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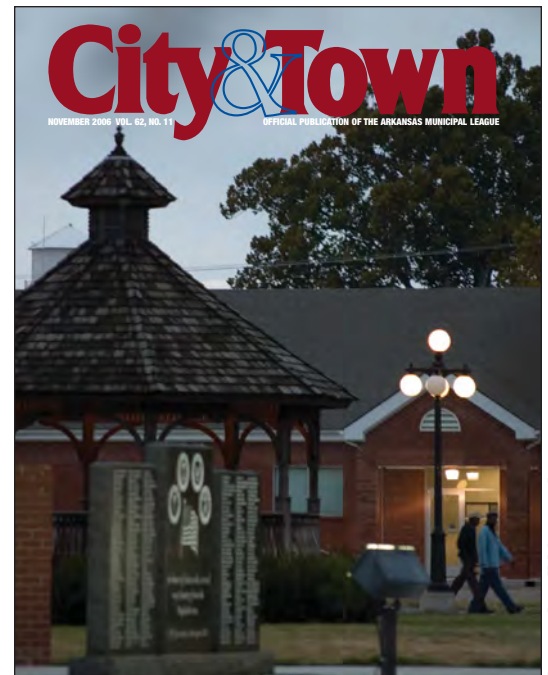


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ON THE COVER—England, a city of 3,016 in Lonoke County, is one of six cities certified or recertified so far this year as Arkansas Communities of Excellence (ACE). A Veterans Memorial at the left, a city park and pavilion and a post office, right background, are a tiny part of England's developments that led to the award. Mayor Jimmy Wallace estimated that the city has garnered \$28 million in grants and donations in the last four years. Much of the know-how, Wallace said, has come from his attending Arkansas Municipal League and National League of Cities meetings and other city officials. Read about the ACE communities, beginning on page 20. Enjoy!—jkw

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Greetings,

The start of the Thanksgiving season means that your city employees are about to disappear in droves to the deer woods and your city budget should be just about completed. The employees will be back in a week, but if your budget is not ready, your deer dinner or your Thanksgiving and Christmas season will not be nearly as enjoyable as it could be with the budget completed.



If you missed the program at the League Assembly Room in mid-October on water issues, you missed a great program. The bottom line from the meeting was that all issues regarding water are going to be one of the most important challenges facing cities and our county cousins over the next 10 years. It is most important that we start getting ready for these issues and learning as much as we can. Where water associations and cities and towns cannot get resolution, there could be financial and quality-of-service pains for taxpayers if the conflicts are not worked out during the upcoming legislative session. The League urges you to help us by learning as much as you can about the issue and talking to your legislators.

During the water training session, there were a couple of statements that I feel were really worth remembering. From Ken Smith, state director of Audubon Arkansas: "We [the people of Arkansas] have not set our standards high enough." From Don Zimmerman: "We [the people of Arkansas] have been discovered. We are a gem." From someone whose name I forgot to write down: "We [the people of Arkansas] do not do anything until we get clothes-lined [knocked to the ground]." These three statements speak to our budgets, water issues and just about everything else we do as city leaders. Set high standards; our future is great. And don't wait 'til you are on your back before you decide to take on the tasks that make our cities great.

Have a happy holiday season,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stewart Nelson". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stewart Nelson, Mayor, City of Morrilton  
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# Hot 2007 legislative topics discussed

District courts, turnback, sales taxes and rural water districts are among municipal challenges named at League seminar.

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

**S**olidifying the League's position on municipal turnback, changes in the district courts and other issues facing state lawmakers at the fast-approaching 86th regular legislative session was the focus of an Oct. 4 seminar at League headquarters in North Little Rock.

Speaking of proposed district court changes to the 96 mayors and other city officials at the seminar, St. Charles Mayor Robert Patrick, warned, "There are a lot of changes on the horizon, and they're not all good for us." Patrick is the sole League-appointed member of the Legislative Task Force on District Courts, created during the last General Assembly.

The League also has formed a district court task force, chaired by Jacksonville Mayor Tommy Swaim, to determine what concerns to bring before the legislative task force.

Both task forces are charged with studying the proposed transition of district judges from local to state employee status, funding options for the change and the role of district courts. Under the proposed changes, 74 district courts will be formed. The 126 city courts in the state will still exist, but as satellites of the district court system. District court judges will no longer be part-time local employees. They will become full-time state employees. Practicing law to supplement their incomes will no longer be an option for district court judges.

A voluntary pilot program based on the recommendations that the Legislative Task Force presents to the Senate Interim Committee on Judiciary and the House Interim Committee on Judiciary begins Jan. 1, 2008. Up to 20 pilot district courts then will assume duties for all city judgeships within the pilot program counties. City courts within a county of a pilot program will act as support for the district court unless the city determines it is in its best interest to discontinue the city court.

However, warned Mark Hayes, League general counsel, "The term 'pilot program' is misleading." It connotes a beginning, an end and a period of evaluation. "This will not end if adopted," Hayes said. "It will be a phasing in."

## Distant courts 'not a good thing.'

Loss of local control over municipal courts is a concern. The merging of several counties under the pro-

posed district court system is one issue that cities and towns may face. District judges may be forced to travel from one court to another, or there may be a central court location, and cities and towns may be responsible for travel. "You may have to drive 50 miles to wake up a judge in the middle of the night to get a search warrant," Patrick said, citing one potential problem. "That's not a good thing for us."

Funding of the new district courts is another major concern of the League, which seeks to avoid unnecessary additional strains on municipal budgets. The cost of the pilot program will be covered by the state. After that, cities may have to budget for them. Additionally, cities may be in danger of losing much-needed revenue from the collection of fines and court costs. During the pilot program period, cities will keep their current revenue from fines and costs; however, warned Patrick, as the pilot program is evaluated, the state "will be going after some of our fine money."

"Are we being presumptuous saying y'all would rather leave the court system alone?" Morrilton Mayor Stewart Nelson, League president, asked. The group responded with applause.

## Streamlined sales tax project examined.

John Theis of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration discussed the status of the Streamline Sales Tax Project. Arkansas is one of 32 states participating in the Project, which seeks to simplify tax law, make administration more efficient and use emerging technologies to reduce the burden of tax collection.

One of the project's chief goals is to equalize taxation differences among local businesses and remote sellers of goods and services. It's "unconscionable," Theis said, "that local business, which employs our citizens and pays our tax," has to pay sales tax while those that sell by mail order or on-line do not.

Theis pointed out two potential problems facing Arkansas taxpayers with the transition to a streamlined tax: the removal of the current \$2,500 cap on local tax and the change to destination sourcing.

The cap on local tax will remain for the purchase of motor vehicles, aircraft, watercraft, modular homes and manufactured or mobile homes. Businesses, Theis said, may be the only ones to object to this change. The

change to destination sourcing, or point of sale taxation as opposed to point of purchase, will be more difficult for cities and towns. For example, Theis said, a customer who purchases a sofa from a Little Rock store and has it delivered to Sherwood will pay local sales tax to Sherwood rather than Little Rock. This shift in municipal revenue sources had several seminar attendees shaking their heads in objection.

### **Turnback needs current revisions.**

Increased demands on municipal budgets is exactly why it's imperative that cities and towns convince the General Assembly to increase municipal turnback money when the legislature meets in January, League Executive Director Don Zimmerman said, outlining the League's position.

Municipal turnback, which pays for many basic municipal programs, especially in public health, police and fire protection, sanitation and infrastructure needs, has remained basically flat for the last 20 years. In 1986, municipal turnback was at \$21.35 per capita. The projection for the current year is \$15.50 per capita. The League is working to convince the legislature to increase that amount to approximately \$40 per capita, which may seem like quite a leap. But, as Zimmerman explained, it's actually the same amount per capita municipalities received 20 years ago adjusted for inflation, based upon the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index. The goal is for cities to receive the same amount they received 20 years ago but in today's dollars, he said.

With the state experiencing a surplus, which has topped \$400 million, requests for a piece of that pie will be coming in from all over, Zimmerman said. And while the legislature has rejected requests for more municipal turnback in the past, he feels that "something could happen" this time around. With such legislators as Arkansas Sen. Jack Critcher and state Reps. Benny Petrus and Bruce Maloch expressing support, "[the legislature] seems to be receptive of your needs," Zimmerman said. It's time to "thaw out that freeze on turnback" that's been in place for 20 years, he said.

League planning consultant Jim vonTungeln discussed issues facing rural water districts and municipalities. One issue crosses paths with the Streamline Tax Project: the question of who collects tax on water sales where water is pumped out to rural customers. According to the streamline tax system, water would be taxed at the point of delivery or sale rather than the municipality from which it was pumped. Whether or not this becomes an issue remains to be seen, Zimmerman said.

### **Urban, rural water districts clash.**

The larger issue facing municipalities and rural

water districts remains the improper development of "planning districts," the five-mile areas outside city limits. The creation of rural water districts originally "was a great program, intended for rural farms," vonTungeln said. The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission provides grant and loan money to set up water systems to support rural farms and citizens. But problems arise when developers seek to build outside city limits and save money doing so. Connecting city and rural water systems is problematic and potentially illegal. Most rural water district systems use two-inch pipes. Six inches is the minimum requirement for pipes that meet state fire prevention code. The Natural Resources Commission should not provide funding to rural water districts that don't meet the code, vonTungeln argued. The state fire prevention code, he said, is the biggest ally cities have right now against the practice. (See related article, pg. 15.)

### **Grocery tax, other issues discussed.**

Hayes briefed seminar attendees on the League's proposed legislation for presentation to the 2007 regular session of the Arkansas General Assembly and encouraged city leaders to present the bills to their state senators and representatives. Proposals include an amendment to Arkansas code § 14-54-1303, giving municipalities more options to fund playgrounds and recreational facilities, an amendment to Arkansas code § 14-38101 pertaining to the incorporation of new municipalities and clarifying the definition of natural barrier and other proposed legislation. (The publication *Proposed Legislation for the 2007 Arkansas General Assembly* is available as a free downloadable PDF file at the League's Web site, [www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org).)

Zimmerman addressed other legislative issues facing municipalities before the seminar adjourned, including the recent case involving Caldwell Mayor Gary Hughes, who will soon also hold the position of St. Francis County Judge. While holding simultaneous city and county offices isn't necessarily illegal, Zimmerman and Hayes said, the League's position on the practice is undecided.

Zimmerman reviewed the proposal endorsed by both major party candidates, Democrat Mike Beebe and Republican Asa Hutchinson, to repeal the sales tax on food. In general, the League opposes such exemptions, Zimmerman said, as local governments rely heavily on the money to operate. However, the exemption this time is aimed strictly at state taxes and will not affect local sales tax. Zimmerman said the League would reserve judgment on the issue "until they get it together."



# Flood levee adequacy required

Army Engineers and Federal Emergency Management Agency want assurance that levees are adequate to withstand floods and are properly maintained; Arkansas delegation seeks clarification.

By Pres Brailsford and John K. Woodruff, League Staff

**T**he Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Army Corps of Engineers are seeking to ensure the adequacy of the nation's levees, including those owned and maintained by Arkansas cities and towns.

The federal scrutiny of the levees and the anticipated time and costs expected to not only find out if the levees are in compliance with federal standards but to bring those levees into compliance have communities concerned. FEMA and the Army Engineers are concerned that levees, many of them built many years ago to protect farmland, may not be adequate to protect commercial and residential development

that has replaced former farmland and that levees have deteriorated or become overgrown with trees and other growth that compromise the levees' structural integrity.

The FEMA and Army Engineers' orders prompted the entire Arkansas congressional delegation in a letter on Sept. 5 to seek clarification from FEMA about what is expected of levee owners.

The letter states: "While we all support levee protection and understand the importance for enduring

Levees must be cleared of brush and undergrowth and trees as the above levee was cleared a few months ago.

assurances that our levees will continue to meet certain standards, it is also important that these standards be equally applied and the cost is borne by the appropriate entities. As such, we request that you allow an extension of time for those communities to comply with your requests ..."

The letter seeks information about the study to update the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), what communities across the country are affected by the new levee effort and whether other options are available and the deadlines for compliance to all federal requests.

The letter was sent to David Paulison, director/under

secretary of FEMA, asking him to explain what process was put in place to implement the new study to update the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and to provide a time extension for communities to comply.

The delegation also wants to know if the same deadlines that apply to Arkansas communities also apply to communities in other states. Sending the letter were U.S. Sens. Blanche Lincoln (D) and Mark Pryor (D) and Reps. Marion Berry (D), Vic Snyder (D), John Boozman (R) and Mike Ross (D). They said they want to ensure "that Arkansas communities are given fair and balanced treatment."

The failure of the levees to protect New Orleans after the Aug. 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina heightened FEMA's and the Army Engineers' concerns about levees across the nation. They want to ensure that the nation's levees are in compliance with Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 65.10 (or briefly, 44 CFR 65.10).

Federal regulations require that communities and other owners of levees provide flood plain information. The data that is available to communities, however, to revise their flood plain information may be out of date. FEMA acknowledges the problem: "The lack of readily available data for 44 CFR Section 65.10 has in some cases caused mapping projects/studies to be delayed or placed on hold until the required information can be compiled and provided to FEMA."

In many rapidly expanding communities, the ability to obtain flood insurance in flood-prone areas depends on current flood plain maps and levees to protect those flood-prone areas.

The Army Engineers, or USACE, is trying to see that the levees are adequate and maintained properly. Both the Army Engineers and FEMA are working to make the flood maps and supporting data current. According to FEMA:

*The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has initiated a national levee inventory and assessment program to identify the condition, location, level of protection, and maintenance activities for all levees within their (sic) jurisdiction. The inventory will assist in the assessment of the risk to public safety associated with levee systems across the nation. The USACE and FEMA are working together throughout the inventory and assessment phase to coordinate this effort with Map Mod (flood map modernization) initiatives. The inventory data collected to date will be used by FEMA to categorize levees into five scenarios described below for which the full documentation*



for 44 CFR Section 65.10 is *NOT* readily available.

Apparently realizing the impact on communities and the time it takes to bring their flood maps up to date and issue data to FEMA and the Army Engineers that their levees are in compliance (or are being *brought* into compliance), FEMA's David Maurstad, mitigation director and federal insurance administrator, issued a letter of clarification on Sept. 22, just 17 days after the Arkansas delegation sent its letter. Maurstad announced that communities have "additional time to gather data needed to assess the protective capabilities of levees while still allowing new Flood Insurance Rate Maps to be released on time."

In the announcement, Maurstad said communities had 24 months to make the flood maps and levee data current. Meanwhile, a "provisional" status can be in effect:

"For eligible levees, levee owners have 24 months to gather information on the extent to which a levee meets current flood protection standards. In the interim, areas behind the levee are mapped as moderate risk areas, and the levee itself is noted to be a Provisionally Accredited Levee (PAL).

"The new guidance accommodates the needs of local officials, levee owners and the public—while still acknowledging and communicating flood risks," Maurstad said. "It provides a realistic timeline for levee documentation and at the same time alerts the public to the levees' provisional status and associated risks. The clarification provides a sound mechanism for dealing with levees under review. And it clearly indicates the continuing risk. A note on the map will explain that the levee is only provisionally—temporarily—accredited. And all flood hazard maps contain a note for areas behind levees pointing out that levees can be overtopped and strongly encouraging flood insurance protection and adherence to evacuation procedures."

Here is what is being done. FEMA regional offices are sending letters to appropriate levee owners and others identifying the levees that meet the requested criteria and qualify for the PAL option.

The FEMA letters describe the PAL option and request

that the communities sign an agreement indicating that, to the best of their knowledge, the levee in question meets 44 CFR Section 65.10 requirements. The community and/or levee owner will be given 90 days to return the signed agreement to FEMA and the requirements for 44 CFR Section 65.10 must be submitted within 24 months of the date of the agreement. If the signed agreement is not returned to FEMA within 90 days, the community is no longer eligible for the PAL designation.

If the full requirements for 44 CFR Section 65.10 are readily available, FEMA says, the levee owner, community and/or local project sponsor will be requested to provide these documents to FEMA within 30 days.

FEMA includes these caveats:

*Certification by a professional engineer must accompany the submitted 44 CFR Section 65.10 data stating that the data and documentation submitted at the time of the original study are still pertinent and meet the requirements of Section 65.10 (e).*

*An official letter from the USACE certifying that the levee has been adequately designed and constructed to provide protection against the base flood may also be submitted in lieu of the certification noted above.*

If the full documentation for 44 CFR Section 65.10 is not provided within 24 months of the date of the agreement, the area landward of the levee will be remapped and shown as Zone AE or Zone A depending on the type of study performed for the area. A progress report must be provided to FEMA after 12 months to document the progress toward obtaining 44 CFR Section 65.10 data.

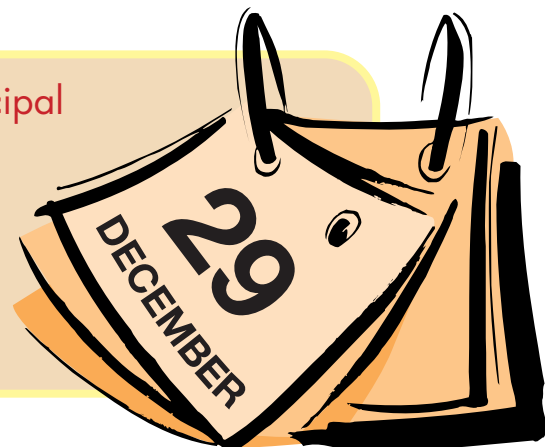
Arkansas is in Region 6. Its mailing address is FEMA Federal Regional Center 800 North Loop 288 Denton, TX 76209-3698. The main phone is 940-898-5399.

The contact for Arkansas for Flood Hazard Mapping is, according to the Region 6 Web site is Gary Zimmerer, Civil Engineer (Arkansas, Louisiana) and his e-mail, gary.zimmerer@dhs.gov. His phone is 940-898-5161. Information on the National Flood Insurance Program is also at the FEMA regional office, 940-898-5399.



The deadline for enrollment in the Arkansas Municipal League 2007 Municipal Officials and Department Heads Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan is Dec. 29, 2006.

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# Delta Byways honors cities, others

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

DUMAS—Dumas won the Arkansas Delta Byways (ADB) Hospitality Award and Caldwell at this 7<sup>th</sup> Delta Awards and Silent Auction Oct. 20 picked up the Festival/Event of the Year Award for its Cotton Pickin' Festival.

"Dumas is known for their catfish," said Marcel Hanzlik, ADB president and banquet emcee. He invited the municipal and business leaders, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism representatives and other ADB supporters to dig into the night's Delta-appropriate meal: catfish.

Dumas hosted the event and held it at the Dumas Community Center and, sure enough, this city of 5,238 in Desha County pulled in the Hospitality Award for promoting the region and hosting the awards banquet.

ADB named 30 award finalists in 10 categories. The City of Dyess in Mississippi County received a Promotional Award for its commemorating country music legend Johnny Cash, a Dyess native.

The Heritage Studies Program at Arkansas State University, which provides support and office space for ADB, received a Cultural Heritage Award.

ADB is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting tourism and travel in eastern Arkansas, the fertile region nourished by the Mississippi River. The 15 counties in the region are linked by two historic routes: Crowley's Ridge Parkway, which is a National Scenic Byway, and the Great River Road, a route that extends across 10 states from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Visitors to Arkansas spent \$4.5 billion in 2005, Arkansas Department of Tourism Assistant Director Nancy Clark said. She praised efforts by ADB to bring tourism dollars to the region by promoting its many attractions.

In 2005, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, funded by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, teamed with ADB, Main Street Arkansas and the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas to promote tourism in the Arkansas Delta. (See related story in September *City & Town*, pg. 13.) For more information, visit the Arkansas Delta Byways at [www.deltabyways.com](http://www.deltabyways.com).



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Arkansas Delta Byways at the 7th Delta Awards banquet awards the City of Dumas the Hospitality Award. From left are St. Charles Mayor and ADB officer Robert Patrick, Dumas Alderman T.C. Pickett, Dumas resident and National Trust for Historic Preservation advisor Debbie Shea, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Assistant Director Nancy Clark and ADB President Marcel Hanzlik.



## Salad days for state budgets may be short-lived

By Neal Peirce

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It's the best fiscal break for state governments since the deep slump that followed the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Most states have just finished up budget years reveling in surpluses that are at least 10 percent ahead of their projections. The National Conference of State Legislatures, totaling up all the state surplus figures, reports a heartening \$57 billion figure.

Why all this good news? What's happened to let a good number of states start making up for years of lagging help for schools and colleges and local governments, even replenish their rainy day funds?

Reason number one: a strengthened national economy. Number two: several one-time—probably temporary—breaks in individual states. Connecticut, for example, is realizing a windfall from capital gains on its income tax.

Arizona is reveling in an unexpected \$1.5 billion income bubble generated by its real estate boom.

And there's another factor: new life in the beleaguered state corporate income tax. In recent years it's been so cleverly "gamed," with profits shifted around from state to state by clever company accountants, that some experts predicted its eventual demise. But now tax returns to the states have soared with rising corporate profits. States have begun to pass "add-back" laws to recapture money that corporations try to "shelter" in tax-haven states like Delaware.

Another factor in the corporate tax rebound, reports *Governing* magazine, is that companies decided in the wake of the Enron debacle and parallel corporate scandals to stretch laws less, play it safer. Also, the federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act has required new levels of transparency in corporate fiscal dealings.

But are the happy days in state finances likely to last long? The answer, sadly, is almost surely not.

In the short term, there are indications the economy is slowing, with some discussion among economists whether we're headed to a recession or just a "soft landing."

Either way, says David Osborne, co-author of *The Price of Government* and veteran observer of the scene,

we're in for lean years—maybe decades of lean years—for state governments. The basic reason is the aging of our population and the built-in, seemingly irreversible inflation of our health care costs that are now gobbling up about a third of state budgets, up from just 15 percent in 1985.

The federal government is in no position to come to the states' rescue. It not only has a rising tide of Social Security payments ahead but has to pay for Medicare, destined to gobble up ever-greater shares of the federal budget as the baby boomers reach retirement years. Add in our escalating budgets for armed forces and weapons, plus the huge interest payments on the massive deficits the current government in Washington, D.C., has been running up, and there's little doubt about the future—a federal government less able to help out states.

As for the states themselves, no one's found a way to stop the inexorable upward march of Medicaid costs. Education is bound to cost a lot more—not just because of teacher union power, but because a 21st-century economy (and state economic success) makes not just high school but higher education, mandatory for most students.

On top of that, many local governments are highly dependent on state aid—and hobbled by state restrictions on how much they can raise themselves. State aid was cut sharply starting in 2001, and has a long way to come back.

Add in long-overdue infrastructure repair, disaster preparedness, maintaining highways in an era of weakened federal support, plus the immense sums we spend on incarcerating more people than any other nation on earth, and any idea of easy fiscal times for states anytime soon is probably pure fancy.

And that's before calculating the figures—as high as \$1 trillion in all—for unfunded state and local government worker pensions and full funding (which becomes mandatory next year) of retiree health plans.

It would be great if these realities were part of this

(see **Salad days** page 25)



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# Municipal and rural water clashes may face 'hairy' solutions

Fire protection sought for city planning areas needs more than the tiny potable water lines tightly held by rural water districts.

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

Water distribution and water use, especially where municipalities, planning zones and rural water associations meet, were the main concerns at an Oct. 19 seminar at the Municipal League headquarters in North Little Rock.

"Growth goes where the water goes," League Executive Director Don Zimmerman told the 38 city and town leaders gathered. As growth continues, policies regarding water will be more important, he added.

Edward Swaim, general counsel of the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (NRC), formerly the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission, explained the NRC's efforts to implement and revise the state water plan and policies.

Surface water in Arkansas is plentiful, and to date, Swaim said, only one legal battle over access to it has been fought. "In Arkansas, people who want water can generally get it."

Ground water is another issue, however. Swaim noted the situation in eastern Arkansas. The NRC has declared the region a "critical groundwater area," particularly the Grand Prairie region. The NRC, while it has no regulatory power over water use, is working to prevent over-use of the alluvial aquifer. "That is going to become a much larger problem in the future," Swaim said. Capturing surface water to supplement aquifer use and irrigation projects are among efforts to keep water available in the region. These efforts are especially critical now as Arkansas experiences near-drought conditions in one of the driest 12-month periods in history, he said.

Swaim encouraged municipal leaders, especially in expanding cities and towns, to study the Arkansas Water Plan and develop a local plan, one with an eye toward sustainability and with "common sense." The NRC, he said, may reject plans that are not sustainable or that duplicate services in clashing service areas. He encouraged coordination with rural water associations in those "vague service areas."

Cooperation between urban and rural water groups is not always easy, however. The state's water plan is 16 years old and the research behind it even older, Swaim said. The plan doesn't anticipate some current

issues and updating the policy will be expensive and take time, he said. However, he added, "People realize their own needs and try to seek solutions," and as that happens the NRC helps develop local plans to solve those problems.

Jim vonTungeln of the American Planning Association and the League's staff planning consultant first noticed rifts between cities and rural water associations about 15 years ago. It was no one's fault, he said. "It just happened."

"Rural water districts have a very productive place in our culture," vonTungeln said, in that they've provided potable water to rural residents who live on agriculturally productive land but whose water was previously unfit to drink.

But problems arise when a growing municipality seeks to develop its planning area, the area that stretches about five miles past city limits. A rural water association can seek protection under U.S. Title VII Section 1926(b) of federal law and deny a municipality the ability to provide city water service to the area. To have 1926(b) protection, a rural water district must simply have an outstanding NRC loan or be able to show that it has already provided water to the area in question.

There are cases, vonTungeln said, where a rural water association will refuse to pay the final amount owed on such a loan to maintain 1926(b) protection, or it will run a two-inch water line "out to nowhere" to create a protected area.

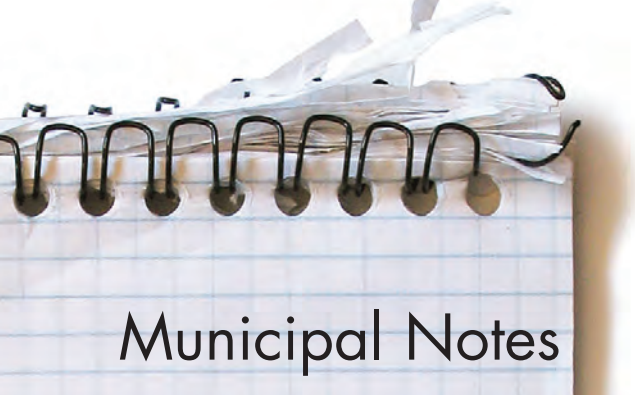
Encouraging cooperation between urban and rural water is the goal, vonTungeln said. "Everybody's interested in one thing, and that's a better state of Arkansas."

Rural water districts were to simply provide potable water, and most use two-inch pipes to do so. But pipes that small do not meet state fire code. To meet fire protection standards, pipes must be six inches minimum.

"How do you provide fire protection if you don't have a system designed to provide fire protection?" vonTungeln asked.

Arkansas State Fire Marshal Lindsey Williams said

(see **Water** page 25)



## Municipal Notes

# LECC studies child protection strategies

Protecting children from dangers posed by the Internet is the subject of a training conference Dec. 11 in Jacksonville, as presented by the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee (LECC).

The one-day conference, led by FBI and U.S. Attorney General's office representatives, will focus on Project Safe Childhood, the program initiated by U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to combat the proliferation of technology-facilitated exploitation crimes against children. Topics include Project overview, discussion of applicable laws, forensics, resources from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and interviewing techniques for child victims.

Conference check-in and breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 11 at the Jacksonville Community Center, 5 Municipal Drive, Jacksonville. To register for the conference, complete and mail the registration form below. Registration is \$15 and is required in advance (check or cash only). Registration deadline is Dec. 6.

For more information, call Mandy Warford, 501-340-2648.

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## Yarnell donates to Main Street Arkansas

SEARCY—Yarnell Ice Cream Company presented a check to Main Street Arkansas Oct. 18 as a result of the statewide contest and resulting sales of the limited edition flavor "Main Street Malt Shoppe." The carton and flavor were created especially for Main Street Arkansas to help promote and support the various downtown revitalization programs across the state. The winning flavor idea, submitted by Janet Gray of Batesville, was a flavor combination of vanilla-based ice cream with malt flavoring, malted milk balls and a fudge swirl. The flavor was sold in stores throughout the state until last month.

Albert Yarnell, Yarnell's chairman of the board and Main Street Searcy board member, said, "As Searcy's first existing industry, Yarnell's realizes the importance of community economic health, local quality of life, pride and community history, all issues that Main Street Arkansas brings to the forefront." Yarnell Ice Cream Company was founded in 1932 in Searcy.

## Arkansas's 'Firewise' efforts recognized nationally

The Arkansas Forestry Commission Firewise Program Nov. 3 was named a Regional Award Winner in the inaugural Firewise Leadership Awards ceremony presented at the 2006 National Wildland/Urban Interface Education Conference in Denver, Col.

The national Firewise Communities program announced the winners of the inaugural Firewise Leadership Awards. The awards recognize outstanding efforts to reduce the loss of lives, property, and resources in the wildland/urban interface—that point where urban development meets rural woods and forests. Arkansas cities and towns and communities, under the tutelage of the Arkansas Forestry Commission, have been at the national forefront in making their communities safer from wildfires.

Winners were selected based on their efforts on the local, state and regional level.

Specific credit went to David Samuel of the Arkansas Forestry Commission Firewise program. Awards spokesmen said Samuel has worked tirelessly to educate communities across the state of Arkansas on the benefits of becoming Firewise. In the five years since Samuel has been involved in the Firewise program, he has helped 41 communities achieve recognition as "Firewise Communities/USA®" sites. Communities in neighboring states have followed his lead and are taking steps to become Firewise themselves, they said.

The national Firewise Communities program is an interagency program to encourage local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters and others to protect people and property from the risk of wildfire. For more information, visit [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).





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# Fayetteville Mayor Coody creates plan for sustainable growth

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In 2001, the Mayor's Institute on City Design sparked Fayetteville Mayor Dan Coody's vision for how urban design could be used to enhance and protect Fayetteville's unique character.

Coody recently celebrated the adoption of City Plan 2025, a comprehensive planning document designed to capture the benefits of rapid growth while mitigating the costs. City Plan 2025 features six goals, he said: 1) make appropriate infill and revitalization our highest priorities; 2) discourage suburban sprawl; 3) make traditional town form the standard; 4) create a livable transportation system; 5) assemble an enduring green network; and 6) create attainable housing.

These goals seek to enhance Fayetteville's livability as well as implement key smart growth elements to address the tremendous growth in Northwest Arkansas. Northwest Arkansas is the sixth fastest growing Metropolitan Statistical Area in the country, and Fayetteville has been growing at a compound rate of 2.4 percent over the past six years, placing a burden on infrastructure and public services. While growth has brought tangible benefits, it also created a need for a comprehensive plan that addressed these issues and captured citizens' ideas and vision for the future of Fayetteville.

Coody led a collaboration between the planning staff and urban design team, Dover, Kohl and Partners, to gather public input through myriad methods and create a product that enabled residents to visualize positive change over time and outlined specific policy actions and programs. More than 700 citizens provided input through focus groups, online forums and four hands-on design workshops that were held during a 10-day intensive charrette. Residents were asked to designate where a projected population increase of 40,000, along with their jobs and services, should locate in and around the city. Citizens worked in groups of 8-10 people, using sticker dots to represent future population. This exercise enabled citizens to symbolize density in the areas they thought would be appropriate for infill or new development. The public participation culminated in an unprecedented policy summit of elected and appointed officials, including the city council, planning commission, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville School Board and Washington County Quorum Court.

Throughout the process, Coody emphasized the need for a comprehensive plan that addressed sustainability, which charrette participants echoed. Participants concentrated Fayetteville's predicted growth within the current city boundaries to conserve resources and tended to create clusters around potential light rail stops, anticipating transit-oriented development. The goals, objectives, sector map and benchmarks for the next five years reflect this emphasis on sustainability. The ambitious initiatives that the city will address over the next five years are:

• Adding four neighborhood plans to the city that are each complete, compact and connected. These master plans will shape the development future of four strategic areas within the city and serve as areas to pilot "green building" and "density bonus" programs;

• Establishing a tiered road impact fee system to encourage infill;

• Establishing a transfer of development rights program;

• Strengthening the development and infrastructure concurrency policy so that citywide infrastructure capacity becomes a determining factor when approving new development;

• Allowing as-of-right development for traditional neighborhood development and within master plan areas;

• Modifying regulations to increase the supply and quality of attainable housing, which includes providing density bonuses to developers in exchange for attainable housing units within their developments; and

• Establishing an inclusionary zoning policy.

Since City Plan 2025's adoption on July 17, several actions have put the Plan in motion. A partnership of



Coody

three local developers hired Duany, Plater-Zyberck to facilitate a charrette in August for a new development that incorporates the elements of a complete neighborhood by offering a variety of housing types and a residential commercial balance. Another local developer has partnered with Urban Design Associates to design a complete neighborhood that will include a 200-acre regional park adjoining a 700-acre mixed-use development. Coody has entered discussions with state legislators about bringing enabling legislation for transfer of development rights programs to the next legislative session. By citizen request, a “Guide to Action for Implementing City Plan 2025” has been made available to community members who want to assist in implementation.

These developments stemmed from the widespread participation and education during the planning process. Hundreds of citizens attended charrette events, and the Web site received more than 125,000 individual visits during the planning process. The Plan departs

from previous comprehensive plans by emphasizing traditional neighborhood design and town form. Enabling the public to visualize the expected products of implementation led 93 percent of the 200 attendees at a Work-in-Progress Session to state that they believed the Plan was headed in the right direction. Second, City Plan 2025 includes benchmarks for the next five years with actions that need to be taken by city staff and elected and appointed bodies. These benchmarks provide direction for city government and enable Fayetteville citizens to track implementation progress.

City Plan 2025 won the Achievement in Comprehensive Planning Award from the Arkansas Chapter of the American Planning Association for its quality and innovation, and the City Plan 2025 Web site won the Achievement in Technology Award. The awards were presented at the state conference on Sept. 28.

City Plan 2025 can be found at [cityplan2025.accessfayetteville.org](http://cityplan2025.accessfayetteville.org).



## Scam targets utility customers

A letter being sent to Arkansas consumers claims you could win money by paying your utility bill. The letter is a scam, Attorney General Mike Beebe says in a consumer alert warning Arkansans of the latest bogus lottery offer.

The letter, from a company called “Capitol One Corp.,” claims that the recipient has won \$50,000 through a random drawing based on account numbers of local utility customers. As with many of these scams, a check is enclosed for a portion of the “winnings,” in this case about \$4,000. The recipient is urged to keep the prize secret and to call an enclosed phone number for more details about the winnings.

The check is a counterfeit, copied from a legitimate bank in Massachusetts. Despite the U.S. address

posted on the letter, the “branch office” listed and the included phone number were traced to Canada, the origin of many lottery scams. Those who call the number will likely be instructed to deposit the phony check and wire money to help process the prize. Anyone who sends money will lose it and never see a prize.

“Although it has a clever new twist, this lottery scam has enough telltale signs that can help cautious consumers spot the fraud,” Beebe said. “An unsolicited, high-value check and a request to send money in advance are both red flags that any such offer is bogus and aims to take your money.”

Canadian officials encourage anyone who received the letter and counterfeit check to contact them at 1-888-495-8501 or online at [www.phonebusters.com](http://www.phonebusters.com).

## Attorney General Opinion

From the Office of Attorney General Mike Beebe

### State law allows interstate arrests

Opinion: 2006-175

Requestor: Harrelson, Steve—State Representative  
Do the provisions of ACA 16-81-115 give law enforcement

officers from adjoining states that fit within subsection (a) of the statute the authority to make an arrest in Arkansas?

**RESPONSE:** Yes.



# ACE program honors six cities

The communities develop economic growth plans and work to enhance the quality of life for residents.

**F**our cities have been certified and two recertified along with a county as Arkansas Communities of Excellence (ACE), a program of the Arkansas Department of Economic Development (ADEED).

An internationally recognized strategic planning process, ACE helps communities devise a blueprint to focus on economic growth by expanding their local economies and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

Harrisburg and McCrory on Oct. 5 became the 85th and 86th ACE communities, including 81 individual communities, three counties and two regional partnerships. Earlier this year, England and Eureka Springs were named ACE communities, and Smackover and Johnson County with its county seat, Clarksville, were recertified as ACE communities.

## McCrory

Gov. Mike Huckabee, who presented the certifications, cited McCrory's "great strides to create a recycling program, enhance the appearance of the downtown area and promote local attractions." Mayor Doyle Fowler and City Planner Kip Davis accepted the award on behalf of the city.

To achieve ACE certification, the six cities' and county's leaders developed and implemented plans involving business and industry, agriculture and agriculture-related business, area partnerships, tourism and beautification.

ADED Director Larry Walther said, "McCrory's leaders understand the value of partnerships and are working with neighboring areas to bring more economic development opportunities to the area. I'm pleased to see they are researching the possibilities of biodiesel production, which is garnering widespread interest lately."

## Harrisburg

Harrisburg Mayor Donnie Faulkner and ACE committee member Charles Nix accepted the award for their city. Huckabee said the city was creating a pocket park downtown and promoting attractions through the Department of Parks and Tourism.

"The ACE process has been great for our community because it has given us something to focus on and create community involvement," Nix said. "It has been a total volunteer effort that has allowed us as a smaller community to accomplish many of the goals of larger cities."

ADED Director Walther said, "Harrisburg's leaders are working diligently with existing business and industry to promote the city's dedicated workforce."

## England

At England, Huckabee presented the ACE certificate to England Mayor Jimmy Wallace and ACE committee members Robbie Ingle and Jason Willard.

"The city is working to improve housing, health-care and educational opportunities that will help make England an even better place in which to live and work," Huckabee said.

England's leaders have developed and implemented plans involving business and industry, area partnerships, beautification, housing, education and health care.

"England is very proud to receive this award as it is the result of hard work and accomplishments by the city and the England ACE steering committee with the support of city council members," Ingle said. "We know that it just the beginning of the work ahead to meet our goals and objectives to improve the quality of life for England residents in the areas of education, beautification, health, housing and maintaining established businesses while seeking new job opportunities."

Walther said, "While agriculture has historically been the major industry for the area, England's city leaders are partnering with area organizations—including ADED, the Lonoke County Coalition for Progress and the Metro Little Rock Alliance—to implement programs that will help diversify the area's economy and prepare future leaders."

## Eureka Springs

Huckabee presented the ACE certificate to Eureka Springs Mayor Kathy Harrison and Glenna Booth, economic development coordinator for Eureka Springs.

"For more than 125 years, Eureka Springs has been one of the state's premier resort communities, attracting visitors from around the country who come to enjoy the area's cultural and recreational opportunities," Huckabee said. "This accomplishment is testament to the dedication the city's leaders have for their community."

"The ACE program has worked really well for Eureka Springs," said Mayor Harrison. "In the three years we have been working through ACE, the citizens have had many successes, all achieved by working together to guide our town in the direction stated in our Vision Statement."

"Our ACE program has created an open, organized channel of communication between city commissions, departments, citizens and organizations that did not exist before. This process allows us to put aside our differences and move forward in a positive direction to bring more economic wealth to Eureka Springs while enhancing the quality of life that makes this such a special place to live, work and thrive."

Many of Eureka Springs' initiatives have focused on the arts. The city was the recipient of this year's ACE Energy Grant to install solar lighting in the ARTery outdoor art gallery.

"The city's leaders should be applauded for taking the necessary steps to develop and implement a long-term strategy for their community," Walther said. "They have achieved multiple honors for their programs."

## Smackover

Smackover Mayor Don Lambert and Tommie Sue Fleming, manager of the Smackover Chamber of Commerce, accepted the recertification from Walther. Originally certified in June 2001, this is Smackover's first ACE recertification.

In addition to its individual certification, Smackover is part of the Golden Triangle Economic Development Council, one of the two regional partnerships.

Huckabee said. "The city's leaders have tackled such challenging issues as education and affordable housing in an effort to improve the quality of life for every citizen."

Smackover's leaders implemented programs involving commercial development, tourism and marketing, established business, industry, education, beautification and housing.

As part of the ACE process, Smackover has improved the appearance of its downtown area by constructing sidewalks throughout a 10-block area. Ongoing projects include community-sponsored planters downtown and in the park, maintenance of trees and shrubs downtown, and landscaping around public signs.

"City leaders continually look outside the box to develop programs to improve their community," Walther of ADED said. "A job-shadowing program has given students an opportunity to learn firsthand about jobs that interest them, and students involved in the EAST Lab have received awards and honorable mentions at several EAST Lab conferences."

## Clarksville and Johnson County

Johnson County and its county seat, Clarksville, were both recertified at a ceremony held at the University of the Ozarks. Walther presented certificates to Clarksville Mayor Billy Helms, Johnson County Judge Mike Jacobs and Vicki Lyons, executive director of the Clarksville-Johnson County Chamber of Commerce.

Originally certified in 1999, this is Clarksville's second recertification. It is the first recertification for Johnson County, which in 2002 was the state's first county to be recognized as an Arkansas County of Excellence.

"Clarksville and Johnson County are models of what the ACE process is all about," Huckabee said. "Everyone involved should be proud of this honor. The area's leaders worked together to improve economic and community development in good times and in bad. It is why Clarksville was chosen for a joint study by the Universities of Arkansas and Texas regarding communities that have continued to thrive and grow during times of economic uncertainty."

To achieve ACE recertification, Clarksville and Johnson County's business and community leaders addressed several community and economic development issues, such as established business and industry, manufacturing, agriculture, tourism, retiree relocation, commercial development, area education, workforce development, health care, law enforcement, fire protection, solid waste management and affordable housing.

"The ACE process has worked for Clarksville and Johnson County because every volunteer involved is dedicated," Lyons said. "Strong leaders have focused on long-range planning and addressed issues, but it takes everyone to accomplish these goals." Manufacturing and distribution continue to be mainstays in Johnson County, followed closely by agriculture-related businesses.

Walther said, "In 2005, four companies in Johnson County reported total capital investments of more than \$13 million, creating 188 new jobs. Area leaders are working closely with the Arkansas River Valley Economic Development Compact and the Resource Alliance of Johnson County to help grow the area's economic opportunities even more."



# More good trail news comes to Central Arkansas, the Delta

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

American Trails, a nonprofit organization working to create and protect the nation's network of interconnected bicycling, hiking and equestrian trails, will hold its 19th National Trails Symposium at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock in 2008. Terry Eastin, executive director, Mississippi River Trail, Inc. (MRT), told *City & Town*.

Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey, North Little Rock



Mayor Patrick Hays, Pulaski County Judge F.G. Buddy Villines, Arkansas Parks and Tourism Director Richard Davies and Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) Director Dan Flowers have agreed to co-chair the Symposium.

The every-other-year symposium provides an opportunity for trail advocates, city planners, conservationists, landowners, and tourism and business interests to gather for an inspirational and educational conference of national and local speakers, workshops, field trips, exhibitions and recreation. The 18th symposium was Oct. 19-22 in Davenport, Iowa.

The 2008 Symposium should be a boon for the state's trails, their users and the host city and Central Arkansas, Eastin said. Organizers of the Iowa symposium projected that participants would spend \$1.5 million to \$2 million. Little Rock and Central Arkansas can expect a similar expenditure, she said.

Eastin appreciates the cooperation of Central Arkansas's leaders. "All of the mayors have just been fantastic. It's very obvious that these fellows understand

the importance of trails." Central Arkansas's latest trail success was the Sept. 30 opening of the \$12.5 million Pulaski County Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge, creating a 14-mile-Arkansas River Trail loop in Little Rock and North Little Rock.

## Trail funding could benefit Delta.

Eastin and MRT, with groups such as Arkansas Delta Byways, work to secure funds for trail projects in Arkansas, but funding in the state has suffered in recent years.

The AHTD, which handles federal recreational trail program funds, rescinded or put in an obligation-limitation pool more than \$1.5 million that had come to Arkansas for trail development. The money comes from a federal gasoline tax on off-road vehicles and returned to states for trail programs.

Eastin said the \$1.5 million that Arkansas declined to spend could have built a lot of trails or could have gone a long way toward funding 181 requests submitted last year in Arkansas for trail development. Only about half of those requests received funding.

The AHTD's rescinding of the \$1.5 million was part of a voluntary effort by the state, at the behest of the federal government, to offer the money to areas damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

While money is tight, trail advocates were pleased when the National Park Service awarded the first bi-regional technical assistance grant to the Southeast-Midwest regions for work on the Mississippi River Trail project, a 10-state, interconnected series of cycling routes under development from the headwaters of the Mississippi River at Lake Itasca, Minn., to the Gulf of Mexico.

Eastin is confident that more money for Arkansas trails will come from the AHTD when it finalizes a budget in late December.

## Helena-West Helena links to trail.

One project that will benefit from the grant money is The String of Pearls Project, a plan to develop and promote key corridors of the Mississippi River Trail. In Arkansas, one key area of the route under development will connect downtown Helena-West Helena to the Arkansas Delta Heritage Trail, a 70-mile conservation-oriented trail through the Delta. Also under development is a loop from Memphis to Tunica, Miss., west to Helena-West Helena and north to West Memphis.





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# Appeal this! Stop overturning your planning commission.

State law appears to place maximum responsibility on planning commissions to carry out the policies of the elected bodies.

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

**A**ppeals from planning commission decisions provide a lot of insight into the way a city is governed. Despite the quality of the commissioners, some elected officials will eventually disagree with a commission decision and overturn it. If that occurs every couple of years, the system is probably working. If it happens more often, something is probably rotten in (fill in name of city).

By the time a land use case reaches the elected body, the staff (assuming there is one) has completed an analysis of the pertinent facts. The planning commissioners (assuming they are doing their jobs) have reviewed the facts, the pros and cons and potential impacts on both the neighborhood and the entire planning area. They have held a public hearing during which each side is allowed to present its case in detail. Sometimes they have “taken heat” for making a tough decision.

There are few things more disheartening than for the staff and planning commission to invest hours in such a decision only to have the elected body summarily overturn it for political, *i.e.*, usually wrong, reasons.

It is often said that the planning commission only makes recommendations and has no real power. This attitude causes the planning commissioners to lose focus and only make a feeble stab at real planning. People then wonder why the planning commission has lost its backbone.

The next step in this process of disintegration is that both applicants and opponents begin to save their strongest arguments for their appearance before the elected body. The planning commission may never even hear the real issues discussed. A staff member or planning commissioner can feel awfully neglected if an applicant presents a different case before the board or council than that presented before the commission.

It happens all the time.

“But,” you say, “the job of the planning commission is to make recommendations only.” Read the state planning statutes. They, in my opinion at least, place maximum responsibility on the planning commission

for carrying out the policies of the elected body. There is nothing I find in the statutes that suggests the commission is simply a “pass through” body. This is particularly evident in the administration of subdivision regulations.

While it is true that only elected officials can enact an ordinance change such as a re-zoning, there should be a strong presumption that the ordinance is simply a formality that turns the planning commission action into municipal law.

It is also true that regulations should include an appeal process from decisions by non-elected officials. This does not suggest, however, automatic overturns of any act that doesn’t please the applicant.

“But,” one argues further, “I am elected by and responsible to the citizens.” True that. It is also true that the best way to serve your citizens in terms of land use regulation is to appoint good planning commissioners, spend money training them and give them the respect they deserve. Then you are not tying up valuable time in your council or board meeting listening to appeals for cases that you have not had time to study because of the many other pressing issues of municipal government.

“But don’t applicants have a right to appeal?” you offer at last.

They do indeed, particularly on those rare occasions when the planning commission has acted egregiously or the issues are so complex as to deserve a different set of eyes. If reversals are restricted to these instances, you as an elected official will be giving your planning commission the respect that it deserves. The benefits of such support will remain far longer than any momentary political benefit gained by overturning good decisions. Besides, you only have to say no three or four times and frivolous appeals will stop. Wouldn’t that make your mattress softer? Ask the folks in Russellville. They follow this policy and have had only a single contentious zoning case before the council in the last two years. Oh, and by the way: the council supported the commission on that one. Kudos.

In closing, if your planning commissioners are not making reasoned decisions, replace them. If they lack planning education, pay to have them trained and

require that they attend. The state planning association offers low cost planning commissioner workshops. (See [www.arkansasapa.org](http://www.arkansasapa.org).) If they are not receiving good supporting information, see that it is provided. I will offer more on this.



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historically, rural water associations have not been interested in fire protection, “just human consumption.” But with today’s development and growth, he said, “that thought process needs to change.”

“You see schools, churches, nursing homes springing up in rural areas all the time. Those structures deserve protection. The people using those structures deserve protection,” Williams said.

Williams reminded leaders that developing outside city limits does not exempt one from state fire code. “The Arkansas Fire Prevention Code is state law,” he said. “It doesn’t matter whether a city adopts it or not.”

England Mayor Jimmy Wallace, too, cited outdated outlooks of many rural water associations. “Rural water associations tend to think about yesterday and what we have right now,” he said. But as the state grows, he said, “we need to look to the future.”


About the limitations placed on municipalities by 1926(b), “there’s not much we can do right now,” League General Counsel Mark Hayes told the group. State law has provided, under certain circumstances, ways for a city to provide water where rural water associations can’t, “but it’s hairy,” said Hayes, and doesn’t happen without expensive legal battles that no one wins. But the League is working with state law to more easily get serv-

ice to those who need it and in a natural, responsible way, he said.

Al Johnson, League engineering consultant, cited water issues within city limits. He encouraged city and town leaders to create and comply with stormwater management plans, a condition of the Arkansas Clean Water Act.

“Industry has been aware of this for some time,” Johnson said, “but cities need to start enforcing and building according to guidelines. One day, the axe will fall.” (See related column in September *City & Town*, page 26.)

Speaking as a conservationist, Ken Smith, director of Audubon Arkansas, praised progress the state has made in recent years to improve water quality. “Even with all the great work that’s been done, we have major concerns facing us this century,” he warned and cited urban sprawl and climate changes brought on by the greenhouse effect as two dangers to environmental health.

Smith urged leaders to take environmental concerns seriously rather than as the latest attempt by “environmental whackos” to prevent development. He encouraged cooperation, coordination of community resources and maintenance of tough environmental regulations. We’ve all benefited from such regulations, he said. “Every community represented has clean water to drink, clean air to breathe and low risk of contaminants.” Protecting our resources, he said, depends on the efforts of cities and towns because “you can do more and do it quicker than at any other level of government.” 


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fall’s elections for governors in 36 states. But they aren’t. Instead, candidates are typically promising new programs and shunning any talk of new taxes.

Some surreal situations have developed. Take Massachusetts. It’s siphoning off \$550 million from its “rainy day” fund to balance its current budget—even while several of the candidates for governor wrangle over how much to cut the state income tax.

Maine, Montana, Nevada and Oregon have stiff tax and revenue limit measures on this fall’s ballots. Similar initiative efforts are pending in six other states. Washington voters will consider repealing the estate tax, which generates about \$100 million a year for public schools and enrollment in higher education.

The more the anti-taxers succeed, the sooner the comeuppance in the state capitals. Yet Osborne’s gloomy prognosis is probably correct: All states better gird themselves for “permanent fiscal crisis.” 



# Animal control lessons come fast

One of them: Pet owners don't always own up to their responsibilities.

By J. Neal Wood

I became the part-time Mayflower animal control officer on Aug. 7 and wondered what lay in store. It wasn't long before I found out.

Only a day or so passed before I got a call about an abandoned adult Labrador retriever at a boat landing in Mayflower. To say I was a little excited and extremely nervous would be an understatement.

It could have been because I had never been an animal control officer specifically (we aren't called dog-catchers anymore—all kinds of animals are out there), but more likely my nervousness was because I knew an adult Labrador was probably bigger than I. I was about right.

Fortunately, a utility worker was close by, and we soon loaded "Lucky" the Lab, into the animal control vehicle and we were on our way to the kennels. Unloading him was easier than picking him up.

Since that first capture, many have followed. Most are strays or the occasional feral cat. The standard procedure following the pickup of a stray animal in Mayflower is to notify the owner and return the animal.

If that doesn't happen (a stray animal wearing current rabies and city tags is mostly a rarity), we keep the animal for 10 days, as specified by our city codes, to allow for possible reclamation by the owner or adoption by another person.

We post notices in meeting places where, hopefully, the greatest number of people will see them. At least one animal control listing is published in the *Log Cabin Democrat*, the newspaper that covers all of Faulkner County, including Mayflower.

In the listing is a description of the animal, where it was found and when it was taken to the Conway Animal Welfare Unit for adoption or other means of control. (Mayflower, which lacks animal shelter facilities, has signed an agreement with Conway to use its facilities.)

Unfortunately, some animal owners do not reclaim their pets. Their reasons may be that the animal has become too much trouble, it costs too much to reclaim it (but we feel it's very reasonable) or the pet's not a puppy anymore.

Those reasons are not the animal's fault. The responsibility belongs to the folks who choose to take an animal as a pet. Animals grow and change. Sometimes the pet is something other than what the family

expected; or maybe the pet is too big or not big enough, or not mean enough, or not quiet enough, not cuddly enough and so on.

I am amused at the excuses that owners of pets give as to why little Fluffy or big Rover was loose from the yard. Here are a few excuses:

"He knows how to open the gate." (The purchase of a locking device is advised.)

"The animal next door was in heat."

"I was gone to the store for only a minute."

"We were going to have her spayed; we just didn't do it in time."

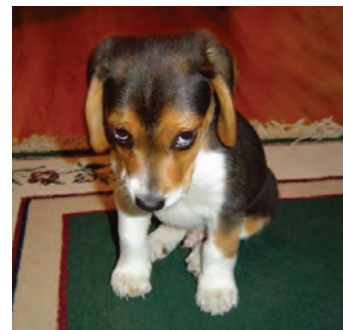
"I don't know whose animal it is." (Neighbors say otherwise.)

"Everyone in the neighborhood has been feeding it." (But it lives at your house.)

These are a few excuses I've heard in the 2½ months I have been here. Owners must realize that it's against the law to let an animal run free. They may disrupt the neighborhood by barking and inciting other dogs to bark and misbehave; they may pillage the neighborhood. To say the least, it is upsetting for a resident to awaken and find scattered trash in the yard or a destroyed newspaper.

Pet owners who train their dogs for hunting or other purposes typically take good care of their pets. They must realize that the pet that runs free risks injury or being taken by someone.

Pets should be treated with respect and provided with food, water, shelter and care. Throw in love, and you have one of the happiest animals in town.



"I said I was sorry."



J. Neal Wood is animal control officer at Mayflower in Faulkner County.

## Obituaries

**George W. (Bill) Eakin**, 65, who helped Holland become incorporated and who served as one of its first aldermen, died Nov. 8.

**Raymond Edward Evans**, 77, a former alderman on the Benton and Bryant City Councils and a member of the Arkansas Municipal League, died Oct. 29.

**Charles S. Goldberger**, 81, former assistant Pine Bluff city attorney and a former U.S. commissioner for the Eastern District of Arkansas, died Oct. 20. In 1964, he represented the group responsible for the incorporation of the City of White Hall. He was the first White Hall city attorney. Later he served as Pine Bluff municipal judge, and as city judge for Altheimer, Humphrey, White Hall and Redfield.

**Charles Matthews**, 67, former Felsenthal alderman, died Sept. 16.

**Leon Bradford Sorrells**, 92, a Jacksonville City Council member from 1959 through 1969, died Nov. 10. Jacksonville became a city of the First Class and Little Rock Air Force Base was annexed into the city limits during his time on the Council.



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# Where does your city stand on the economic chain ... when it comes to education?

By Sherman Banks

**A**s you assess where you want your city to be in the next 10 or 20 years economically, it is important to know the educational infrastructure in your city, county and state. The economy is tied so closely to education that they are practically synonymous with one another.

The state continues to fall behind, and in 2000, Arkansas ranked 47th in per capita income among the states. In 2002, Arkansas fell to 49th, barely ahead of Mississippi. Mississippi is inching upward despite the effects of Katrina.

The Southern Education Foundation issued a report on education called *Miles to Go Arkansas*. Some of the report's findings:

Arkansas's economic development flows directly from education.

Incomes are strongly related to education.

Arkansas is near the bottom among the 50 states in producing college graduates and per capita income.

Arkansas has a near majority of low-income, African American and Latino students who have the most needs and the least educational resources. These students are falling behind throughout Arkansas's educational systems.

Only about 15 percent of 9th graders graduate from college within 10 years—close to the same percentage of current Arkansas adults who have a college degree. *Miles to Go Arkansas* (read the full report at [www.sefatl.org](http://www.sefatl.org)) recommended that the state set a new long-term direction in order to achieve these necessary goals within 10 years:

- Close the educational resources gap by income and race in per pupil expenditures effective teaching, student support, challenging curriculum and teacher salaries.
- Reduce the racial and income gaps in average test scores for writing, reading, math and science.
- Double the percentage of college graduates in Arkansas from all population groups.

In addition to providing an adequate, equitable investment in education that stimulates the state's economic development and social progress, there has

to be a change in how education is taught in a world of technology and rapid communications globally.

Community leaders must recognize that this is a responsibility and obligation to assure that the future of our state is secure and no longer ranked at the bottom of the educational and economic chains.

The late Gov. Sid McMath recognized this more than 50 years ago, and it still is just as true now as it was then when he observed, "It is ... one of our primary responsibilities to provide educational opportunities for all children of Arkansas. This is a direct constitutional obligation of the people of Arkansas. Our most pressing and demanding state problem, in war and peace, is that of adequate school support. The abilities of your children and mine represent the human wealth of our state. They are the future. A continuing adequate investment in these human resources is vital to the survival of civilization and the progress of our state."

In 2002, former Governor McMath repeated that same thought and then concluded that "we are at a crossroads ... the time is now."

To be competitive, particularly in the international market, it is important that Arkansas leaders and the average citizens realize that the state must provide sustainable support for decades, not just a few years.

We must insist that new methods be instituted in the classroom to ensure a global education, methods that challenge the mind and spirit of today's young people, methods that provide for languages and prepare our youth to be competitive in the 21st century.

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# From cul de sac to freeway

Streets designed to complement the comprehensive land use plan keep traffic flowing smoothly.

By A.E. (Al) Johnson Jr.

**C**ity streets are very important. A city's or town's streets are the first and last thing visitors see when they come to your city. Streets can make lasting impressions. It can be President Clinton Avenue or just plain Oak Street. The impressions can be good or bad.

Clean, well-maintained streets—provided they “function” properly—with a sidewalk on at least one side, a little landscaping and good signage can make a person's day!

Streets can be functionally classified. This system distinguishes the amount of time that a street serves for accessibility and the amount of time that it serves for mobility. A cul de sac (a street that ends in a turn-around), where everybody going in that street has a destination, best exemplifies 100 percent accessibility. One hundred percent mobility is exemplified by a freeway, where there are no driveways or accesses for residences or commercial businesses, and all of the traffic is moving from a destination off the freeway to another destination off the freeway.

Each time a street moves up in classification from local street to collector, the percentage of traffic passing through increases. The function of a collector street is to provide about 25 percent mobility and 75 percent accessibility. We then move to the minor arterial, where accessibility and mobility are approximately equal. Then we move to the major arterial, where mobility becomes approximately 75 percent and accessibility 25 percent.

Lastly, at 100 percent mobility, is the freeway.

The functional classification correlates very well to user financial responsibility, street design requirements and operating speed.

The local street should have an operating speed of 25 mph, pavement as narrow as 22 feet with two inches of asphalt hot mix and six inches of base course. A local street should only have commercial truck traffic when someone is moving or if there is a service truck. Obviously, the financial responsibility for the local street is with the property owner more than the motorist and commercial vehicles.

When the classification changes increases to a minor arterial with a 36-foot surface width, two inches of asphalt surface, two inches of asphalt base and eight inches of granular base, the speed should increase from

35 to 40 mph. Motorists are more financially responsible for this arterial than the adjoining landowner.

When we get to the freeway, we have 10 inches of reinforced concrete pavement and 16 inches of asphalt-stabilized base with 40-foot-wide surfaces separated by a 60-foot median or median barrier. The speed limit on this freeway is now 65 or 70 miles per hour, and the road user has 100 percent financial responsibility.

All cities should have a transportation plan—sometimes referred to as a master street plan—that supports their comprehensive land use plan, which is the plan of the future for city growth.

Cities and towns intentionally build the comprehensive land use plan around the transportation system to be sure that the functionally classified streets are available to meet the traffic needs of the specific land use. Transportation systems are often criticized for their inability to accommodate the traffic when the system has been arbitrarily changed by a political decision or a change in the land use plan.

The above situation exists in every city, regardless of size. Let's look at Little Rock. As early as 1929, a consultant identified the western growth of the city as the only feasible development area and called for improved east-west travel. The consultant's conclusion was based on natural barriers—the Arkansas River to the north and east and the flood-prone bottoms of Fourche Creek to the south and east.

The 1929 plan was quite simple and logical. In the mid-1950s, the Federal Highway Act mandated comprehensive transportation planning. The Little Rock plan also recognized the need for improved east-west travel by envisioning the Interstate 630 corridor, Evergreen Drive extending westward between Highway 10 and Markham Street and 65th Street extending west to Stagecoach Road and Colonel Glenn Road.

Two of the three major east-west arterials were never built. The midtown freeway would have provided service to the State Capitol and hospital complex by connecting Interstate 30 to Highway 10. Consequently, the west end of 65th Street, though built as an arterial, has never been able to function as such. Evergreen Drive, which was not built for that purpose, wants to function as an arterial.

The lack of a midtown freeway pushes all traffic to

the south and through the I-630/430 cloverleaf, which now requires a major design upgrade.

Be sure to match your transportation plan with your comprehensive land use plan, and don't be bashful about putting future arterials in undeveloped areas and require the necessary right of way and design as the properties are developed.



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# Weatherizing homes can save hundreds of dollars yearly

Sacratine Redwood's gas and electric bills have taken a nosedive at her Alzheimer home since she began participating in the Weatherization Assistance Program.

The savings enabled Redwood, a certified nursing assistant, to make improvements inside and outside of her frame home and thereby to better care for her ailing mother.

"My gas bill this month [October] was \$34," she told a reporter.

About 100 participants attended an announcement Oct. 30 in Little Rock reminding people statewide about the weatherization program.

They learned about energy-saving light bulbs, for example, at one of more than 10 demonstrations in Little Rock's River Market. They included a computerized energy audit, a "blower door," duct and carbon monoxide testing, gas-leak detection, insulation, metering refrigerators and other devices and measures that can help people save an average of more than \$300 a year in energy costs at their homes.

Little Rock Mayor Jim Dailey praised the weatherization program as "wonderful human work."

Not only does the program save money, he said, it improves the quality of life of those who receive the assistance. "We can't control the weather, but we can work to lessen the impact of extreme heat and cold."

Making a difference by lowering energy costs is the

goal of the Weatherization Assistance Program, said city, county and state leaders at the announcement.

Initiated by the federal Department of Energy (DOE) in 1976 in response to the oil shortage, the program helps states and communities provide more energy-efficient, safe and healthy homes to persons with low incomes. The program is administered by the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Community Services (OCS) and implemented primarily by private, nonprofit community action agencies across the state.

The program improved more than 1,200 Arkansas homes last year. With more funds available this year, the OCS expects to weatherize 1,500 homes, said Al West, executive director of the Office of Human Concern in Rogers.



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Mark Whitmer, weatherization director for the community action agency in Fort Smith, checks gauges of a Blower Door. The door device is used to determine air infiltration and is one of a number of diagnostic and technological tools used to improve homes.

## What the Weatherization Assistance Program does

It diagnoses the energy-conservation needs of a home; provides door and window weather stripping; caulks and seals cracks and holes; insulates attics, walls and floors; installs storm windows, energy-saving light bulbs and smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors; repairs and retrofits furnaces; replaces energy-wasting refrigerators and electric water heaters.

## Who it is for

The labor and materials are free for persons whose annual incomes are no more than \$12,250 for one person, \$16,500 for two, \$20,750 for three, \$25,000 for four, \$29,250 for five, up to \$42,000 for eight and \$4,250 for each additional family member in the house.

## How it is funded

The DOE provides Arkansas with about \$2 million a year. The Arkansas OCS contributes another \$1.5 million in funds from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The program since its inception has spent more than \$91 million improving more than 61,000 homes in Arkansas.

## The benefits

The program makes homes more energy-efficient, allowing residents to apply more income to food, medicine, clothing, transportation, childcare, education and other basic necessities. It saves families an average of \$358 a year and reduces overall energy demand by the equivalent of 18 million barrels of oil a year.

## Who to contact

Call 501-682-8722 for more information about the program and to obtain an application.

# Fairs & Festivals

Nov. 16, **EL DORADO**, Downtown Holiday Lighting Ceremony, 870-863-6113, [www.GoElDorado.com](http://www.GoElDorado.com)  
 Nov. 18, **BERRYVILLE**, Holiday Parade, 870-423-3704, [www.berryvillear.com](http://www.berryvillear.com)  
 Nov. 18-25, **STUTTGART**, 71st World Championship Duck Calling Contest and Wings Over the Prairie Festival, 870-673-1602, [www.stuttgartarkansas.com](http://www.stuttgartarkansas.com)  
 Nov. 18-28, **BENTONVILLE**, Winter Wonderland Lighting of the Square, 479-254-0254, [www.mainstreetbentonville.org](http://www.mainstreetbentonville.org)  
 Nov. 24-25, **HOT SPRINGS**, Winter Wonderland Craft Festival, 501-262-3651  
 Nov. 25, **PARIS**, Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Parade, 479-963-2244, [www.paris-ar.com](http://www.paris-ar.com); **SPRINGDALE**, Christmas Parade of the Ozarks, 479-927-4530, [rodeooftheoark.com](http://rodeooftheoark.com)  
 Nov. 26-Dec. 30, **ROGERS**, A Rogers Christmas in the Hawkins House, 479-621-1154, [gbland@rogersark.org](mailto:gbland@rogersark.org)  
 Nov. 28, **MONTICELLO**, 12th Carols of Christmas Holiday Parade, 870-367-6741, [www.montdrewchamber.com](http://www.montdrewchamber.com)  
 Nov. 30, **HOT SPRINGS**, Christmas Around the World Parade, 501-321-2277, [www.hotsprings.org](http://www.hotsprings.org); **JACKSONVILLE**, Holiday Lighting Ceremony, 501-982-1511, [www.jacksonville-arkansas.com](http://www.jacksonville-arkansas.com); **OSCEOLA**, 28th Winter Festival, 870-563-2281, [www.osceolachamber.net](http://www.osceolachamber.net); **RUSSELLVILLE**, 10th Christmas Parade, 479-968-2530, [www.russellvillechamber.org](http://www.russellvillechamber.org); **STAMPS**, Christmas in Stamps, 870-904-0815, [jmo46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmo46@sbcglobal.net)  
 Dec. 1, **BLYTHEVILLE**, 55th Christmas Parade, 870-762-2012, [www.BlythevilleGosnellChamber.org](http://www.BlythevilleGosnellChamber.org); **CROSSETT**, Celebrate Crossett at Christmas, 870-364-6591, [www.crossettchamber.com](http://www.crossettchamber.com); **EUREKA SPRINGS**, Christmas Parade, 800-638-7352, [www.eurekaspringschamber.com](http://www.eurekaspringschamber.com); **FORREST CITY**, Community Christmas Parade, 870-633-1651, [info@forrestcitychamber.com](mailto:info@forrestcitychamber.com); **MENA**, Christmas Festival, 479-394-8355, [www.gomenaarkansas.com](http://www.gomenaarkansas.com); **MOUNTAIN HOME**, Christmas Parade, 870-425-5111, [www.EnjoyMountainHome.com](http://www.EnjoyMountainHome.com)  
 Dec. 1-10, **DUMAS**, 10 Days of Christmas, 870-382-5447  
 Dec. 1-30, **SHERWOOD**, 6th Enchanted Forest and Holiday Trail of Lights, 501-835-8909, [CherylF@ci.sherwood.ar.us](mailto:CherylF@ci.sherwood.ar.us)  
 Dec. 2, **BENTONVILLE**, 2nd Daytime Christmas Parade, 479-254-0254, [www.mainstreetbentonville.org](http://www.mainstreetbentonville.org); **BOONEVILLE**, 25th Christmas Parade, 479-675-2666, [booneville.com](http://booneville.com); **CLARKSVILLE**, Christmas Lighting and Parade, 479-754-2340, [www.clarksvillechamber.com](http://www.clarksvillechamber.com); **DEQUEEN**, 26th Festival of Lights Christmas Parade, 870-584-3225, [www.dequeenchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.dequeenchamberofcommerce.com); **ELAINE**, Country Christmas Festival, 870-827-3760; **HARRISON**, Christmas Parade, 870-741-2659, [www.harrison-chamber.com](http://www.harrison-chamber.com); **HEBER SPRINGS**, Light up the Park, 501-362-2444; **HUNTSVILLE**, Lights of the Season Winter Parade, 479-738-6000, [www.huntsvillechamber.com](http://www.huntsvillechamber.com); **JACKSONVILLE**, 49th Christmas Parade, 501-982-1511, [www.jacksonville-arkansas.com](http://www.jacksonville-arkansas.com); **LITTLE ROCK**, Holiday Parade and State Capitol Lighting Ceremony, 501-376-4781, [www.littlerock.com](http://www.littlerock.com); **MARIANNA**, Christmas Lighting Display, 870-295-2469, [www.mariannaarkansas.org](http://www.mariannaarkansas.org); **NORTH LITTLE ROCK**, Christmas Parade, 501-372-5959, [www.nlrchamber.org](http://www.nlrchamber.org); **OZARK**, Christmas Parade, 479-667-2525; **PARAGOULD**, Tinsel Town, 870-240-0544, [www.mainstreetparagould.info](http://www.mainstreetparagould.info); **RUSSELLVILLE**, Festival of Trees, 479-967-1762,

[discoverrussellville.org](http://discoverrussellville.org); **SEARCY**, Old Fashioned Christmas and Holiday of Lights Parade, 501-279-1032, [www.cityofsearcy.org](http://www.cityofsearcy.org); **VAN BUREN**, 10th Christmas Parade, 479-474-7300, [www.vanburen.org](http://www.vanburen.org)  
 Dec. 2-3, **HORSESHOE BEND**, 10th Festival of Trees, 870-670-5433

## Healthy trails live in Wrightsville

WRIGHTSVILLE—A 1,796-foot-long asphalt path, encircling ball fields and skirting the edge of a deep woods, was dedicated Oct. 21 as part of an overall development of playing fields, basketball goals, playground and other outdoor exercise and fun facilities.

"Trails for Life Grants—An exercise for healthy living" assisted the development, Mayor Lorraine Smith said on the dedication day. Balloons flew and food (healthy food like bananas) was available and, of course, folks walked the new trail early on as fog wafted nearby and dew was heavy on the ballfield.

Donna Brown and Sherry Casey were among the early walkers as they chatted on the winding path and discussed weekend plans. Others were tying up the balloons, and helping decorate, including Robert Brown, Dennis Hansberry and Bernestine Washington.

The trail grants are issued through the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism and its Outdoor Recreation Grants Program Program. Smith also worked with the Central Arkansas Development to obtain the trails and related grants.



Opening the trail are, from left: Dennis Hansberry, Donna Brown, Bernestine Washington, Mayor Lorraine Smith, Robert Brown and Sherry Casey.

# Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2006

The Newsletter, provided by a'TEST consultants, is included in *City & Town* as a service of the Arkansas Municipal League Legal Defense Program.

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND WOES

When the holiday season arrives, employers should note significant changes in employee behaviors. It is not always a happy time for some employees. In fact, many suffer during this time of the year with depression, anxiety and drug or alcohol abuse. Employees who have not exhibited behavioral problems may suddenly be thrown into a cycle of aberrant behavior during the winter months.

Why? There are several explanations. First, many people become sad and depressed due to the reduced natural sunlight during the winter.

Second, some people become anxious and stressed over the expenses and time demands during the holidays. It's hard to cope with children wanting expensive toys "like everyone else is getting for Christmas" when a parent is barely able to meet obligations on his or her salary. Guilt and anger may surface. Other employees who live alone or are aged face similar concerns.

Third, social demands become stressful. People often find themselves running home from work, change clothes, feeding the kids (if you have any!), running to a party, having a few drinks and then getting home late. Similar routines may be repeated several nights a week from Thanksgiving through New Years'. Employees often turn to drugs and alcohol to escape stress.

Fourth, employers can help their employees during the holidays. Encourage extra lightening around desks of those that require more light during the winter. A new desk lamp is not expensive, but it can help the employee to work better and to feel better.

For employees who are struggling with serious financial issues, some resources may help them with food baskets or gifts for their children. Programs are available to assist people with these types of needs.

For problems of drug and alcohol abuse, employers should encourage employees to get more rest, have proper meals and offer educational programs to encourage substance abuse prevention. It is also a good time to remind employees that they work in a drug-free workplace and that random testing may take place during the holidays, just as it does any time during the year. This is a way to offer them an easy way to "just say no" to drugs and excessive alcohol during the holidays.

## DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES AND INTEGRITY

Have you ever thought about how a drug test is administered to employees and what safeguards are in place to protect the employee and the employer? Here are employer responsibilities concerning drug/alcohol testing:

Confirm that the specimen collectors have received proper training and have certificates of proficiency and that they are current and meet the training DOT requirements.

Confirm that the urine specimen will be analyzed at a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-certified laboratory that also conducts GC/MS confirmations and adulteration testing.

- Confirm that any positive test results reviewed by a medical review officer (MRO) is done



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required drug testing for all holders of commercial drivers' licenses.



by a currently certified physician who has met continuing training requirements.

- Confirm that the blind specimen monitoring needed for your city's testing is performed when needed (DOT regulations require the sending of a specified number of spiked/certified specimen to a laboratory for testing the laboratory's proficiency).
- Confirm that all confidentiality requirements are followed within the workplace. (Employee drug testing does not fall under HIPPA.)
- Confirm that all testing results are carefully secured in a locked filing cabinet, *not in employee files*, and that there is limited access to this information.
- Confirm that the random selection of an employee for testing is handled by a computer-generated program, as directed by DOT.
- Confirm that you treat all employees fairly and consistently at all times to avoid challenges to your testing program.
- Confirm that any manager of a drug/alcohol testing program has required one hour of drug training and one hour of alcohol training.
- Confirm that all of your testing is done consistently, same testing panel and the same standards to avoid issues.
- Confirm that all alcohol testing is done according to the DOT standards and the guidelines of the manufacturer.
- Confirm that the alcohol test is performed by a breath alcohol technician (BAT) who has had official training and the required continuing education.
- Confirm that the alcohol testing equipment is calibrated following a positive test and that the manufacturer servicing is being performed.
- Confirm that DOT tests are ordered correctly and administered correctly to avoid a canceled test.
- Confirm that you, as an employer, fully understand that you are totally responsible for the accuracy of the drug testing program for your employees.
- Confirm that the specimen collectors who make a mistake in testing your employee are required to do five mock collections to improve their competency and that the documentation of this information is part of your file.

Drug and alcohol testing is not easy; in fact, it is a full-time carefully regulated field. Careful consideration of all federal or state requirements and the management of your testing program are critical. If you have any questions concerning your program, please contact our office at 501-376-9776.

## **DRUG USE RISES IN 50S, DIPS AMONG TEENS**

Baby boomers' use of marijuana and other drugs is increasing the usage rates among older adults, while teens' drug use is declining, according to a national survey released recently.

Overall, illicit drug use among Americans rose slightly from 2004 to 2005, driven in part by small increases in cocaine, marijuana and prescription drug use among adults 50-59 according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. It was noted that 8.1 percent of Americans 12 and older were illicit drug users in 2005, up from 7.9 percent in 2004, but down from 8.3 percent in 2002.

The use of illicit drugs in baby boomers rose 63 percent from 2002 to 2005, according to a survey that was sponsored by the SAMSA. The survey questioned 68,308 people 12 and older about their substance abuse, smoking and drinking habits.

Federal anti-drug officials say the surveys indicate that while some baby boomers who were in their teens and 20s when drug use rates peaked in the 1970s are taking their drug habits well into middle age. Indications are that today's youth are not embracing drug as enthusiastically as the baby boomers.

# Take precautions for seasonal flu: Get vaccinated

Unlike in the past, the flu shots have “essentially no side effects.”

By Joseph Bates, M.D.

**T**he leaves are falling, the holidays are fast approaching, and yes, flu season is upon us. Before the flu gets into full swing, it's time to consider how best to avoid it.

Seasonal influenza wreaks havoc on our population every year, and for many people a typical flu infection can mean death. About 36,000 Americans die each year from complications of the flu and another 200,000 are hospitalized.

## Employers, healthy adults, can pay heavy tab

This is no minor illness, even for healthy adults. A bout with the flu for most adults means missing work for a week or two, and debilitating symptoms such as a persistent cough or wheeze can linger as long as six months. Recovery can be even more difficult for those with underlying diseases like asthma, emphysema or chronic bronchitis; and it's worse for people who smoke.

Such serious health consequences make the infection a concern to all employers and especially those charged with providing basic public services, such as local governments.

Seasonal flu costs the country about \$10 billion in lost productivity and direct medical costs, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Healthy workers who have been vaccinated have 43 percent fewer sick days than unvaccinated workers.

People over age 50, pregnant women, children 6 months to 5 years old, people with chronic health conditions and health care workers are at high risk for the flu. We encourage all these groups to get their flu shots.

## School-age children need flu vaccine

I also encourage parents to get flu shots for their school-age children. The flu is highly contagious and it is often spread by children who pick up the virus at school. Children don't usually have the terrible consequences of flu, but they often bring it home.

Arkansas is fortunate this year to have an extra 20,000 doses compared to last year, so supply should not be an issue.

## Free vaccinations available in November

This year the state is planning free one-day mass vaccination clinics in 25 Arkansas counties in November. Check with your county health office for the date and time.

Counties participating are Baxter, Boone, Carroll, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Greene, Hot Spring, Howard, Jefferson, Lonoke, Madison, Marion, Ouachita, Perry, Pope, Pulaski (Central, North Little Rock and Jacksonville), Saline, Sevier, St. Francis, Van Buren and Woodruff.

The vaccination day will test the state's ability to immunize as many people as possible in an emergency. Such a plan would come into play if Arkansas were to experience widespread influenza or a similar emergency.

Vaccine will be available in all Arkansas counties after the mass vaccination day. State health units in every county will have the vaccine and will provide shots for \$15, which covers the state's cost of providing the service.

Vaccines also are available through private physicians and some pharmacies, and not all are delivered via an injection—a nasal mist is now available.

## No side effects result from flu shots

Some people won't get the vaccine because of persisting fears that the flu shot causes the flu. Years ago the vaccine contained proteins that caused some people to have local tenderness and soreness in the injection site and some fever and aching the next day or so. Today's vaccine has essentially no side effects.

It takes about two weeks to become fully immunized after receiving an injection, so get your vaccination as soon as possible. You and your community will be glad you did.



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## Municipal Property Program

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



Coverage is \$5 million per occurrence per member for losses exceeding \$100,000 on earthquakes and flooding.

The Municipal Property Program's 2006 annual meeting adopted rates according to the following scale.

The rates are:

FIRE CLASS I	— .0018	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS II	— .002	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS III	— .0022	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS IV	— .0024	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS V	— .0026	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VI	— .0028	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VII	— .003	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS VIII	— .0033	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS IX	— .0037	X	covered value	=	Premium
FIRE CLASS X	— .004	X	covered value	=	Premium
UNINCORPORATED	— .01	X	covered value	=	Premium

For more information, call us at League headquarters, 501-374-3484.





# MUNICIPAL HEALTH BENEFIT FUND

## PREFERRED PROVIDER NETWORK

CHANGES TO THE 2006 MHBF DIRECTORY, AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2006

Also visit League Programs on League Web site, [www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org), for these changes and providers.



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CLINIC/SPECIALTY	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE
<b>IN-STATE ADDITIONS</b>							
AEROCARE HOME MEDICAL		DURABLE MED. EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	1001 SE 28TH ST	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-464-4967
ELSNER, DC	GERALD	CHIROPRACTIC	100 SW 14TH ST #6	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-271-9300
ELSNER, DC	TODD	CHIROPRACTIC	100 SW 14TH ST #6	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-271-9300
TURNER, OD	CLIFFORD	TURNER EYE CLINIC	200 WESTPORT DR #D	CABOT	AR	72023	501-941-7555
DEBLACK, OD	SUSAN	DEBLACK EYE CARE CENTER	4150 TYLER ST #1	CONWAY	AR	72034	501-329-7878
AR. OUTPATIENT							
EYE SURGERY		OUTPATIENT SURGERY CTRS.	3318 NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-521-2555
EFIRD, PHD	TERRY	EFIRD CLINIC PSYCHOLOGY	1251 N LEVERETT	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-751-7074
HOLDEN, MD	JAMES	AR-GATEWOOD ER SERVICES	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVSD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1000
SANDERS, MD	ROBERT III	FAYETTEVILLE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC	3344 N FUTRALL DR	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-521-8200
MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY		HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE	900 N WASHINGTON	FORREST CITY	AR	72335	870-633-5176
SIMMONS, OD	JONATHAN	SIMMONS EYE CENTER	205 DEADRICK RD	FORREST CITY	AR	72335	870-494-4830
KANTOLA, DO	RONALD	ARKANSAS HEART CENTER	1501 WALDRON RD #107	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-484-1010
LAWRENCE, DDS	TIMOTHY	RIVER VALLEY PED. DENTISTRY	417 S 16TH	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-783-4182
MARTIN, SLP	TIFFANY	GREGORY KISTLER TREATMENT CTR.	3304 SOUTH M ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-785-4677
PINNEY, DDS	TED	GENERAL DENTISTRY	815 MARSHALL RD	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72076	501-982-4447
ALEXANDER, MD	WILLIAM	JONESBORO SURGICAL ASSOC.	1005 E MATTHEWS	JONESBORO	AR	72401	870-935-1242
AMICK, MD	ROGER	ARKANSAS PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC	28 RAHLING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-448-0060
AR. SURGERY							
& ENDOSCOPY CTR.		GASTROENTEROLOGY	#9 FREEWAY DR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72203	501-663-4747
FLETCHER, CRNA	DON R. JR	ANESTHESIOLOGY	9601 I-30	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-202-2000
GANNON, MD	KRISTIN	ARKANSAS PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC	28 RAHLING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-448-0060
JUMPER, DDS	MARK	BEVANS CHILDRENS DENTISTRY	300 S RODNEY PARHAM #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-4799
KRISHNAN, MD	CHAYA	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
MAKDISSI, MD	ANTOINE	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
PILDAIN, MD	ALEX	AR. PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES	#1 ST VINCENT CIRCLE #100	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-663-4116
RALEY, MD	LEE	GENERAL SURGERY	5 ST VINCENT CIRCLE #220	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-552-5050
ROMAN, MD	A. MICHAEL	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
SAMAD, MD	SYED	DIGESTIVE CARE CLINIC	#9 FREEWAY DR	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72203	501-663-4747
STAFFORD, DDS	GREGORY	BEVANS CHILDRENS DENTISTRY	300 S RODNEY PARHAM #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-4799
WIEDOWEREBLE, MD	AMY	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	9601 LILE DR #500	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-5885
ZARRUK, DDS	PATRICIA	BEVANS CHILDRENS DENTISTRY	300 S RODNEY PARHAM #3	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-224-4799
MAGNOLIA HOSPITAL							
RURAL HEALTH CLN		FAMILY PRACTICE	101 HOSPITAL DR	MAGNOLIA	AR	71753	870-235-3000
SE EMERGENCY							
MEDICAL SERVICE		AMBULANCE	503 W GAINES	MONTICELLO	AR	71655	870-367-2300
MCDOWELL, OD	GAVIN	DR RODMANS EYECARE CLINIC	2101 VILLAGE MALL	NEWPORT	AR	72112	870-523-3333
NORTHSIDE THERAPY CTR.		PHYSICAL THERAPY	4216 E MCCAIN BLVD	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-687-0328
HARRIS, OD	DALE	PINE BLUFF OPTICAL	3073 W 28TH	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-8184
EFIRD, PHD	TERRY	PSYCHOLOGY	5311 VILLAGE PARKWAY #7	ROGERS	AR	72758	479-751-7074
ZIMMERMAN, MD	ROBERT	BENTON COUNTY UROLOGY	2 HALSTED	ROGERS	AR	72756	479-636-9669
TURNER, OD	CLIFFORD	TURNER EYE CLINIC	3509 E RACE AVE	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-268-5965
PRICE, MD	JOHN G	WILDWOOD MEDICAL CLINIC	2215 WILDWOOD AVE #210	SHERWOOD	AR	72120	501-552-7262
EFIRD, PHD	TERRY	PSYCHOLOGY	106 S MAIN	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	479-751-7074
MURAD, MD	SIKANDAR	CHAMBERS CLINIC	219 E CENTRAL ST	WARREN	AR	71671	870-226-5873
<b>IN-STATE UPDATES</b>							
PERRIN, MD	SHELLY	BAPTIST HEALTH FAMILY CLINIC	416 MAIN ST	ARKADELPHIA	AR	71923	870-246-2431
WILTSHIRE, MD	JASON	GENERAL SURGERY	#5 MEDICAL PARK DR. #206	BENTON	AR	72015	501-778-0427
FOX, MD	CLINTON WADE	NWA PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS	3400 SE MACY RD #18	BENTONVILLE	AR	72712	479-845-0880
MITTAL, MD	SHALENDER	ADULT MED. CLN. OF BLYTHEVILLE	519 N 6TH ST	BLYTHEVILLE	AR	72315	870-762-5800
SIMMONS, OD	JONATHAN	SIMMONS EYE CENTER	310 W. CEDAR	BRINKLEY	AR	72021	870-734-2662
TURNER, OD	CLIFFORD	TURNER EYE CLINIC	116 E. SECOND ST	CARLISLE	AR	72024	870-552-7551
CONOVER, DO	RANDY	CONOVER CLINICS	101 SUN MEADOWS DR	CENTERTON	AR	72719	479-795-0426
CARTER, MD	D. MICHAEL	CONWAY FAMILY MEDICAL CARE	2114 COLLEGE AVE	CONWAY	AR	72033	501-327-6900
MALLOY, MD	MARK	FAMILY CLINIC OF ASHLEY COUNTY	909 UNITY RD	CROSSETT	AR	71635	870-364-9111
GREGORY, MD	JOANNE	DERMOTT DOCTORS CLINIC	604 S. PECAN ST.	DERMOTT	AR	71638	870-538-3355
HARPER, MD	WILLIAM	NES ARKANSAS	700 W GROVE	EL DORADO	AR	71730	870-864-3391
MURRY, MD	WILLIAM	ANESTHESIOLOGY	3873 N PARKVIEW DR #1	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-527-0050
RUTHERFORD, MD	MARGARET R.	PSYCHOLOGY	418 W MEADOW ST	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72701	479-443-3413
SPENCER, MD	STEVEN F.	AR-GATEWOOD ER SERVICES	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1000
EUBANKS, CRNA	CHARLES W.	WESTERN AR ANESTHESIOLOGY ASSOC	3420 S 74TH ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-452-1581
FARRELL, MD	ROBERT	VISTA HEALTH OF FORT SMITH	3800 ROGERS AVE # 7	FORT SMITH	AR	72901	479-783-3322
STEWART, MD	CASEY	MERCY NORTHSIDE CLINIC	3202 N 6TH ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72904	479-314-1456
WHITAKER, MD	JOHN C.	PEDIATRIC & ADOLESCENT MED.	2713 S 74TH ST #408	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-484-5646
BECK, MD	JASON	ARKANSAS SPECIALTY RADIOLOGY	6510 PLEASANT PLACE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-425-3537
BENNETT, MD	LEIGH ANNE	ARKANSAS PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC	28 RAHLING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-448-0060
BENNETT, DC	TRUDY	CHIROPRACTIC WELLNESS CTR	5326 W MARKHAM #12	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-663-4663
DINER, MD	BRADLEY C.	ARKANSAS PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC	28 RAHLING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-448-0060
FIDDIQUI, MD	SAYYADDUL	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
HICKS, MD	DAVID C.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
HUTCHINS, MD	STEVEN W.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
JORDAN, MD	RANDY A.	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CLINIC/SPECIALTY	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE
KENNEDY, MD	ELEANOR	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
LAMPS, MD	CHRISTOPHER	ARKANSAS PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC	28 RAHLING CIRCLE	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72223	501-448-0060
ORFINI, MD	ALEXANDER	HEART CLINIC ARKANSAS	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS		RADIOLOGY	9601 LILE DR. #1100	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-227-5240
TARINI, MD	GREGG	ANESTHESIOLOGY	9601 I-630	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-202-2000
SIMMONS, OD	JONATHAN	SIMMONS EYE CENTER	219 W. CHESTNUT	MARIANNA	AR	72360	870-295-3636
AL-KHASAWNEH, MD	KHALED	BAXTER PULMONOLOGY CLINIC	628 HOSPITAL DR #3A	MTN. HOME	AR	72653	870-508-3250
BAPTIST MEM. MEDICAL CTR.		HOSPITAL	3333 SPRINGHILL DR.	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-202-3000
BRADLEY, PT	SHERYL	AR SPECIALTY THERAPY CENTER	1525 COUNTRY CLUB RD	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72120	501-978-3135
HECK, MD	RICHARD A	BAP. HEALTH FAMILY CLINIC-LAKEWOOD	2508 CRESTWOOD RD	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-2294
KILGORE, MD	REED W.	ORTHOARKANSAS	4101 RICHARDS RD	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-955-5519
MILLIGAN, MD	LYNDA	BAPTIST FAMILY CLINIC LAKEWOOD	2508 CRESTWOOD	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72116	501-758-2294
SHULTZ, MD	CHARLES	JACKSONVILLE NEUROLOGY	4020 RICHARDS RD #C	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-985-1323
AR. SURGERY							
& ENDOSCOPY CTR.		OUTPATIENT SURGERY CTRS.	4800 HAZEL ST	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-5533
SAMAD, MD	SYED	DIGESTIVE CARE CLINIC	4800 HAZEL ST.	PINE BLUFF	AR	71603	870-534-5533
PHILLIPS, MD	REBECCA P.	LIFELONG HEALTH CENTER	642 N MAIN	SALEM	AR	72576	870-895-5433
MORGAN, OD	RACHEL	TURNER EYE CLINIC	3509 E RACE AVE	SEARCY	AR	72143	870-268-5965
PATTERSON, OD	KIMBERLY	TURNER EYE CLINIC	3509 E RACE AVE	SEARCY	AR	72143	501-268-5965
MCGRAW, MD	LISA K.	METRO SPRINGDALE TREATMENT CTR	1670 W SUNSET #B	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	479-725-2555
ANDREWS, DDS	JOSEPH C.	GENERAL DENTISTRY	2601 COUNTY AVE	TEXARKANA	AR	71854	870-774-6512
HALL, MD	JON	ALL FOR KIDS PEDIATRIC CLINIC	300 E 6TH ST	TEXARKANA	AR	71854	870-779-6000
HUTCHESON, MD	BELINDA	ALL FOR KIDS PEDIATRIC CLINIC	300 E 6TH ST	TEXARKANA	AR	71854	870-779-6000

#### IN-STATE DELETES

VEAL, OD	JAMI	BENTON EYECARE CLINIC	318 W SEVIER	BENTON	AR	72015	501-778-2020
VEAL, OD	JAMI	BRYANT EYECARE CLINIC	2900 HORIZON #14	BRYANT	AR	72022	501-653-2020
WILLETT, OD	STEPHANIE	ARKANSAS EYE ASSOC.	206 HAYES	CLARENDON	AR	72029	870-747-3357
HARBIN, PHD	JERAMIE	PSYCHOLOGY	1 W SUNBRIDGE	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-443-5575
HARSHFIELD, MD	DAVID	OZARK RADIOLOGY GROUP	3215 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-463-1000
SPENCER, MD	STEVEN	OZARK SURGICAL ASSOCIATES	3302 N NORTH HILLS BLVD	FAYETTEVILLE	AR	72703	479-521-1484
FORDYCE PHYSICAL							
THERAPY CTR.		PHYSICAL THERAPY	110 N CLIFTON ST	FORDYCE	AR	71742	870-352-8837
GEORGE, MPT	TODD	FORDYCE PHYSICAL THERAPY CTR	110 N CLIFTON ST	FORDYCE	AR	71742	870-352-8837
BAKER, LPC	DANNY	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S. 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
CLAY, ED	LISA	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S. 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
COVINGTON, MD	ROBIN	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S. 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
DURHAM, MD	MITCHELL	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S. 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
HUSSEY, LMSN	JONNA	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S 70TH ST	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
INFIELD, ED	KAREN	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
LANDIS, ED	SCOTT	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-5847
MITCHELL, PHD	CLAYTON	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
REED, MD	KATHRYN	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	3000 ROGERS AVE	FORT SMITH	AR	72903	479-782-8892
STEARMAN, ED	JERRY	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S. 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
STRAWN, LCSW	SHARON	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S. 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
VOORHIES, LCSW	ANNA	PSYCHOLOGY	3111 S. 70TH ST.	FORT SMITH	AR	72917	479-452-6650
MALLOY, MD	MARK	HOT SPRINGS INTERNAL MEDICINE	101 MCGOWEN CT	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913	501-623-2781
DAVIS, MD	SCOTT A.	ARKANSAS CARDIOLOGY EAST	415 N. UNIVERSITY	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-664-6841
FENDER, MD	BELINDA	PATHOLOGY	4301 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
FOX, MD	JOHN	NEUROSURGERY	4120 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-5270
GARZA-ARREOLA, MD	LUIS	CARDIOLOGY, CARDIOVASCULAR	4301 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-7911
HARRIS, MD	NITA	ARKANSAS HEART, PA	10100 KANIS RD.	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-255-6000
LANDERS, MD	JAMES	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	4120 W. MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-663-1700
WHITFIELD, DPM	ANIKKA	UAMS	4301 W MARKHAM	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
WRIGHT, MD	LONNIE	RADIOLOGY	4301 W MARKHAM #783	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-686-8000
ZITZELBERGER, CRNA	CHRISTIE	ANESTHESIOLOGY	9601 I-630	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72205	501-202-2000
FRANKS, OD	JUSTIN	OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY	220 N PINE ST	MAGNOLIA	AR	71753	870-234-4444
KENNEDY, MD	ELEANOR	ARKANSAS HEART GRP.	2000 FENDLEY DR. #102	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72114	501-758-5133
SCHULTZ, MD	CHARLES	JACKSONVILLE NEUROLOGY	4020 RICHARDS RD #C	NO LITTLE ROCK	AR	72117	501-985-1323
VEAL, OD	JAMI	SHERIDAN EYECARE CLINIC	109 E PINE ST.	SHERIDAN	AR	72150	870-942-3621
KENDRICK, PHD	CAROL	FAMILY CLINIC	803 QUANDT ST.	SPRINGDALE	AR	72764	479-751-9236
WILLETT, OD	STEPHANIE	ARKANSAS EYE ASSOC.	713 S. MAIN ST.	STUTTGA RT	AR	72160	870-673-8529

#### OUT-OF- STATE ADDITIONS

HITECH MEDICAL		DURABLE MED. EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	2019 SUMMERHILL RD	TEXARKANA	TX	75501	903-793-4554
MOSER, OD	JAMES H.	VISION SOURCE OF TEXARKANA	4401 MORRIS LANE	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-838-9063
PRAKASH, MD	HEGDE	INTERNAL MED.	1000 PINE ST	TEXARKANA	TX	75501	903-798-8653

#### OUT-OF-STATE-UPDATES

GRAY, MD	THOMAS L.	OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY	5154 STAGE RD. #101	MEMPHIS	TN	38134	901-388-9350
GOOD SHEPHERD							
MEDICAL CENTER		HOSPITAL	404 N. KAUFMAN	LINDEN	TX	75561	903-756-5561
ALLEN, OD	MARK	VISION SOURCE OF TEXARKANA	4401 MORRIS LANE	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-838-9063
MOSER, OD	JAMES H.	TEXARKANA EYE CARE CENTER	4401 MORRIS LANE	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-838-9063
NIX, MD	JOHN	FAMILY MEDICAL GROUP	2101 GALLERIA OAKS	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-791-9120
SARRETT, MD	JAMES	FAMILY MEDICAL GROUP	2101 GALLERIA OAKS	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-791-9120
SMITH, MD	CATHY						
	SCHINDLER	FAMILY PRACTICE	3510 RICHMOND RD #C	TEXARKANA	TX	75503	903-831-3033
STUSSY, MD	SHAWN	WEST 7TH ST. CLINIC	4701 W. 7TH	TEXARKANA	TX	75501	903-831-6848

#### OUT-OF-STATE DELETES

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS HOSP.		HOSPITAL	300 S. WASHINGTON AVE.	GREENVILLE	MS	38701	662-378-2020
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**National League of Cities  
Congress of Cities and Exposition  
Dec. 5-9, 2006  
Reno, Nevada**

**Arkansas Municipal League  
Winter Conference  
Jan. 10-12, 2007  
Little Rock**

**National League of Cities  
Congressional City Conference  
March 10-14, 2007  
Washington, D.C.**

## Changes to 2006 Directory, Arkansas Municipal Officials

### **Egypt**

Delete	R/T	Beverly Keith
Add	R/T	Joy Lingo
Delete	AL	Phyllis Simmons
Add	AL	Ray Phipps

### **Mayflower**

Delete	DPW	Larry Dunaway
Delete	FC	Chris Fishburn
Add	FC	Carl Rossini
Delete	CEO	Lloyd Wilcox
Add	CEO	Carl Rossini

### **Mountain Home**

Delete	AL	Jim Stevens
Add	AL	Phil Frame
Delete	WS	Johnny Moore

### **Newark**

Delete	MA	P.O. Box 203
Add	MA	P.O. Box 315

### **South Lead Hill**

Delete	R/T	Mary Pinkerton
Add	R/T	Susan Smith



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

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

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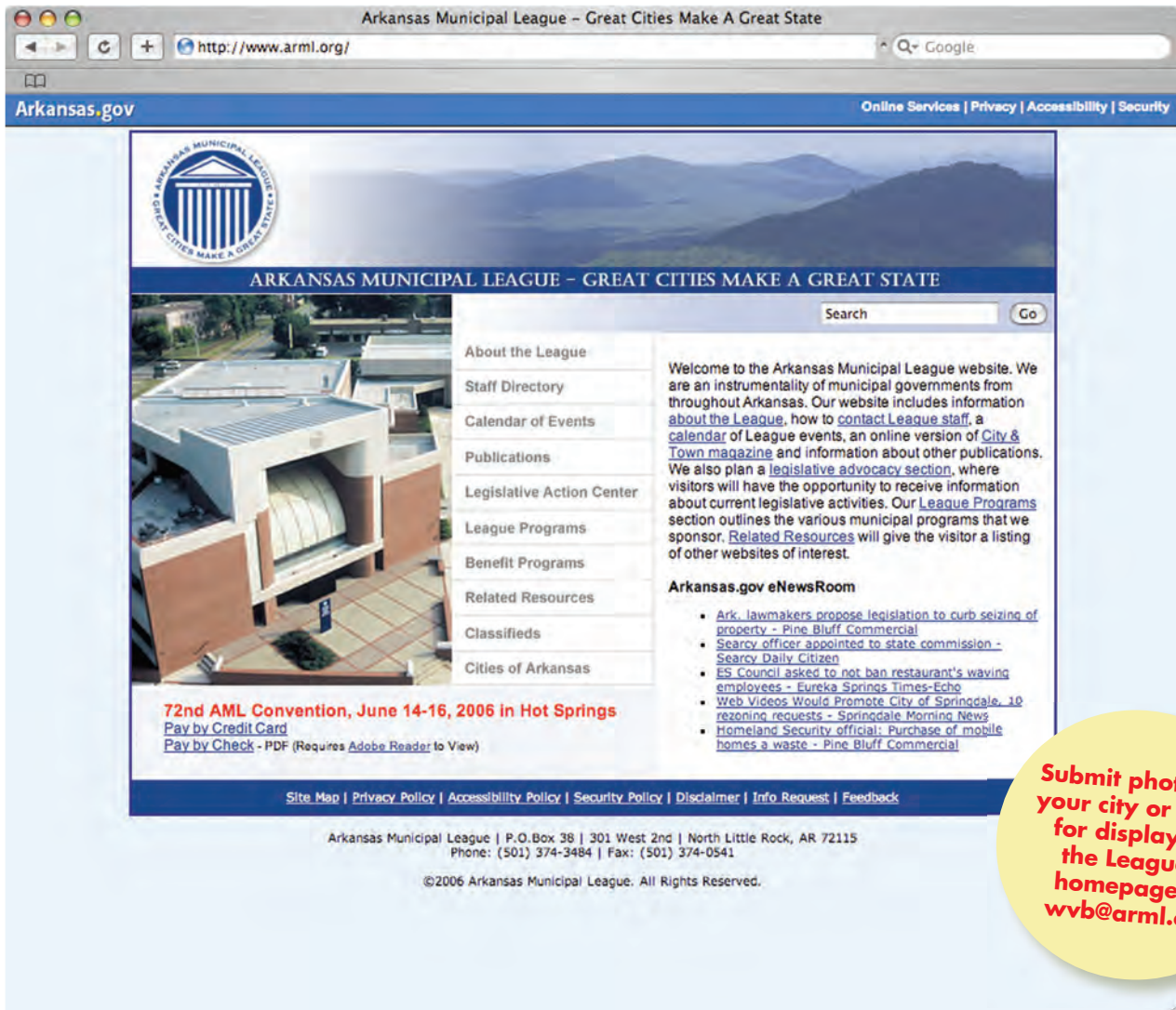
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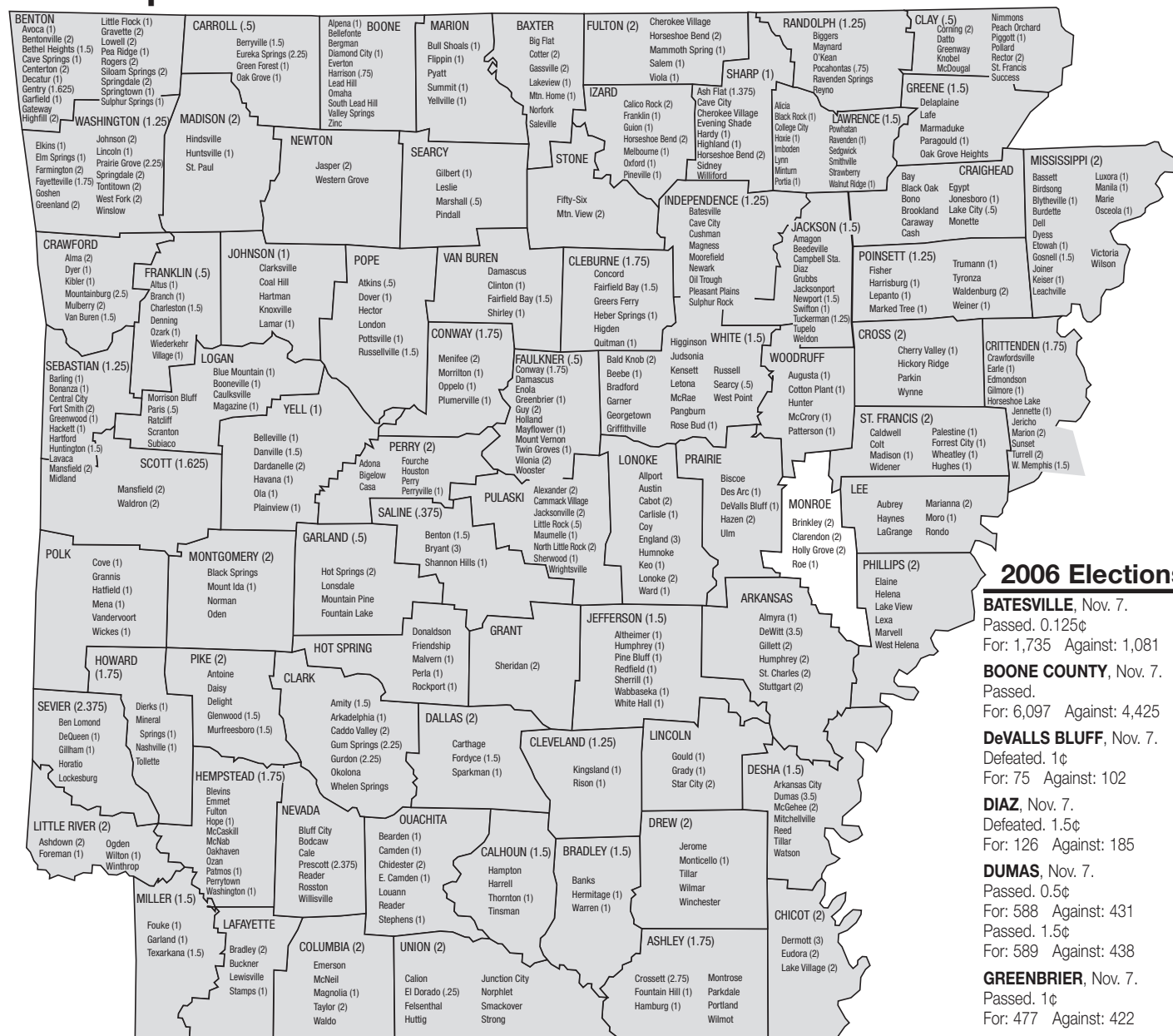


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- **City & Town** is available to download in its entirety in PDF from the *Publications* page.
- *Cities of Arkansas* local government portal page gives visitors a sneak peak at the quality of life in the municipalities across Arkansas.
- Flyout menus provide easier navigation and cuts down on search time.
- A search engine makes our site's content easy to locate based on specific words.
- *e.Locallink*, interactive videos provided by CGI Communications, will include a welcome to the League's Web site from Executive Director Don Zimmerman and an Introduction to the Arkansas Municipal League.

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- List serv subscription for announcement and discussion lists

# Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



**KEY:**  Counties with countywide tax (shaded is 1¢ unless otherwise noted)  
 (2) 2¢ being collected in that municipality  
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**Source:** Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer

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

## Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2006

Month	Municipal Tax	County Tax	Total Tax	Interest
January	\$32,687,504	\$33,033,724	\$65,721,228	\$184,083
February	\$40,075,677	\$39,032,068	\$79,107,745	\$76,989
March	\$32,771,550	\$32,771,095	\$65,544,012	\$256,793
April	\$32,010,237	\$32,413,705	\$64,423,942	\$174,245
May	\$35,233,916	\$35,510,242	\$70,744,158	\$240,060
June	\$34,375,245	\$33,751,145	\$68,126,390	\$67,572
July	\$35,046,470	\$34,756,794	\$69,803,264	\$322,687
August	\$35,934,262	\$36,071,576	\$72,005,838	\$55,735
September	\$34,686,426	\$34,960,684	\$69,647,110	\$366,161
October	\$35,582,119	\$35,884,130	\$71,466,249	\$129,536
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$348,403,366</b>	<b>\$348,185,163</b>	<b>\$696,588,529</b>	<b>\$1,873,861</b>
Averages	\$34,840,337	\$34,818,516	\$69,658,853	\$187,386

## 2006 Elections

**BATESVILLE**, Nov. 7.  
 Passed. 0.125¢  
 For: 1,735 Against: 1,081

**BOONE COUNTY**, Nov. 7.  
 Passed.  
 For: 6,097 Against: 4,425

**DeVALLS BLUFF**, Nov. 7.  
 Defeated. 1¢  
 For: 75 Against: 102

**DIAZ**, Nov. 7.  
 Defeated. 1.5¢  
 For: 126 Against: 185

**DUMAS**, Nov. 7.  
 Passed. 0.5¢  
 For: 588 Against: 431  
 Passed. 1.5¢  
 For: 589 Against: 438

**GREENBRIER**, Nov. 7.  
 Passed. 1¢  
 For: 477 Against: 422

**GREENE COUNTY**, Nov. 7.  
 Defeated. 0.25¢  
 For: 2,707 Against: 6,231

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK**, Nov. 7.  
 Passed. Reallocation 1¢  
 For: 9,017 Against: 6,417

**HELENA-WEST HELENA**, April 11.  
 Defeated. 1¢ Permanent  
 Defeated. 1¢ for 10 yrs.

**BRYANT**, July 11.  
 Passed. 0.5¢  
 Passed. 0.375¢ Permanent  
 Passed. 0.125¢ Permanent

**SPRINGDALE**, July 11.  
 Passed. 1¢

**TUCKERMAN**, July 11.  
 Passed. 1/4¢

**PULASKI COUNTY**, Sept. 11.  
 Defeated. .25%

**ENGLAND**, Aug. 8.  
 Passed. 1¢ Build, equip  
 fitness center  
 Passed. 1¢ Operate center



## October 2006 Municipal Levy Receipts

Alexander	24,775.65	Kingsland	1,135.36	Parkrose	4,995.84
Alma	153,033.72	Lake City	4,225.13	Parkdale	3,580.67
Almyra	2,088.29	Lake Village	60,957.80	Portland	5,242.78
Alpena	2,067.63	Lakeview	1,620.24	Portnoy	7,465.26
Altzheimer	1,983.83	Lepanto	10,239.68	Baxter County	295,700.70
Altus	5,775.22	Leslie	3,351.77	Mountain Home	143,327.44
Amity	6,807.25	Lewisville	7,014.98	Cotter	11,987.34
Arkadelphia	149,533.97	Lincoln	17,007.63	Gassville	22,204.56
Ash Flat	68,550.25	Little Rock	4,600.81	Norfolk	6,299.54
Ashdown	85,012.19	Little Rock	1,852,313.68	Lakeview	9,930.88
Atkins	9,403.72	Lonoke	88,122.49	Big Flat	1,353.62
Augusta	21,368.19	Lowell	193,314.21	Salesville	5,687.80
Avoca	5,966.76	Luxora	2,571.99	Branciff	3,123.73
Bald Knob	51,035.18	Madison	1,200.49	Benton County	916,091.23
Barling	19,275.82	Magazine	2,692.03	Siloam Springs	168,139.50
Bearden	7,827.18	Magnolia	177,896.70	Rogers	614,004.57
Beebe	59,978.28	Malvern	278,855.38	Bentonville	305,947.83
Belleville	1,640.85	Mammoth Spring	10,507.84	Bethel Heights	11,071.81
Benton	562,146.69	Manila	17,624.90	Decatur	20,375.85
Bentonville	1,089,708.86	Mansfield	21,467.23	Gentry	33,572.08
Berryville	154,630.42	Marianna	64,687.48	Gravette	28,067.19
Bethel Heights	61,691.75	Marion	176,863.45	Lowell	83,457.23
Black Rock	2,831.15	Marked Tree	32,063.23	Centerton	33,277.45
Blue Mountain	119.56	Marshall	11,857.99	Pea Ridge	36,378.79
Bythelville	273,454.22	Maumelle	115,099.57	Cave Springs	17,103.90
Bonanza	1,470.39	Mayflower	15,124.53	Sulphur Springs	10,405.02
Booneville	91,410.39	McCrory	16,715.17	Avoca	6,559.35
Bradley	4,797.15	McGehee	92,373.15	Garfield	7,598.30
Brinkley	3,930.07	Meibourne	28,635.47	Gateway	7,660.33
Brunt	472,232.92	Mena	91,535.19	Harris	121,219.37
Bryant	11,557.33	Menifee	6,395.01	Little Rock	40,084.90
Cabot	548,067.32	Mineral Springs	4,280.50	Springdale	31,184.04
Caddo Valley	30,795.39	Monticello	155,782.79	Elm Springs	201.59
Calico Rock	17,678.88	Moro	2,741.03	Springtown	1,767.77
Camden	15,808.68	Morrilton	116,620.55	Benton County	Special Aviation
Carlisle	29,161.29	Mount Ida	15,808.68	Boone County	13,781.20
Cave Springs	61,535.19	Mountain Home	335,449.37	Boone County	227,840.37
Centerton	6,410.88	Mountain View	141,247.70	Bellefonte	3,447.28
Charleston	23,724.27	Mountainburg	12,012.87	Bergman	4,871.68
Cherry Valley	3,915.84	Mulberry	26,902.41	Everton	2,034.85
Chidester	2,875.75	Murfreesboro	20,500.61	Lead Hill	3,435.31
Clarendon	22,421.99	Nashville	98,208.68	Omaha	1,975.01
Clarksville	154,188.60	Newport	140,114.80	South Lead Hill	1,053.34
Clinton	80,015.36	Norfolk	3,272.28	Valley Springs	1,988.95
Conway	1,637,964.35	North Little Rock	2,768,763.31	Zhu	909.70
Corning	97,042.38	Oak Grove	1,730.59	Harrison	145,456.19
Cotter	14,215.96	Ola	6,362.79	Diamond City	8,737.90
Cotton Plant	1,618.97	Oppelo	2,077.31	Bradley County	110,158.82
Cove	3,429.57	Osceola	75,607.03	Banks	739.77
Crossett	378,298.23	Oxford	1,224.80	Hermitage	4,740.73
Danville	37,515.36	Ozark	65,926.71	Warren	39,713.65
Dardanelle	119,388.85	Palestine	7,194.31	Calhoun County	41,316.36
DeQueen	66,283.16	Paragould	325,690.80	Hampton	10,604.44
Delaware Bluff	3,714.22	Paris	21,964.61	Alpena	1,967.77
DeWitt	132,206.79	Patmos	168.16	Thornton	3,472.13
Decatur	13,681.58	Patterson	1,262.71	Tinsman	503.69
Dermott	37,592.55	Pea Ridge	19,948.03	Carroll County	140,152.81
Des Arc	15,674.64	Perla	3,287.37	Beaver	527.83
Diamond City	2,262.00	Perryville	15,229.67	Blue Eye	200.01
Dierks	11,563.12	Piggott	26,906.31	Chicot County	130,523.49
Dover	16,293.88	Pine Bluff	597,183.17	Lake Village	19,538.04
Dumas	175,183.17	Plainville	1,856.13	Eureka	1,856.13
Dyer	976.62	Plainview	3,074.64	Dermott	25,836.16
Earle	22,683.08	Plumerville	9,068.75	Clark County	227,833.87
East Camden	4,072.59	Pocahontas	76,110.51	Clay County	47,871.70
El Dorado	92,863.41	Portia	2,222.16	Datto	294.83
Elkins	13,751.04	Pottsville	12,593.67	Greenway	741.63
Elm Springs	3,807.47	Prairie Grove	51,009.12	Knobel	1,088.13
England	17,319.70	Prescott	119,125.00	McDougal	592.70
Elovala	689.75	Quitman	8,634.67	Nimmons	303.95
Eudora	29,128.75	Reverend	2,518.11	Peary Orchard	1,592.40
Eureka Springs	179,733.97	Rector	22,271.03	Pollard	729.47
Fairfield Bay	24,706.63	Redfield	13,004.25	Success	547.10
Farmington	45,733.34	Rison	9,277.04	St. Francis	759.87
Fayetteville	2,393,616.55	Rockport	2,996.16	Cleburne County	350,255.40
Flippin	41,683.10	Roe	294.54	Concord	2,663.54
Fordey	79,213.98	Rogers	1,698,330.57	Greens Ferry	9,714.08
Foreman	7,680.16	Rose Bud	7,808.99	Heber Springs	67,183.86
Forrest City	152,598.07	Russellville	875,605.92	Hickory	10,049.97
Fort Smith	3,155,413.18	Salem	15,297.30	Quitman	7,144.55
Fouke	7,168.07	Searcy	260,748.80	Fairfield Bay	1,525.01
Fountain Hill	486.24	Shannon Hills	5,832.91	Cleveland County	31,239.12
Franklin	6,639.86	Sheridan	149,467.86	Rison	3,037.28
Garfield	4,251.82	Sherill	719.10	Kingsland	1,559.57
Garland	1,440.94	Shenwood	314,666.23	Columbia County	347,913.74
Gassville	27,557.68	Shirley	2,486.31	Emerson	577.21
Gentry	49,911.50	Siloam Springs	416,195.50	Magnolia	1,064.38
Gilbert	463.67	Sparkman	3,090.85	Tuckerman	17,457.73
Gillett	6,362.84	Springdale	2,149,128.66	Taylor	910.03
Gillham	1,607.64	Springtown	197.32	Waldo	2,562.86
Gilmore	346.05	St. Charles	2,604.12	Conway County	267,114.76
Glenwood	68,734.75	Stamps	14,286.58	Morrilton	64,446.80
Gosnell	12,816.04	Star City	55,158.68	Menifee	3,059.99
Gould	3,216.99	Stephens	3,058.44	Oppelo	7,133.42
Grady	5,318.54	Stuttgart	268,431.38	Plumerville	8,402.69
Gravette	127,796.24	Sulphur Springs	1,225.13	Cranehead County	25,271.16
Green Forest	28,744.02	Summit	2,152.16	Bay	27,445.84
Greenbrier	45,266.85	Swift	3,798.86	Black Oak	4,360.84
Greenland	14,351.56	Taylor	4,943.34	Bono	23,054.51
Greenwood	75,663.93	Texarkana	300,818.70	Brookland	20,309.92
Guion	1,817.77	Texarkana Special	130,839.01	Caraway	20,569.14
Gurdon	29,600.15	Thornton	1,130.05	Cash	4,482.82
Guy	5,681.05	Tontitown	129,115.26	Egypt	1,540.02
Hackett	3,087.09	Trumann	63,314.42	Lake City	29,824.48
Hamburg	27,961.15	Tuckerman	16,317.18	Monette	1,757.03
Hardy	17,881.45	Turrell	6,219.27	Jonesboro	846,475.58
Harrisburg	17,842.01	Twin Groves	838.87	Crawford County	231,222.01
Harrison	236,817.78	Van Buren	444,506.74	Alma	38,577.19
Hatfield	3,695.83	Vilonia	33,865.15	Van Buren	176,064.06
Havana	2,064.76	Viola	2,107.87	Mulberry	15,087.76
Hazen	32,236.33	Wabbaseka	845.95	Mountainburg	6,324.43
Heber Springs	118,104.93	Wabbaseka	2,498.71	Kibler	9,965.89
Hermistead	3,938.82	Walton	36,941.92	Dyer	5,424.92
Hightfill	68,021.73	Walnut Ridge	55,976.16	Chester	918.06
Hightfill Special Aviation	27,560.45	Ward	9,971.49	Rudy	667.68
Highland	34,673.35	Warren	59,997.09	Cedarville	10,506.72
Holly Grove	4,561.10	Washington	728.64	Crittenden County	635,767.89
Hope	147,498.82	Weiner	8,373.18	Marion	52,353.22
Horseshoe Bend	22,707.51	West Fork	22,357.89	West Memphis	162,723.78
Hot Springs	1,793,247.55	West Memphis	535,090.11	Earle	17,856.91
Hoxie	2,927.42	Wheatley	4,831.87	Cranehead County	3,023.21
Hughes	8,890.54	White Hall	37,632.20	Edmondson	3,017.92
Humphrey	1,978.08	Wicks	2,506.80	Gilmore	1,545.71
Huntington	2,376.48	Wiederkehr Village	1,898.45	Horseshoe Lake	1,888.03
Huntsville	42,661.69	Wilton	1,168.91	Jennette	656.40
Jacksonville	564,107.91	Yellville	16,944.08	Jericho	1,082.24
Jasper	19,624.50			Turrell	1,842.16
Jennette	118.58			Sunset	5,065.93
Johnson	52,309.44			Arkansas County	258,688.76
Jonesboro	1,143,520.92			Ashley County	292,814.49
Keiser	2,581.34			Crossett	57,908.02
Keo	1,313.26			Fountain Hill	1,510.15
Kibler	2,155.08			Hamburg	28,863.78

### County Sales and Use Tax

Arkansas County	258,688.76
Ashley County	292,814.49
Crossett	57,908.02
Fountain Hill	1,510.15
Hamburg	28,863.78

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Parkin	13,031.96	Aubrey	982.21	Prairie County	28,399.92
Wynne	70,081.34	Haynes	951.10	Hazen	10,319.79
Dallas County	127,719.59	LaGrange	542.22	Biscoe	3,000.75
Desha County	103,015.89	Moro	1,071.09	Des Arc	12,165.80
McGehee	40,861.22	Rondo	1,053.32	DeValls Bluff	4,936.10
Arkansas City	5,266.36	Lincoln County	45,239.74	Ulm	1,292.34
Dumas	46,833.94	Star City	10,967.08	Pulaski County	913,144.00
Midville	4,443.77	Gould	5,792.00	North Little Rock	1,030,494.88
Reed	2,458.83	Grady	2,321.24	Alexander	2,967.02
Norfolk	2,575.06	Little River County	154,384.41	Cammack Village	14,170.09
Tillar	295.06	Ashdown	35,986.15	Jacksonville	510,123.36
Drew County	274,715.74	Ogden	1,610.76	Little Rock	3,122,757.74
Monticello	92,085.40	Wilton	3,304.51	Maumelle	180,016.46
Jerome	463.15	Winthrop	4,000.00	Sherwood	366,802.50
Tillar	2,084.15	Foreman	8,467.77	Wrightsville	23,326.93
Wilmar	5,749.04	Logan County	88,993.12	Randolph County	105,374.85
Winchester	1,923.06	Blue Mountain	943.09	Biggers	2,550.36
Faulkner County	566,133.09	Caulksville	1,664.69	Maynard	2,737.15
Damascus	790.85	Magazine	6,537.31	O'Keen	1,444.01
Enola	1,259.99	Morrison Bluff	528.70	Pocahontas	46,826.08
Mount Vernon	965.10	Paris	26,485.03	Ravenden Springs	984.22
Wooster	3,458.29	Ratcliff	1,364.62	Reyno	3,477.11
Holland	3,867.11	Scranton	1,586.10	Saline County	310,126.06
Franklin County	134,831.61	Subiaco	3,136.47	Scott County	62,310.30
Branch	2,596.06	Booneville	29,414.31	Waldron	22,154.78
Wiederkehr Village	334.50	Lonoke County	217,233.49	Mansfield	5,538.69
Altus	5,941.13	Allport	1,148.71	Searcy County	34,366.63
Charleston	21,561.13	Austin	5,472.22	Gilbert	182.65
Denning	2,945.11	Carlisle	20,839.65	Leslie	2,667.86
Ozark	25,633.39	Coy	1,049.22	Marshall	7,267.41
Fulton County	83,018.30	England	27,279.69	Pindall	525.82
Mammoth Spring	4,928.67	Hummocke	2,532.60	St. Joe	714.01
Salem	6,836.55	Keo	2,125.57	Sebastian County	723,977.52
Viola	1,637.16	Lonoke	38,775.87	Fort Smith	1,255,130.46
Horseshoe Bend	30.08	Ward	23,336.07	Huntington	10,758.08
Cherokee Village	3,476.29	Cabot	138,035.57	Mansfield	11,039.54
Ash Flat	8.59	Madison County	157,262.08	Barling	65,299.06
Hardy	116.02	Huntsville	12,279.91	Greenwood	111,208.55
Garland County	625,641.06	Hindsdale	450.14	Bonanza	8,037.29
Lonsdale	850.83	St. Paul	978.31	Central City	8,303.11
Mountain Pine	5,566.45	Marion County	70,025.99	Hackett	10,851.90
Fountain Lake	2,949.06	Bull Shoals	13,172.69	Hartford	12,071.57
Grant County	114,559.31	Flippin	8,937.67	Lavaca	28,537.06
Greene County	316,254.77	Pyatt	1,666.34	Midland	3,956.10
Delaplaine	1,271.73	Summit	3,859.60	Sevier County	225,053.86
Lama	3,855.24	Yellville	8,641.28	DeQueen	43,779.22
Marmaduke	11,595.76	Miller County	298,869.84	Ben Lomond	956.84
Oak Grove Heights	7,279.69	Garland	5,918.21	Chambers	1,427.67
Paragould	220,469.00	Fouke	9,918.21	Horatio	7,571.19
Greene County Bldg Imp.	52.43	Tuxeariana	133,159.59	Lockesburg	5,399.30
Hempstead County	245,832.81	Mississippi County	572,181.72	Sharp County	64,471.64
Hope	89,170.02	Oseola	81,162.80	Ash Flat	5,933.02
Blevins	3,065.85	Keiser	7,389.24	Hardy	7,966.94
Emmet	218.39	Bassett	1,536.38	Cave City	15,375.26
Fulton	2,057.90	Birdsong	365.80	Evening Shade	3,794.85
McCaslick	705.57	Byrthville	167,099.34	Sidney	2,244.27
Osborne	453.58	Burdette	1,179.72	Williford	514.14
Patzon	680.37	Dell	2,295.42	Horseshoe Bend	40.80
Ozark	512.37	Pyatt	4,709.73	Cherokee Village	31,329.95
Perrytown	2,141.89	Gossnell	36,287.77	Highland	8,046.73
Washington	1,243.14	Joiner	4,938.36	St. Francis County	152,053.56
McNab	629.97	Leachville	18,116.45	Hughes	30,136.30
Hot Spring County	209,197.59	Luxora	12,044.10	Forest City	238,475.51
Malvern	98,615.14	Manila	27,938.29	Walsh	6,004.66
Perla	1,259.70	Marion	9,857.67	Palestine	11,960.90
Rockport	8,875.49	Victoria	539.56	Madison	15,931.72
Donaldson	3,570.97	Wilson	8,587.26	Caldwell	7,505.82
Friendship	2,256.50	Etowah	3,347.11	Col. A. S. Jones	5,940.10
Midway	3,746.23	Montgomery County	86,204.79	Widener	5,407.44
Magnet Cove	4,962.12	Black Springs	586.64	Stone County	67,608.47
Howard County	158,922.00	Norman	2,176.73	Mountain View	22,983.69
Nashville	44,735.50	Oden	1,132.11	Fifty Six	1,302.62
Oarks	11,290.17	Mount Ida	9,648.17	Union County	396,440.81
Mineral Springs	11,591.38	Nevada County	31,879.76	Calion	11,553.80
Toilette	2,971.36	Prescott	23,743.95	El Dorado	513,686.47
Independence County	345,218.09	Bluff City	1,017.78	Felsenthal	2,761.08
Batesville	107,442.52	Bodcaw	992.02	Huttig	17,101.58
Cave City	705.29	Cale	483.12	Junison City	15,434.36
Cushman	5,244.15	Emmet	3,092.00	Norphet	17,098.66
Magness	1,822.70	Rosston	1,707.04	Smackover	47,617.15
Moorefield	1,120.10	Winnsville	2,211.03	Strong County	14,121.92
Norfolk	1,866.65	Newark	26,008.29	Van Buren County	268,021.79
Oil Trough	2,479.88	Jasper	1,681.44	Shirley	3,313.16
Pleasant Plains	3,037.28	Western Grove	1,374.19	Damascus	1,848.29
Sulphur Rock	4,789.12	Ouachita County	84,849.86	Clinton	22,444.93
Izard County	76,974.51	Camden	93,775.42	Fieldway Bay	22,749.71
Jackson County	118,744.81	Stephens	8,212.65	Washington County	1,315,169.86
Newport	63,852.11	East Camden	6,430.40	Elkins	21,375.36
Tuckerman	14,362.84	Bearden	8,020.17	Em Springs	17,616.30
Crutts	3,500.49	Chickadee	1,586.46	Goshen	12,849.14
Amagon	776.59	Louann	1,390.16	Greenland	15,497.56
Beehive	858.34	Perry County	70,273.67	Johnson	39,623.87
Campbell Station	1,863.82	Adona	742.31	Prairie Grove	43,400.01
Diaz	10,496.24	Bigelow	1,306.00	Springdale	748,171.78
Jacksonport	1,921.04	Casa	829.64	Tontitown	28,859.30
Swifton	7,120.11	Fourche	234.21	West Fork	34,890.88
Tupelo	1,446.91	Houston	631.17	Winslow	6,817.56
Wellington	1,746.46	Perry	2,246.45	Fayetteville	991,826.36
Jefferson County	573,975.19	Perryville	5,787.66	Lincoln	30,824.26
Pine Bluff	499,520.50	Phillips County	137,456.73	Farmington	61,597.26
Wababaska	2,926.36	Elaine View	10,569.52	White County	684,716.53
White Hall	42,871.70	Lake View	6,488.34	Rose Bud	4,472.65
Redfield	10,482.37	Lexa	4,044.53	Beebe	51,398.96
Altzheimer	10,799.46	Marvell	17,045.62	Bradford	8,340.60
Humphrey	3,614.92	Helena-West Helena	183,433.12	Kensett	18,672.52
Sherrill	1,141.55	Pike County	133,107.14	Garnier	2,960.91
Johnson County	100,514.99	Antoine	1,144.06	Georgetown	1,313.64
Clarksville	67,239.38	Daisy	865.38	Griffinville	2,731.55
Coal Hill	8,719.60	Delight	2,280.79	Higgins	3,940.93
Hartman	5,191.69	Glenwood	15,452.16	Judsonia	20,663.84
Knoxville	4,451.27	Murfreesboro	12,936.70	Letona	2,095.58
Lamar	12,325.92	Poinsett County	116,604.35	McRae	6,891.42
Lafayette County	21,039.37	Lepanto	15,563.79	Pangburn	6,814.44
Bradley	8,293.93	Fisher	1,933.62	Russell	2,377.07
Brinkley	10,711.50	Harrisburg	15,984.29	Searcy	197,338.65
Buckner	990.50	Marked Tree	20,430.66	West Point	2,168.57
Levensville	6,459.07	Trumann	50,266.72	Bald Knob	33,466.67
Lawrence County	120,606.79	Tyronza	6,698.34	Woodport County	17,449.92
Walnut Ridge	25,830.09	Weiner	5,545.47	Coat Plant	6,335.86
Alicia	760.48	Waldenburg	583.72	Augusta	17,588.61
Black Rock	3,760.44	Polk County	108,908.24	Hampton	1,003.18
College City	1,410.82	Mena	49,362.04	McCorty	12,209.73
Hopkins	7,744.38	Cove	3,333.85	Patterson	3,082.13
Imboden	3,587.37	Granite	5,035.16	Yell County	80,904.55
Lynn	1,652.08	Hatfield	3,920.23	Plainview	4,122.53
Minturn	597.89	Vandervoort	1,050.81	Dardanelle	23,086.17
Portia	2,533.18	Wickes	5,910.84	Ola	6,574.21
Powhatan	262.23	Pope County	309,565.23	Belleville	13,061.05
Ravenden	2,680.03	Russellville	307,024.20	Havana	2,140.44
Sedgewick	587.40	Atkins	37,317.70		
Smithville	382.66	Hicks	17,229.76		
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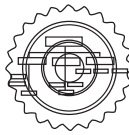
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**PARKS DEVELOPMENT MGR.**—Conway is accepting résumés for a parks development mgr., reporting to the parks and rec. dir. The mgr. plans, directs and coordinates maintenance/development projects at City of Conway parks and rec. facilities. Also resp. for special events set up, staffing and clean up. Bachelor's in parks admin. or related, four yrs.' exp. in park admin. or related and two yrs.' supervisory exp. required. Equiv. combinations of edu. and exp. considered. Submit résumé with salary history to H.R. Director, City of Conway, 1201 Oak St., Conway, AR 72032; e-mail [lisa.williams@cityofconway.org](mailto:lisa.williams@cityofconway.org); or fax 501-513-3503. Min. starting sal. \$42,000, based on exp. Résumés accepted until pos. filled. EOE.

**PATROL OFFICER**—Kensett seeks cert. patrol officers. For more info call 501-742-5454.

**POLICE CHIEF**—Fort Smith seeks a police chief for CALEA-accredited dept. Bachelor's in criminal justice, public/business admin. or related degree req., master's preferred; plus 15 yrs.' certified law enforcement exp., at least five yrs. as senior mgr. or higher. Exp. must incl. operations mgmt., admin., traffic control investigations and special services (SWAT, drug task force, etc.). See job posting and at [www.fsark.com](http://www.fsark.com). Send résumé to Human Resources

Dept., P.O. Box 1908 Fort Smith, AR 72902; or e-mail [rjones@fsark.com](mailto:rjones@fsark.com). Closes Sept. 22. EOE.

**POLICE CHIEF**—Hot Springs seeks a police chief. Bachelor's in criminal justice, business admin. or related; 10 yrs.' exp. in mgmt. or admin. in a law enforcement agency req. Must meet the requirements of all applicable state and local laws. Equivalent exp., edu. and training considered. Starting sal. negotiable. Executive benefits pkg. For info contact Minnie Lenox, HR dir., 501-321-6840, or e-mail [mleenox@cityhs.net](mailto:mleenox@cityhs.net). Submit cover letter and résumé by Nov. 27 to City of Hot Springs Human Resources Dept., P.O. Box 700, Hot Springs, AR 71902. EOE.

**POLICE CHIEF**—Russellville is accepting applications for a F/T police chief with benefits. HS dipl., deg. in Criminal Justice or related, 5 yrs.' exp. in law enforcement or related pref. Must be cert. or have ability to become cert. Supervises approx. 65 employees. Sal. BOE. Close date Nov. 29. To apply, visit [www.russellvillearkansas.org](http://www.russellvillearkansas.org), print application and fax to 479-968-8050; or call Russellville HR dir. At 479-968-2098. EOE/AA.

**POLICE CHIEF**—Coal Hill (Johnson County) is accepting applications for police chief; must be certified. Send résumés to: Deborah Marvel Mayor, P.O. Box 218, Coal Hill Arkansas 72832.

**POLICE CHIEF**—Conway is accepting applications for a police chief. The Conway Police Dept. is an internationally accredited agency, one of four accredited by CALEA in Arkansas, consists of 104 sworn and 21 civilian employees. The chief reports directly to the mayor. The city seeks a proactive leader, a superior communicator committed in inclusion and diversity. Must have est. record in managerial and fiscal admin., in implementing best practices and in building relationships with community, employees and local, regional and state leaders. Bachelor's in Police or Public Admin., Criminal Justice or related and 10 yrs. of progressively responsible experience in law enforcement incl. 3-5 yrs. of major command resp. required. Evidence of cont. training, self-development pref. Equivalent comb. of training and experience may be substituted for ed. Closing date: Dec. 31. Sal. \$74,000 with benefits. Sal. neg. DOE. Submit résumé to Human Resources Director, City of Conway, 1201 Oak St., Conway, AR 72032; e-mail [lisa.williams@cityofconway.org](mailto:lisa.williams@cityofconway.org); or fax 501-513-3503.

**POLICE CHIEF**—Farmington seeks a police chief to lead and manage dept. of eight officers in addition to P/T and civilian staff. Chief reports directly to mayor. Must have at least 4 yrs. of progressively responsible exp. Strong pref. for higher-level command, higher ed. in criminal justice and/or business admin. Must possess proven skills in fiscal and personnel mgmt., computer literacy and strong leadership skills. Must be a certified police officer in the State of Arkansas. Salary commensurate with exp. Applications accepted until pos. filled. Send résumé, cover letter, three prof. references to City Business Manager, P.O. Box 150, Farmington, AR 72730. For more info., call Melissa McCarville at 479-267-3865.

**POLICE OFFICER**—Lewisville seeks applications for the position of police officer. Pick application packages up 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F at Lewisville City Hall, 330 West 1st St. Position open until filled. Contact Chief Jason Tomlin for information, 870-921-4971.

**POLICE OFFICER**—Allport (Lonoke County) seeks a full-time officer. Mail résumé and cert. to: Allport Police Dept., P.O. Box 58, Humnoke, AR 72072.

**POLICE OFFICERS, CERTIFIED**—Forrest City Police Dept. seeks cert. officers. Good sal., benefits inc. paid holiday, health, dental, eye insurance, retirement, three wks.' paid vac. and LOPPI. Call 870-633-3434 for more info. or send résumé and copies of cert. to Chief's Office, c/o Forrest City Police Dept., 225 N. Rosser St., Forrest City, AR 72335. EOE.

**POLICE OFFICERS, CERTIFIED**—The Texarkana, Ark., Police Dept. is accepting applications for the position of a probationary police officer. First year annual salary is \$33,017.59. After one year, salary increases to \$36,053.00 (+). Benefits incl. ins., vacation, sick leave, certificate pay, educational pay and longevity pay. Uniforms and equipment furnished. Min. req.: (1) Cert. Law Enforcement Officer by CLEST or Cert. Law Enforcement Officer with any state that has a reciprocal agreement with CLEST, (2) 30 hours of college or able to obtain the hours within 18 months, (3) meet all other min. req. of the Texarkana, Ark., Police Dept. For further information, con-

tact the Personnel and Training Office @ 903-798-3328 or [tateson@tkusa.org](mailto:tateson@tkusa.org).

**POLICE OFFICER**—Marshall in Searcy County seeks applications for cert. police officer. Sal. neg. Contact Mayor Busbee or Chief Aubrey Byerly, 870-448-2543. Open until filled.

**POLICE OFFICER**—Ash Flat Police Dept. is accepting applications for full- and part-time police officers. Cert. officers preferred. Applications can be picked up from City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Only serious applicants should apply. No phone calls.

**PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN**—Haskell is accepting applications for a public works foreman. Performs supervisory, admin. and operational duties; inspects residential, commercial bldgs. for compliance; operates, repairs and maintains city water/sewer systems; operates backhoe, track-hoe; prepares, analyzes reports, records. Ark. DL, Ark. Class 1 wastewater and Class 1 water license req. Sal. based on exp., with paid vac., sick leave, holidays and ret. Send resume, work history, references to City of Haskell, Public Works Director, 2520 Hwy. 229, Haskell, AR 72015.

**STREET DEPT. DIRECTOR**—Pine Bluff seeks applicants for the position of Street Dept. director. The director oversees and reviews plans and specs. for public works projects, assists in projecting a plan of public works projects and improvements, and administers and coordinates all capital improvement projects with other city depts., utilities and outside contractors. The director gives tech., engineering and architectural advice to city depts. as directed by the mayor; performs and coordinates the investigation, development, design and construction of eng. projects; and supervises operation, maintenance of all dept. equip. Bachelor's deg. in Civil Engineering and/or five yrs.' exp. in engineering work (two yrs. of which in mgr./supervisory capacity) preferred. Should have knowledge of federal flood plain mgmt. and state/local regulations. Applications accepted at City of Pine Bluff HR Dept., 200 E. 8th, Room 104, Pine Bluff, AR 71601; fax 870-850-2449; or e-mail [vconaway@cablelynx.com](mailto:vconaway@cablelynx.com). Open until filled.

**WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR**—Marshall (Searcy County) seeks a water/wastewater operator with Class II license. Salary neg., DOQ, exp. Contact Mayor James Busbee, 870-448-2543 or 870-448-7506 or P.O. Box 1420, Marshall, AR 72650; FAX, 870-448-5692.

**WATER/WASTEWATER SUPERINTENDENT**—Mountain View is accepting applications for the pos. of water/wastewater superintendent. Resp. for supervision, mgmt. of the water treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant and distribution/collection systems. Reports to water commission. Min. requirements: Ark. DL, HS diploma or equiv., one yr. mgmt. exp., two yrs.' water or wastewater exp., Ark. Class 4 water treatment lic., Ark. Class 3 wastewater lic., Ark. Class 3 distribution lic. (a combination of any grade water/wastewater lic. will be considered). Sal. neg. DOE. Mail resume to Mountain View Water, P.O. Box 360, Mountain View, AR 72560. Deadline 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. For more info call Debbie Walker, 870-269-3293. EOE.

**FOR SALE**—Elite K-9 transport system. Black, easy to clean, eliminates oxide buildup on dog's fur. Fits 1998-04 Ford Crown Victoria. Call Chief Armstrong, Bull Shoals Police Dept., 870-445-4775.

**FOR SALE**—DVX Plus III digital phone system. 24-port board, 20 executive speakerphones, two 48-button DSS consoles, talkpath voicemail. Call Annette at Pine Bluff Wastewater Utility, 870-535-6603.

**FOR SALE**—Police Car. 2000 Crown Victoria police interceptor, unmarked gray, 121K miles, runs good. Asking \$3,500. Call Friendship Police Chief Jim Elliott at 501-384-2111 for further information.

**PUMPER TRUCKS**—Plumerville Fire Dept. selling 1973 Ford F700, 750 GPM and '79 Ford, 1000 GPM. Equip. neg. Call 501-354-3936 or 354-4353.

**STREET SWEEPER**—Paris is selling a 1988 Elgin Crosswind Street Sweeper. Contact Street Supt., 479-963-2450.

**WANTED**—Slightly used 20-cubic-yard, rear-load, trash compactor truck. Must be low hours. Contact the Paris Street Supt. at 479-963-2450.

**WANTED**—New or slightly used gravity belt press combo. Call the Green Forest Wastewater Treatment Plant, 870-438-5246.

**WATER AERATOR**—96 model, 2,000 GPM forced draft, 6,075 CFM blower, 22'x9'x9', 8,800 lbs. Contact Wynne Water Utilities, 870-238-2751.



Washington County Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds <b>\$109,380,000</b>	Saline County Jail Construction Capital Improvement Bonds <b>\$8,500,000</b>	Harrison School District #1 Limited General Obligation Refunding <b>\$5,255,000</b>	City of Fayetteville Hwy 71 East Square Project <b>\$3,725,000</b>	City of Tucker Water & Sewer Refunding & Construction <b>\$1,700,000</b>
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Conway Public Facilities Board University of Central Arkansas Foundation Project <b>\$13,050,000</b>	Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District Project <b>\$7,840,000</b>	City of Shannon Hills Water & Sewer Revenue Construction Bonds <b>\$4,250,000</b>	City of Jacksonville Library Construction & Improvement Bonds <b>\$2,500,000</b>	White Co. White <b>\$2,000,000</b>
Northwest Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District Waste Disposal Refunding & Construction <b>\$12,340,000</b>	City of Decatur Water & Sewer Refunding & Construction Project <b>\$7,715,000</b>	City of Barling Water & Sewer Revenue & Refunding Bonds <b>\$4,195,000</b>	Wynne School District #9 Construction Bonds <b>\$2,296,361</b>	
Johnson County Johnson Regional Medical Center Project <b>\$10,000,000</b>	City of Jonesboro Turtle Creek Redevelopment Project <b>\$7,040,000</b>	City of Rogers Water Revenue Bonds <b>\$4,125,000</b>	City of Haskell Water & Sewer Refunding Revenue <b>\$2,165,000</b>	
White Co. County Medical Project <b>\$10,000,000</b>	City of Searcy Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds <b>\$6,025,000</b>	Arkansas National Guard Camp Robinson Canteen Facility Project <b>\$3,915,000</b>	City of Engle Water & Sewer Revenue Refunding <b>\$1,900,000</b>	

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