete SS Adrian Dorman  
Add SS Red Rollins

## Bull Shoals

Delete PC Mike Armstrong  
Add PC (Vacant)

## Cedarville

Delete AL Linda Harrison  
Add AL Edward D. Rostollan

## Centerton

Delete R/T (Vacant)  
Add R/T Todd Wright

## Damascus

Delete AL Nancy Harris  
Add AL Steve Stephens

## Gosnell

Add CEO Royce Carpenter

## Gould

Delete PC Cedric Sterrett  
Add PC Talvin Collins

## Greenway

Delete AL Floyd Brown  
Add AL (Vacant)

## Hartford

Delete AL Judy Michael  
Add AL (Vacant)

## Huntsville

Delete FC Charles Cogger  
Add FC Lucas Myer

## Lamar

Delete M Joe Wilkins  
Add M Jerry Boen  
Delete AL Jerry Boen  
Add AL (Vacant)

## Marianna

Delete PC Kevin Evans  
Add PC Vincent Bell  
Delete AL Adrienne Walton  
Add AL (Vacant)

## Paris

Delete DPW Jim O'Bar  
Add DPW (Vacant)  
Add FO Marlena Simmons

## Searcy

Delete C/T Tammy Gowen  
Add C/T Peggy Meads

## Stuttgart

Delete AL John F. McCollum  
Add AL David Cowart

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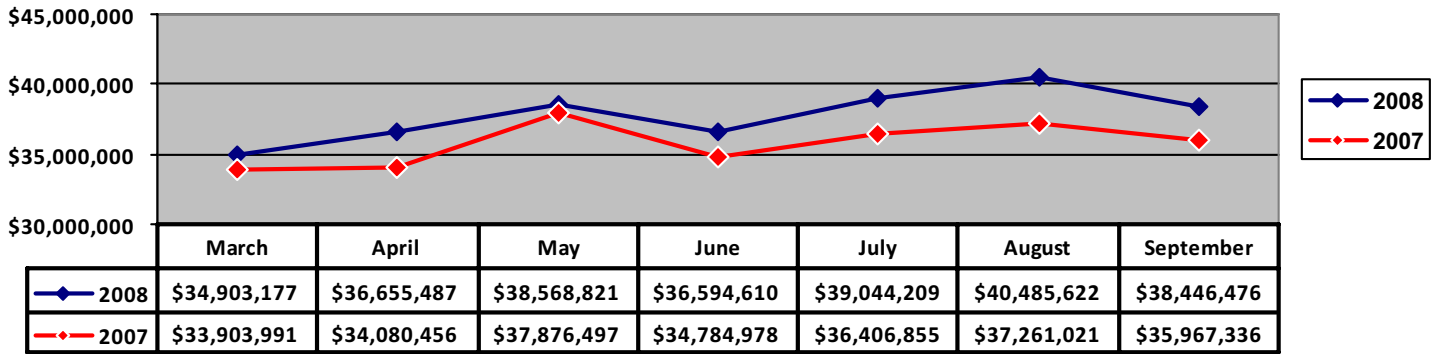
[www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org)

# Sales tax watch

The new Streamline Sales Tax has many cities and towns concerned about its effect on local sales tax revenues. Keeping in mind that the new tax system is

one of many factors that affect local tax revenues, the League each month will provide a comparison of 2007 and 2008 revenues.

**2007-2008 Municipal Sales and Use Tax Comparison**



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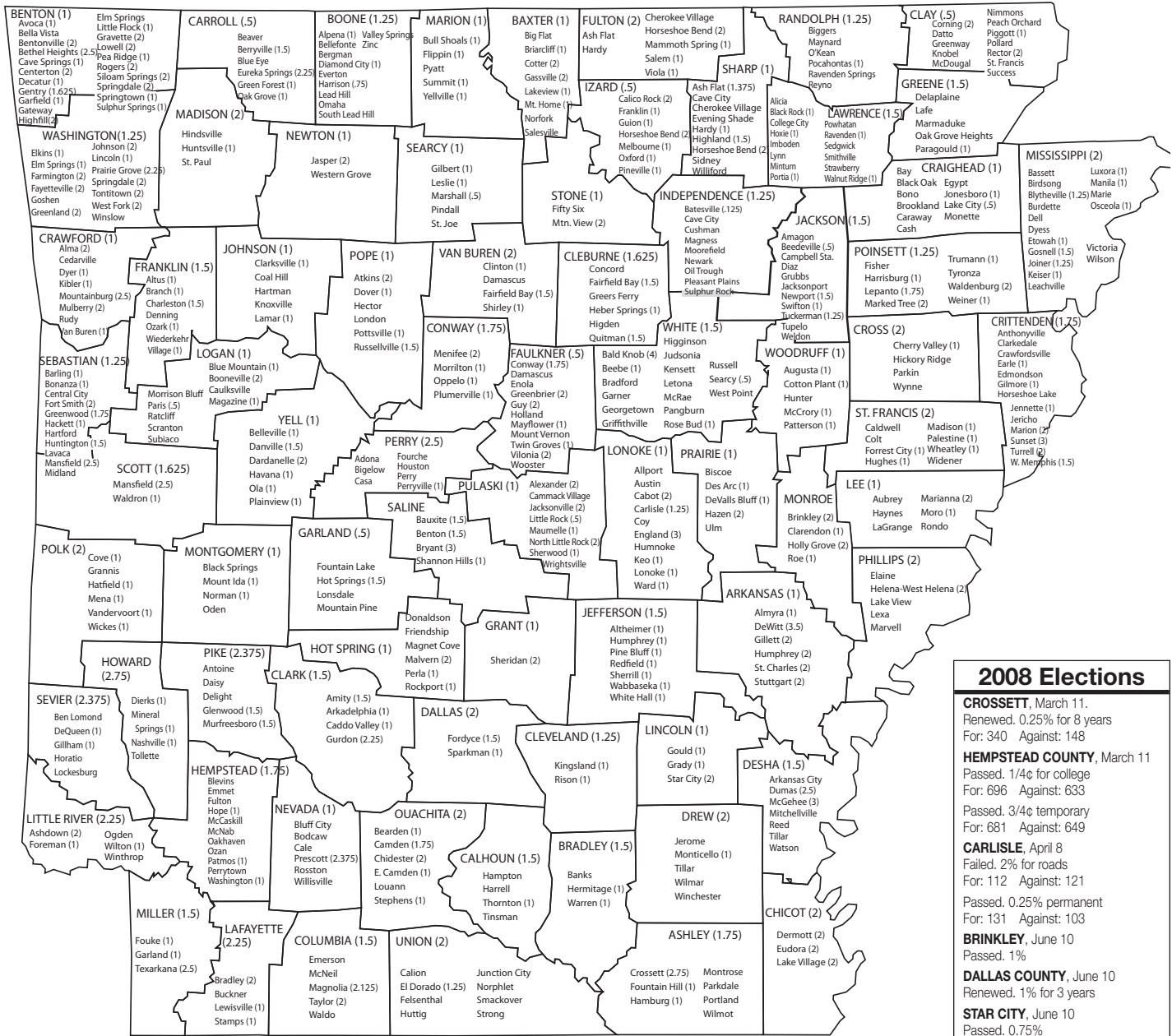
To learn more contact, Lori Sander at 501-374-3484, ext. 238, or Paul Young, ext. 125.

**1.00%**

as of Oct. 10, 2008,  
at close of business.



# Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



### 2008 Elections

**CROSSETT**, March 11.  
Renewed. 0.25% for 8 years  
For: 340 Against: 148

**HEMPSTEAD COUNTY**, March 11  
Passed. 1/4¢ for college  
For: 696 Against: 633  
Passed. 3/4¢ temporary  
For: 681 Against: 649

**CARLISLE**, April 8  
Failed. 2% for roads  
For: 112 Against: 121  
Passed. 0.25% permanent  
For: 131 Against: 103

**BRINKLEY**, June 10  
Passed. 1%

**DALLAS COUNTY**, June 10  
Renewed. 1% for 3 years

**STAR CITY**, June 10  
Passed. 0.75%

**BLEVINS**, July 8  
Passed. 1.5%  
For: 51 Against: 2

**GARLAND COUNTY**, Aug. 12  
Failed. 0.5% for county jail  
For: 3,414 Against: 4,012

**EUREKA SPRINGS**, Aug. 12  
Passed. 1% reallocated to general fund.  
For: 143 Against: 30

**MAGAZINE**, Aug. 12  
Passed. 0.25% for police.  
For: 126 Against: 14

**RISON**, Aug. 12  
Failed. 2% for civic center.  
For: 103 Against: 342

**HOT SPRING COUNTY**, Sept. 9  
Passed. 0.5% for 5 years  
For: 4,844 Against: 633

**CHICOT COUNTY**, Sept. 9  
Passed. 1% for 5 years  
For: 1,244 Against: 586

**ELKINS**, Sept. 9  
Passed. 1% for water/sewer  
For: 249 Against: 20

Source: Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer  
See also: [www.arkansas.gov/dfa](http://www.arkansas.gov/dfa)

### Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2008 with 2007 Comparison (shaded)

Month	Municipal Tax		County Tax		Total Tax		Interest	
Jan.	\$34,813,382	\$33,890,076	\$35,667,309	\$32,664,439	\$70,480,691	\$66,554,515	\$100,697	\$244,719
Feb.	\$40,909,946	\$41,087,573	\$41,931,827	\$39,706,942	\$82,841,773	\$80,794,515	\$372,742	\$209,743
March	\$34,903,177	\$33,903,991	\$35,942,013	\$33,441,917	\$70,845,190	\$67,345,908	\$95,225	\$217,856
April	\$36,655,487	\$34,080,456	\$38,133,946	\$33,492,256	\$74,789,433	\$67,572,712	\$347,059	\$260,149
May	\$38,568,821	\$37,876,497	\$39,392,769	\$37,104,109	\$72,630,352	\$75,521,344	\$115,346	\$314,008
June	\$36,594,610	\$34,784,978	\$38,926,734	\$33,994,936	\$75,521,444	\$68,779,914	\$144,715	\$107,240
July	\$39,044,209	\$36,406,855	\$39,322,938	\$35,855,841	\$78,367,147	\$72,262,696	\$97,342	\$372,404
Aug.	\$40,485,622	\$37,261,021	\$42,047,239	\$36,979,140	\$82,532,861	\$74,240,161	\$76,180	\$269,694
Sept.	\$38,446,476	\$35,967,336	\$40,091,511	\$35,453,871	\$78,537,987	\$71,421,207	\$108,861	\$185,317
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$340,421,730</b>	<b>\$325,258,783</b>	<b>\$351,456,286</b>	<b>\$318,693,451</b>	<b>\$691,878,016</b>	<b>\$643,952,234</b>	<b>\$1,458,164</b>	<b>\$2,181,130</b>
Averages	\$37,824,637	\$36,139,865	\$39,050,698	\$35,410,383	\$76,875,335	\$71,550,248	\$162,018	\$242,348





Jennette	647.94	664.13	Swifton	7,508.73	6,844.55	Luxora	14,957.00	11,433.24	Pindall	625.65	514.99
Jericho	1,068.29	1,094.98	Tuckerman	15,146.78	13,806.98	Manila	34,695.25	26,521.30	St. Joe	849.58	699.30
Marion	51,678.31	52,969.58	Tupelo	1,525.88	1,390.91	Marie	1,226.54	937.58	Sebastian County	848,257.81	721,930.19
Sunset	1,863.41	1,863.85	Weldon	862.08	785.83	Osceola	100,792.25	77,046.32	Barling	76,508.51	65,114.40
Turrell	5,000.63	5,125.57	Jefferson County	602,697.94	536,262.78	Victoria	670.06	512.20	Bonanza	9,417.00	8,014.56
West Memphis	160,629.13	164,639.53	Altheimer	11,339.89	10,089.90	Wilson	10,664.11	8,151.72	Central City	9,728.45	8,279.63
Cross County	243,541.63	214,271.27	Humphrey	3,795.82	3,377.41	Montgomery County	54,546.50	44,380.45	Fort Smith	1,470,590.22	1,251,581.10
Cherry Valley	6,179.17	5,436.52	Pine Bluff	524,517.40	466,700.06	Black Springs	828.33	673.95	Greenwood	130,298.97	110,894.06
Hickory Ridge	3,370.45	2,965.37	Redfield	11,006.92	9,793.63	Mount Ida	7,128.03	5,799.55	Hackett	12,714.78	10,821.21
Parkin	14,061.11	12,371.16	Sherrill	1,198.68	1,066.55	Norman	3,073.55	2,500.72	Hartford	14,143.81	12,037.43
Wynne	75,615.78	66,527.81	Wabbaseka	3,072.81	2,734.09	Oden	1,598.55	1,300.61	Huntington	12,604.85	10,727.66
Dallas County	108,940.61	113,845.70	White Hall	45,017.07	40,054.86	Nevada County	32,331.06	30,937.56	Lavaca	33,435.83	28,456.37
Desha County	101,769.69	94,128.81	Johnson County	117,916.86	97,294.88	Bluff City	1,032.19	987.70	Midland	12,934.63	11,008.33
Arkansas City	5,202.65	4,812.04	Clarksville	78,880.34	65,085.29	Bodcaw	1,006.06	962.70	Sevier County	234,569.20	219,107.20
Dumas	46,267.38	42,793.62	Coal Hill	10,229.20	8,440.26	Cale	489.96	468.85	Ben Lomond	997.30	931.56
McGehee	40,366.92	37,336.17	Hartman	6,090.51	5,025.37	Emmet	3,305.62	3,000.61	DeQueen	45,630.22	42,622.43
Mitchellville	4,390.01	4,060.41	Knoxville	5,221.90	4,308.66	Prescott	24,080.07	23,042.20	Gilham	1,389.94	1,289.94
Reed	2,429.08	2,246.71	Lamar	14,459.87	11,931.04	Rosston	1,731.20	1,656.59	Horatio	7,891.30	7,371.13
Tillar	291.49	269.60	Lafayette County	68,826.42	66,225.53	Willisville	1,228.18	1,175.24	Lockesburg	5,627.60	5,256.64
Watson	2,543.92	2,352.91	Bradley	2,603.64	2,505.25	Newton County	27,433.24	26,766.70	Sharp County	73,210.95	65,484.37
Drew County	256,104.73	246,775.96	Buckner	1,831.33	1,762.13	Jasper	1,773.56	1,730.47	Ash Flat	9,035.53	8,081.93
Jerome	431.77	416.04	Lewisville	5,942.58	5,718.01	Western Grove	1,449.48	1,414.26	Cave City	17,459.42	15,616.78
Monticello	85,846.95	82,719.92	Stamps	9,854.97	9,482.56	Ouachita County	285,819.27	79,872.36	Cherokee Village	35,576.81	31,822.09
Tillar	1,942.96	1,872.19	Lawrence County	133,272.43	111,516.30	Bearden	7,901.96	7,549.69	Evening Shade	4,309.25	3,854.46
Wilmar	5,359.57	5,164.34	Alicia	840.34	703.16	Camden	92,393.27	88,274.33	Hardy	6,737.26	6,026.22
Winchester	1,792.77	1,727.48	Black Rock	4,155.35	3,477.00	Chidester	2,528.63	2,415.90	Highland	9,137.47	8,173.10
Faulkner County	610,340.02	551,728.89	College City	1,558.98	1,304.48	East Camden	6,335.62	6,053.17	Horseshoe Bend	46.34	41.45
Damascus	852.60	770.73	Hoxie	16,325.82	13,660.70	Louann	1,369.67	1,308.61	Sidney	2,548.48	2,279.52
Enola	1,358.38	770.73	Imboden	3,964.10	3,316.98	Stephens	8,091.61	7,730.89	Wilford	583.83	522.22
Holland	4,169.08	3,768.72	Lynn	1,825.57	1,527.55	Perry County	100,880.77	63,650.29	St. Francis County	159,538.82	137,039.20
Mount Vernon	1,040.46	940.55	Mintum	660.68	552.83	Adona	827.13	672.35	Caldwell	7,875.32	6,764.68
Wooster	3,728.33	3,370.28	Portia	2,799.21	2,342.25	Bigelow	1,455.21	1,182.90	Coit	5,353.54	5,232.52
Franklin County	167,016.38	139,724.44	Powhatan	289.77	242.47	Casa	924.44	751.45	Forrest City	250,215.14	214,927.50
Altus	7,359.30	6,156.72	Ravenden	2,961.48	2,478.03	Fourche	260.97	212.13	Hughes	31,619.85	27,160.52
Branch	3,215.75	2,690.27	Sedgwick	649.09	543.13	Houston	703.28	571.68	Madison	16,716.02	14,358.56
Charleston	26,707.85	22,343.55	Smithville	423.07	354.00	Perry	1,388.87	1,128.97	Palestine	12,549.71	10,779.84
Denning	3,648.12	3,051.99	Strawberry	1,640.12	1,372.37	Perryville	6,448.93	5,242.17	Wheatley	6,300.26	5,411.74
Ozark	31,752.16	26,563.58	Walnut Ridge	28,542.64	23,883.21	Phillips County	133,144.78	121,857.01	Widener	5,673.61	4,873.48
Wiederkehr Village	414.36	346.65	Lee County	39,963.72	26,949.95	Elaine	10,237.97	9,370.01	Stone County	95,027.40	75,696.00
Fulton County	102,448.54	93,115.51	Aubrey	1,387.80	935.88	Helena-West Helena	177,678.94	162,615.63	Fifty Six	1,830.91	1,458.45
Ash Flat	10.61	9.64	Haynes	1,343.85	906.24	Lake View	6,284.81	5,751.99	Mountain View	32,304.83	25,733.05
Cherokee Village	4,289.90	3,899.10	LaGrange	766.12	516.64	Lexa	3,917.65	3,585.51	Union County	470,480.19	371,040.59
Hardy	143.17	130.13	Marianna	32,534.89	21,940.24	Marvell	16,510.93	15,111.18	Calion	13,711.59	10,813.54
Horseshoe Bend	37.12	33.74	Moro	1,513.40	1,020.56	Pike County	212,322.18	170,277.12	El Dorado	609,622.70	480,774.24
Mammoth Spring	6,082.22	5,528.13	Rondo	1,488.28	1,003.64	Antoine	1,479.42	1,186.46	Felsenthal	3,276.74	2,584.17
Salem	8,436.63	7,668.05	Lincoln County	47,827.65	37,205.28	Delight	2,949.36	2,365.31	Huttig	20,295.48	16,005.88
Viola	2,020.33	1,836.28	Gould	6,123.33	4,763.36	Delwood	19,981.70	16,024.83	Junction City	18,316.89	14,445.46
Garland County	708,328.70	660,140.48	Grady	2,454.02	1,908.99	Murfreesboro	16,728.87	13,416.14	Norphlet	20,292.01	16,003.14
Fountain Lake	3,338.82	3,111.68	Star City	11,594.44	9,019.35	Pinestown	113,884.22	97,725.27	Smackover	56,510.15	44,566.29
Lonsdale	963.28	897.75	Little River County	269,567.03	150,188.92	Fisher	1,888.51	1,620.55	Strong	16,759.33	13,217.12
Mountain Pine	6,302.14	5,873.39	Ashdown	53,884.10	30,021.46	Harrisburg	15,621.18	13,404.70	Van Buren County	511,602.59	268,486.07
Grant County	134,452.45	111,376.27	Foreman	12,679.28	7,064.24	Lepanto	15,200.72	13,043.90	Clinton	42,843.10	22,483.81
Greene County	342,206.04	287,628.79	Ogden	2,411.88	1,343.78	Marked Tree	19,954.06	17,122.79	Damascus	3,528.03	1,851.49
Delaplaine	1,376.08	1,156.62	Wilton	4,947.73	2,756.62	Trumann	49,094.11	42,128.18	Fairfield Bay	43,424.85	22,789.11
Lafe	4,171.59	3,506.28	Winthrop	2,096.31	1,167.95	Tyrone	6,542.08	5,613.83	Shirley	6,324.19	3,318.90
Marmaduke	12,547.28	10,546.16	Logan County	131,723.30	80,744.10	Waldenburg	570.12	489.23	Washington County	1,209,273.83	1,213,033.44
Oak Grove Heights	7,877.27	6,620.95	Blue Mountain	1,395.91	855.67	Weiner	5,416.09	4,647.61	Elkins	19,741.70	19,803.03
Paragould	238,560.94	200,513.67	Booneville	43,537.64	26,687.82	Polk County	248,047.80	196,908.38	Elm Springs	16,620.94	16,320.48
Hempstead County	299,311.09	241,944.83	Caulksville	2,464.00	1,510.39	Cove	7,638.68	6,063.84	Farmington	56,889.55	57,066.28
Blevins	3,732.79	3,017.36	Magazine	9,676.21	5,931.35	Grannis	11,468.00	9,103.66	Fayetteville	916,024.36	918,869.99
Emmet	265.90	214.94	Morrison Bluff	782.56	479.69	Hatfield	8,017.62	6,364.66	Goshen	11,867.11	11,903.93
Fulton	2,505.57	2,025.35	Paris	39,201.85	24,030.06	Mena	112,426.26	89,247.61	Greenland	14,313.13	14,357.59
Hope	108,567.99	87,759.74	Ratcliff	2,019.84	1,238.13	Vandervoort	2,393.32	1,899.89	Johnson	36,595.53	36,709.21
McCaskill	859.05	694.41	Scranton	2,347.67	1,439.08	Wicks	13,462.44	10,686.91	Lincoln	28,468.45	28,556.88
McNab	767.01	620.01	Subiaco	4,642.45	2,845.74	Pope County	345,019.11	307,463.23	Prairie Grove	40,083.07	40,207.59
Oakhaven	552.25	446.40	Lonoke County	248,751.91	217,736.93	Atkins	41,584.93	37,058.35	Springdale	690,991.07	693,137.64
Ozark	828.37	669.61	Allport	1,315.38	1,151.38	Dover	19,203.05	17,112.77	Tontitown	32,034.89	32,134.41
Patmos	623.84	504.27	Austin	6,266.18	5,484.90	Hector	7,311.32	6,515.47	West Fork	32,224.26	32,324.37
Perrytown	2,607.84	2,108.02	Cabot	158,063.16	138,355.47	London	13,365.55	11,910.69	Winslow	6,296.51	6,316.07
Washington	1,513.57	1,232.48	Carlisle	23,863.28	20,887.95	Pottsville	18,364.99	16,365.93	White County	938,792.66	765,056.24
Hot Spring County	214,975.22	181,623.86	Coy	1,201.45	1,051.65	Russellville	342,187.07	304,939.45	Bald Knob	45,885.06	37,393.40
Donaldson	3,669.59	3,100.29	England	31,237.70	27,342.91	Humnoke	2,900.05	2,538.47	Beebe	70,471.45	57,429.75
Friendship	2,318.82	1,959.09	Keo	2,433.97	2,130.48	Lonoke	44,401.86	38,865.73	Bradford	11,435.53	9,319.23
Magnet Cove	5,099.16	4,308.07	Lonoke	44,401.86	38,865.73	Ward	26,721.90	23,390.15	Garner	4,059.61	3,308.33
Malvern	101,544.22	85,790.60	Ward	26,721.90	23,390.15	Madison County	154,056.11	138,909.83	Georgetown	1,801.10	1,467.78
Midway	3,849.70	3,252.45	Hindsville	440.97	397.61	Huntsville	10,846.86	10,846.86	Griffithville	3,745.14	3,052.05
Perla	1,294.49	1,093.66	Huntsville	12,029.57	10,846.86	St. Paul	958.36	864.15	Higginson	5,403.29	4,403.34
Rockport	8,915.10	7,532.00	Marion County	81,584.86	74,718.84	Bull Shoals	15,347.04	14,055.46	Judsonia	28,331.52	23,088.39
Howard County	308,532.64	268,891.93	Bull Shoals	15,347.04	14,055.46	Flippin	10,412.97	9,536.63	Kensett	25,601.29	20,863.42
Dierks	15,395.54	13,343.79	Pyatt	1,941.40	1,778.03	Summit	4,496.68	4,118.25	Letona	2,873.18	2,341.46
Mineral Springs	15,821.11	13,712.64	Summit	4,496.68	4,118.25	Yellville	10,067.66	9,220.38	McRae	9,448.61	7,700.01
Nashville	61,056.47	52,919.49	Miller County	437,942.42	309,039.55	Wrightsville	24,330.46	22,994.54	Pangburn	9,348.55	7,618.47
Toilette	4,055.42	3,514.94	Fouke	8,672.13	6,119.59	Randolph County	111,909.29	103,698.85	Rose Bud	6,132.30	4,997.44
Independence County	353,790.46	344,810.25	Garland	8,672.13	6,119.59	Biggers	2,708.51	2,509.80	Russell	3,259.13	2,655.98
Batesville	110,110.50	107,315.58	Texarkana	195,122.85	137,690.88	Maynard	2,906.88	2,693.61	Searcy	270,564.63	220,492.95
Cave City	722.80	704.45	Mississippi County	710,565.51	543,161.38	O'Kean	1,533.55	1,421.04	West Point	2,973.24	2,422.98
Cushman	5,374.37	5,237.95	Bassett	1,907.95	1,458.45	Pocahontas	49,729.84	46,081.31	Woodruff County	19,152.52	14,617.89
Magnus	2,226.69	2,170.17	Birdsong	454.27	347.25	Ravenden Springs	1,045.26	968.57	August		



August 2008 Municipal Levy Receipts and August 2008 Municipal/County Levy Receipts with 2007 Comparison (shaded gray)

Table with 13 columns listing municipalities and their corresponding 2007 and 2008 levy receipts. The table is organized in columns, with municipalities listed on the left and their respective 2007 and 2008 receipts in the adjacent columns. Shaded gray cells indicate municipalities that are not present in the 2007 data.

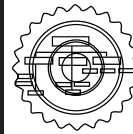


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**ASST. MGR. FOR RECRUITING**—The U.S. Census Bureau in LR is accepting applications for an Asst. Mgr. for Recruiting. Duties include: Responsible for the management and supervision of the recruitment and testing of applicants to fill ELCO/LCO positions. Prepares an ELCO/LCO recruiting plan to ensure that staffing needs are met for all field and office positions. Recruits, selects, trains and conducts employment tests of applicants. This is a temp. full-time position for 2 yrs. To qualify you must be a U.S. Citizen who resides within Pulaski, Saline and Lonoke counties in Arkansas. Pay rate \$17.00 hr. + benefits.

**ASST. MGR. FOR TECHNOLOGY**—The U.S. Census Bureau in LR is accepting applications for an Asst. Mgr. for Tech. Duties include: Responsible for managing automation functions in the Local Census Office. Incumbent is the first line of contact for all hardware, software and telecommunication problems in the LCO and between the LCO and Regional Census Center. Troubleshooting, evaluating, analyzing and coordinating automation operations. This is a temp. full-time position for 2 yrs. To qualify you must be a U.S. Citizen who resides within Pulaski, Saline and Lonoke counties in Arkansas. Pay rate \$17.00 hr. + benefits.

**LOCAL CENSUS OFFICE MGR.**—The U.S. Census Bureau in LR is accepting applications for a Local Census Office Mgr. Duties include: Manages staff and resources to carry out office and/or field procedures, directs and controls all operational functions, resources, personnel and implements a team-based environment to lead a temp. staff of office and field employees. This is a temp. full-time position for 2 yrs. To qualify you must be a U.S. Citizen who resides within Pulaski, Saline and Lonoke counties in Arkansas. Pay rate \$17.00 hr. + benefits.

**CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER**—Pea Ridge, Benton County, is seeking certified applicants for a full-time Police Officer. Entry level salary \$30,000; benefits include paid holidays, health, dental, eye insurance. Three weeks' paid vacation and LOPFI. Call 479-451-1122 for more information, or send resumé and copies of certifications to Pea Ridge Police Dept., P.O. Box 10, Pea Ridge, AR 72751. EOE.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**—Benton Utilities is accepting applications for Director of Finance & Administration/Treasurer. This position has the dual role of planning, organizing, managing and directing the financial operations and services for the City of Benton General Funds under the direction of the Mayor and Benton Utilities matters under the direction of the Utilities General Manager. The incumbent serves in a managerial capacity to ensure compliance with all regulatory financial statutes/guidelines and quality of departmental services and also serves as the City's financial liaison to City Council and Council committees. Candidates must have a comprehensive knowledge of principles/practices/methods of public finance administration and utility administration; comprehensive knowledge of cost/revenue projection methods and techniques; comprehensive knowledge of investment options and risk management issues. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree and eight years' related experience or equivalent combination of education and experience and a minimum of eight years of management experience. An application, complete job description and benefit summary can be printed from the City of Benton Web site at [www.benton.ar.gov](http://www.benton.ar.gov). Application with cover letter should be mailed to Kathy Kirk, Human Resources Manager, P.O. Box 607, Benton, AR 72018-0607; 501-776-5900, ext 106; fax 501-776-5912. Position is open until filled. EOE.

**ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT MANAGER**—Benton Utilities is accepting applications for Electric Department Manager. This position involves shared responsibility for the successful management and operation of the city-owned electric utility. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, design, operation and maintenance of electrical facilities, construction coordination and customer service. A bachelor's degree in engineering is preferred with experience in the power utility industry or related business. This position is responsible for an annual budget and management of a 22-25 member department. The successful candidate will grow to be a key member of the management team and will assist in planning for future electric services and negotiating effective solutions. An application, complete job description and benefit summary can be printed from the City of Benton Web site at [www.benton.ar.gov](http://www.benton.ar.gov). Application with cover letter should be mailed to the Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 607, Benton, AR 72018-0607. Position is open until filled. EOE.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**—Springdale is seeking a talented professional to lead and manage its full-service Parks and Recreation Department. Springdale has a population of approximately 65,000

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The ideal candidate will be able to lead a large organization, possess expert knowledge of modern parks and recreation operations, excellent problem solving skills, fiscal management, and strong leadership skills. The successful candidate will also be an effective communicator with a positive interpersonal style and the ability to engage the full range of city and community personnel and groups he/she encounters. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) from an accredited four-year college or university, with a preference in Parks and Recreation or a related field, and eight years of progressively responsible experience and a minimum of two years of management experience. A Master's Degree is desirable. The City of Springdale offers a hiring range of \$58,509-\$73,136 DOE and qualifications supplemented by an outstanding benefits package.

To be considered for this opportunity, please submit a cover letter, resumé, current salary information and five professional references by Oct. 31 to the City of Springdale, ATTN: HR Dept., 201 Spring Street, Springdale, AR 72764.

For more information, contact: David W. Tritt, Human Resources Director, 210 Spring Street, Springdale, AR 72764. Phone: 479-750-8535. Fax: (479) 750-8559. E-mail: [dttritt@springdaleark.org](mailto:dttritt@springdaleark.org). Web site: <http://www.springdaleark.org>

**POLICE OFFICERS**—Bryant is accepting applications for Police Officers. They must meet all requirements on law enforcement standards and training. **Certified officers preferred.** Salary for certified officer is \$10.80 - \$11.35 per hour depending on experience; uncertified officer \$10.54 per hour plus benefits. Applications and job description may be picked up at the Personnel Director's office at 210 S.W. 3rd, Bryant, AR 72022. Applications must be turned in to Human Resources by 5:00 p.m., Oct. 30. EOE.

**STREET, HEALTH AND SANITATION SUPERVISOR**—Stamps is seeking applicants for a Street and Health and Sanitation supervisor. Supervisory experience preferred. Knowledge of mechanical and heavy equipment maintenance needed. Contact person: Mayor Ian Ouei, 870-904-3083.

**URBAN FORESTER**—Hot Springs is accepting applications for an Urban Forester in the Engineering Department. Applicants must have at least three years in urban forestry development, including at least one year in a responsible supervisory capacity; must possess at least an Associate's degree in Urban Forestry or other related field; Bachelor's degree is preferred; must obtain ISA certification within six months of hire. Salary is \$35,856-\$53,784 annually, DOQ. Submit application to City of Springs HR, 133 Convention Blvd., Hot Springs, AR 71601, or online at [www.cityhs.net](http://www.cityhs.net). EOE.

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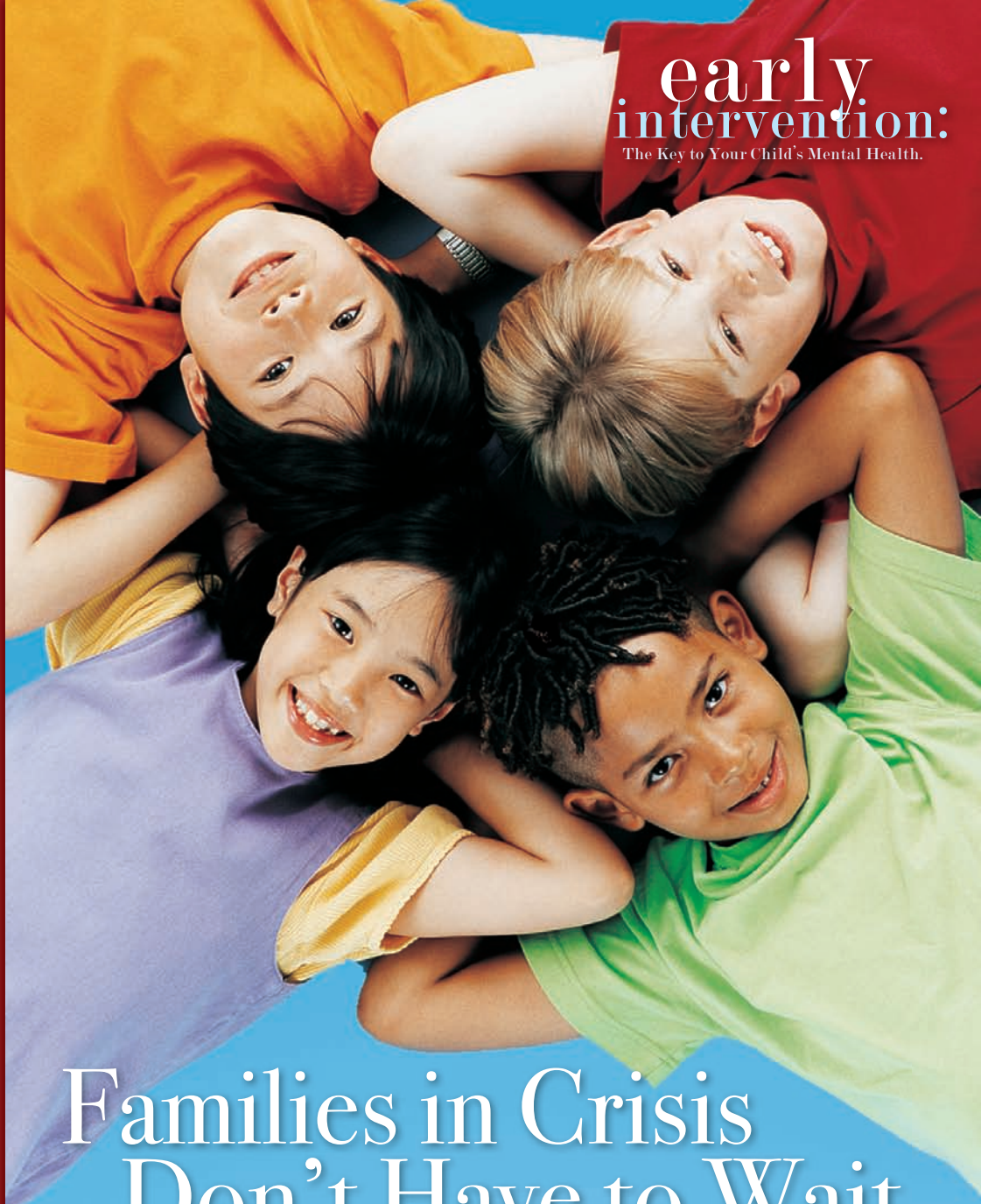
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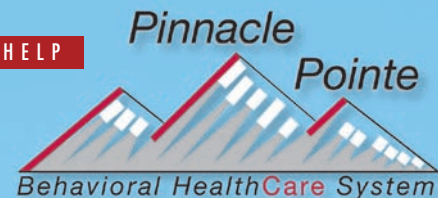
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