

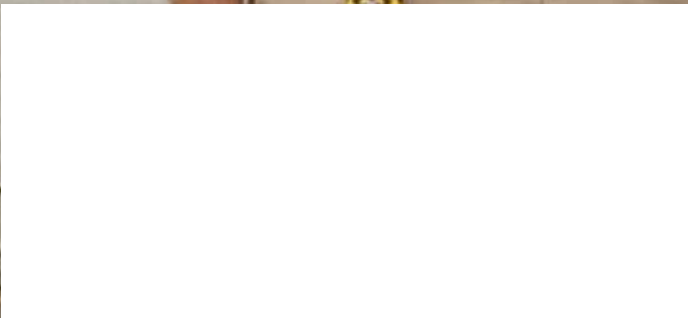
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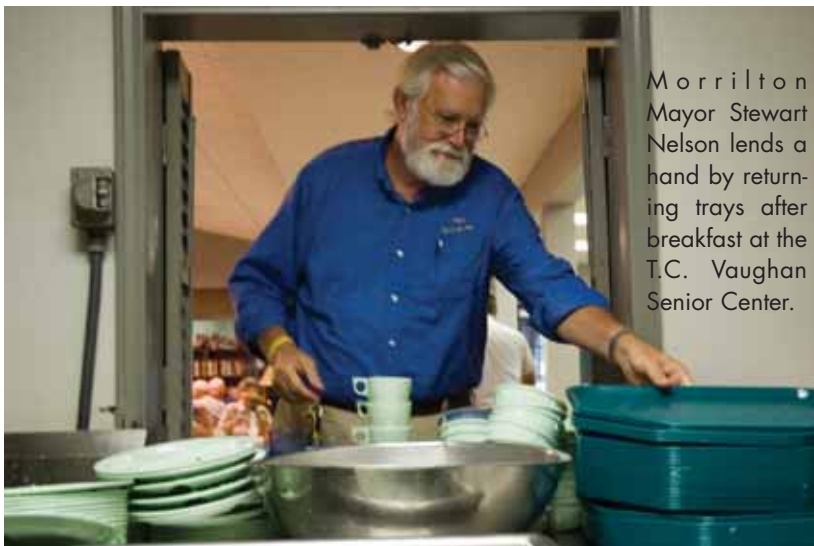
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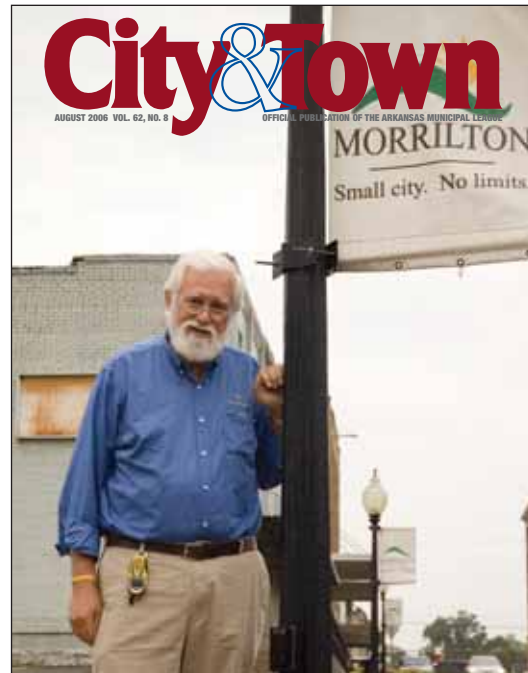
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ON THE COVER: Morrilton Mayor Stewart Nelson, League president as of June 16, pauses in this city of beautification awards and novel environmental approaches. Take a look at the city behind the president and, also inside, the five cities behind each of the new League vice presidents.—jkw

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Dear Friends,

It is time again to think about our budgets for 2007. Next year's budget is not just what we did this year plus 3 percent for next year, but a fully thought-out plan for the coming year.

State law requires mayors to introduce the budget before the first of December. Hopefully by December 1 the city's budget is pretty much already introduced, finished and ready for passage.

The best practice is to start doing the budget in August for 2007, and introduce at least a budget framework by the first of October. At least by August you can look at how well you have done for this year to date and project what is going to happen for the balance of the year against your 2006 budget.

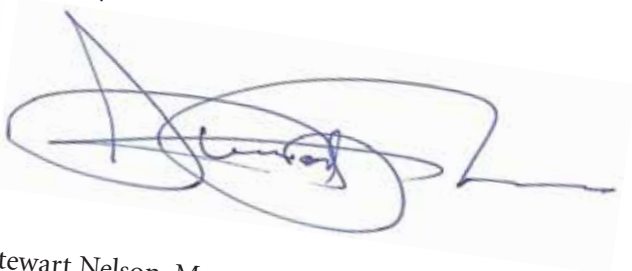
Looking at one of the major challenges for the coming years, you might want to separate fuel expenses as a separate line item for each department, and energy generally if you use a lot of electricity or natural gas. Expect both of these to go up more than 3 percent next year.

If you have had problems in the past years meeting your budgets and getting into trouble before the year ends, a good trick is to have budget meetings with the council and department heads every three months and reserving as many expenses as you can to the fall to see how the year is going to spend out and receipts are going to come in.

For 2007 encourage your fellow city employees to come up with money saving projects for next year. Make everybody a part of the team to make a better city.

"Great Cities Make a Great State."

Sincerely,



Stewart Nelson, Mayor, City of Morrilton  
President, Arkansas Municipal League



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## 'Newcomer' mayor leads progress in Morrilton, countering massive job losses

Mayor 11 years, former 'repo' man still loves 'coming to work,' helping others.

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

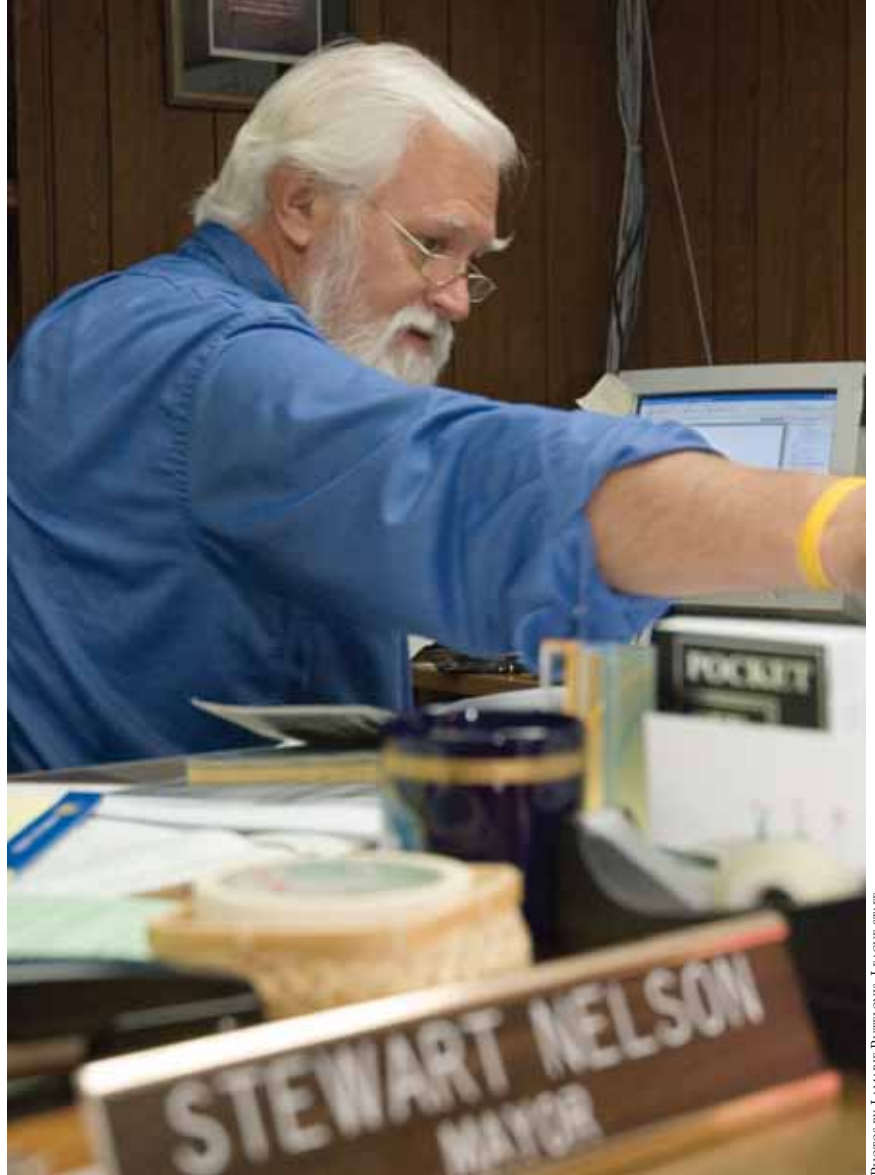
**N**EW MUNICIPAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT and Morrilton Mayor Stewart Nelson, elected to the League's top office June 16, is not a native son. He's a "newcomer to Morrilton," he likes to say. "Only been here 35 years."

He was born in Minneapolis, but he is not a Yankee, he's quick to explain with a grin through his white, Kris Kringle-like beard, since he was moved south to Memphis when he was just three years old.

When he and his wife of 37 years, Martha, first arrived in Morrilton, Nelson says, "She looked around and said 'you've got three years to get out of this place.' And that was 1971. Thirty-five years later we're sitting here and I'm the mayor of Morrilton."

Indeed, it's been a long, strange trip for the 62-year-old HAM radio operator (call sign: KD5LBE), computer whiz, investor, inventor, cyclist, carpenter, photographer, and, for the last 11 years, mayor.

Nelson graduated from Germantown High School and went on to receive a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee. From there he entered on a long and incredibly varied



PHOTOS BY LAMARIE RUTELONIS, LEAGUE STAFF

Nelson takes care of business in his office in Morrilton's City Hall. The historic downtown building once housed a Coca-Cola bottling plant and one of the first Wal-Marts.

path through the working world.

Early in his professional career, Nelson spent time as a plant manager at the Langston Bag Company in Memphis, makers of burlap bags. "I can tell you how to make a burlap bag. And you can hand me a burlap bag and I can tell you what the weight of the fabric is," claims Nelson. "I've had a wonderful education in my life. I added it up one time; I've had something like 15 or 16 jobs."

Among his many educational vocations, Nelson has been a surveyor and draftsman, carpenter, ground hand for a public utility, elevator technician, business consultant and a landlord. At one point he even found time to return to school. He received his Master's in Business Administration from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway in 1976.

Nelson spent several years as a stringer and pho-

tographer for the *Petit Jean Country Headlight*. He covered all the major local news events and city council meetings, which afforded him an inside look at the workings of city government.

Another of his many job titles was that of repo man for a car dealership. It was a position he feels uniquely prepared him for his current job title as mayor of “the best city in Arkansas.”

“People asked me, ‘what qualifies you to be mayor?’” says Nelson. “I said I was a repo man. I have no feelings. You can’t hurt my feelings. You can’t make me mad. You can tell me all the stories you want to; I still want the keys to your car.” As a public official, he says, “you have to be hardened, and I got my chance to get hardened repo-ing cars.”

On this gray, rainy July morning, Nelson stands in the breakfast line at the T.C. Vaughan Senior Center with many of Morrilton’s 55-and-up crowd.

“This is one of my favorite projects right here,” says Nelson.

“Eating!” joke center regulars Norma Jean Hester and Pauline Meeler almost in unison as they wait together in line.

The mayor means, of course, the center and the adjacent walking trail and he’s quick to brag on the place. “This is one of my favorite places: my senior adult center.”

The facility almost didn’t get built. Morrilton received in 1997 a Community Development Block Grant to build the center and had a one-year deadline to submit the plans to keep the money. The architect on the job was moving too slowly, and with just one

week to go before the deadline, Nelson and the city council fired the architect and hired the Stuck & Associates firm to finish the job. Within five days they designed the structure, acquired health department approval and submitted the finished \$500,000 project plans.

When the building went up, center manager Diane Wilson promised to double the number of participants in center activities within three years. She accomplished it in three months, and the center’s popularity is apparent on this Friday morning. There’s a packed house at one of the twice-monthly breakfasts held at the center. The building also hosts meetings and arts and crafts classes among other regular activities for Morrilton’s seniors.

Attracting new business to Morrilton is another point of pride for Nelson, though it hasn’t been easy. In 1999 things looked grim for the city’s workforce. Levi Strauss—another of Nelson’s many former employers—announced the close of its Morrilton-based sewing operation, the second to last such plant in the United States to close.

At the same time, Arrow Automotive, an automotive parts recycling operation and Morrilton’s other major employer, filed for bankruptcy and ultimately shut down. Within the course of one terrible week, both factories closed and 1,100 workers lost their jobs. Consider that the city’s population at that time was just over 6,500 and the scope of that blow to the local economy is brought into sharp focus.

That wasn’t the first time Morrilton had had to cope with job loss and empty factory space. Nelson

Morrilton’s mayors past line a wall in City Hall. Nelson’s portrait is second from right.



uses the decrepit Crompton Mill corduroy plant on Morrilton's outskirts as an example. That old factory, he says, has for all intents and purposes sat empty since it closed in 1984. It's a grave mistake for the community to sit back and think, "maybe the business fairy will come in and bring us some new business," he says. "There are no business fairies out there any more. If you want something, you're going to have to go get it."

To avoid making the same mistakes again, the mayor and the city council partnered with the Conway County Industrial Development group to actively recruit new business to the city. And according to Nelson, they've done a fantastic job.

In July, TXD, a gas field exploration and supply company announced the opening of a new facility in Morrilton. According to Nelson, one number that has

been "thrown around" is that \$1.2 billion will be spent in Morrilton as a result of TXD's operation. While he feels that the number is a bit optimistic, he knows the city stands to make at least some money in the deal. The city has leased the land and retained mineral rights. In the meantime, the city doesn't lose use of the land and if TDX strikes natural gas, Morrilton will receive royalties.

Other new and recently expanded businesses include Telex, a speaker manufacturing company; ICT, a customer sales and support call center; sheet metal fabricating firm SEMCO; and a pet products mail order business called Cat Claws.

Between the new businesses, Morrilton's employment is back up to at least what it was before the dark days of 1999. Nelson also credits Morrilton's dedicated workers with these successes. "Everybody was surprised at how good our workforce was," he explains. "When we had a thousand people on the street with nothing to do, I think one of the things that attracted business to Morrilton was that we have as attractive a workforce as you could have. They wanted people who are willing to work, to put in an eight-hour day.

Mayor Nelson and Morrilton City Clerk/Treasurer Charlotte Kindle research information about Morrilton's past.



Nelson's leadership style strongly evokes the League's motto—*Great Cities Make a Great State*. In his first speech as League president at the 72nd Convention in June, Nelson encouraged his fellow city leaders to "take a chance to make your communities a better and safer place to live." He also challenged elected officials "to act like what you do will last forever, because it will." As an elected official, he said, "you are planting the seeds for the future of your community and the state."

These are just the kinds of ideas that Nelson has put into practice in Morrilton, especially when it comes to the city's dirty work: trash and sewage.

The city's class 1 landfill—one that accepts all types of trash—is one of 23 in Arkansas and the second smallest in the state. Up until 1995 the city, through tax dollars, was subsidizing the landfill at more than \$200,000 per year. Nelson convinced the city council to work with both Conway County and neighboring Perry and Van Buren counties to eliminate that burden. The landfill now operates quite well on its own and, for a \$9 a month pickup fee, serves the residents of the three counties. Getting the council to agree to



include the neighboring counties was one his toughest sells as mayor, but it paid off. While not making anyone rich, the landfill no longer uses a single tax dollar.

“If you were an environmentalist, you’d go crazy over Morrilton,” says Nelson. Morrilton has a “zero discharge” sewer system. None of the city’s wastewater ends up in the Arkansas River or other local waterways. Wastewater goes through an initial treatment and is sent to the 125-acre holding pond playfully named Lake Lotahockey. “You can draw whatever conclusion you want about the name,” jokes Nelson. The treated wastewater is used to irrigate the surrounding city-owned and private farmland. Not only is the system ecologically sound, it even brings in about \$60,000 a year in revenue for the city.

“I’m very proud of this system,” Nelson says. “On the other hand, I’m nervous about the system because it would not take a whole lot to mess it up. For instance, if a factory came to town making circuit boards and put lead or something into the system, we wouldn’t be too happy about that. But as long as [the discharge] will bio-degrade, I don’t care what you do, because our grass carp down here will eat it up.”

Not all the Morrilton’s Nelson-led improvements involve trash and other waste matter. The city pool is another of the projects Nelson is proud to say has been completed during his time as mayor. When he came in the city still used chlorine gas to sanitize the pool water. They’ve since replaced everything and even built a new pool house. The adjoining city park has a new life as well, largely thanks to the work of Molly Williams, head of the parks and recreation commission. They replaced the 1920s-era playground equipment, built new fences, and landscaped the grounds. Everything is now handicapped accessible as well.

Morrilton now has a downtown that looks, Nelson says, “like someplace you’d want to be.” The \$1 million project has completely renovated the crumbling sidewalks. It’s the kind of improvement that has helped



A dollop of jelly for a biscuit and good conversation make for a fine breakfast for Nelson and Morrilton senior Bill Adams, a retired postal worker, at the T.C. Vaughan Senior Center.


Morrilton win Keep Arkansas Beautiful awards for five of the last six years.

Another improvement Nelson has overseen is the recent upgrade of the computer network system for the police and fire departments. The city and county share a 911 emergency response system for which they share operating costs.

Nelson once joked he’d go back to repo-ing cars if the “mayor thing” hadn’t panned out. But at this point in his life, that probably won’t be the case.

“I’m 62 years old. I have been very fortunate in my life. I’ve made a lot of the right decisions at the right times. I could retire and do nothing if I wanted to.”

With no children—the Nelsons do have two dogs and a cat—and no bills to speak of, he certainly can. Until that time comes, however, Nelson continues to help make Morrilton a city to take pride in.

“I look forward every day to coming to work. When storm sirens come and tornados come, you don’t necessarily look forward to it. It means somebody got hurt.” But when you have the means to help a family that’s lost everything and doesn’t know where to turn, Nelson says, “Man, it just doesn’t get any better than that.” 

# Meet your Municipal League Vice Presidents

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

## Mayor Tab Townsell, Conway, First Vice President



Tab Townsell has always been interested in public policy, in finding better ways to do things in his community. A Conway native, Townsell graduated in 1979 with honors from Conway High School. In 1984 he received a degree in Political Science with a minor in Economics from the University of Central Arkansas. There he served four years on the student senate, was student body president, received an Outstanding Student award and was co-recipient of the Outstanding Political Science Student award. In 1986 he received his MBA from Texas Christian University.

Before focusing on politics, Townsell worked in many capacities at Townsell-Hill Construction, the family business. Prior to being elected mayor in 1998, Townsell served on Conway's Transportation Advisory Committee from 1992-93, the Conway Planning Commission from 1993-95, and was Conway's representative on Metroplan's Transportation Advisory Committee from 1993-95.

Townsell, 45, is married to Donna, his wife of two and a half years. They have one child, infant daughter Riley.

## Mayor L.M. Duncan, Bono, Vice President, District 1



Economics and love brought L.M. Duncan to Bono. In 1976 he met a girl and bought a house in Bono "because they were cheaper than they were in Jonesboro" just down the road. He and the girl, Mildred, are now husband and wife and he is Bono's mayor. Duncan has three stepchildren.

Born in Strawberry in Lawrence County, Duncan was drafted into the Army in 1968. He left the service in 1970 and spent the next 27 years in quality control at Monroe Auto in Paragould. During this stretch his interest in local government grew and in 1992 he began the first of two terms on Bono's city council. Duncan was elected mayor in 1998 and will be running for a third term this November.

Duncan is proud to say that, among several infrastructure improvements, Bono's flood control has been greatly improved in his time as mayor. "We had houses that would flood every time we had a three to four inch rain." He is also proud of the new park pavilion and new senior citizens' center, both built with general improvement funds for this city of 1,512 in Craighead County.

## Mayor Rick Holland, Benton, Vice President, District 2



Even a background in the family sand and gravel trucking business can help prepare one for a future in politics. Rick Holland, 51, is proof. Of course, being good friends with the previous mayor and through that receiving an inside look at the workings of local government doesn't hurt. He felt his city needed him and when the opportunity came up Holland wanted to be involved.

Currently in the fourth year of his first term as mayor, Holland is up for re-election in November. He's proud of Benton's tremendous growth during his term thus far and is especially excited about downtown revitalization and infrastructure projects underway. Benton, now at 21,905, as of the 2000 census, was 18,177 in 1990. With funds to "stay on top," Holland sees his community "growing at the ideal rate."

Holland and his wife, Cindy, have two daughters, ages 15 and 13, and a son, 11.

## Mayor Dan Coody, Fayetteville, Vice President, District 3



When Dan Coody moved in 1987 to Fayetteville with his wife of 23 years, Deborah, it was to renovate historic homes. His background is in industrial technology, the field in which he received his BS degree from Sam Houston State University. It wasn't long before city politics piqued his interest.

In 1990 Coody ran and was elected to the Fayetteville city council. After a failed 1992 bid for mayor, Coody was elected to the office in 2000. As mayor, Coody has accomplished many infrastructure improvements, including developing a downtown master plan, revitalizing the Dickson Street area, securing greenspace throughout the city and upgrading the sewer system.

Coody also helped form Fayetteville's new Economic Development Council and serves on its interim executive committee.

## Mayor Carl Redus, Pine Bluff, Vice President, District 4



Carl Redus Jr., Pine Bluff's 35th mayor, is a native of the city. He was educated in Pine Bluff public schools and received a BS in Mathematics in 1971 from AM&N College, now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB). He received his MBA in Finance from Clark Atlanta University School of Business.

Redus spent the next 30 years in the corporate world of finance and real estate, but community involvement was always a large part of his life. He has lent his talent and energies to Character Council of the Southeast, the NAACP, the UAPB Foundation Board, and Pine Bluff Downtown Development, Inc.

Redus is especially proud to say his city, as of June of this year, is smoke-free. Pine Bluff was the second city in Arkansas to pass legislation to become smoke-free. The city and Redus are recipients of the 2005 Arkansas Cancer Coalition Fay W. Boozman, M.D., Community Service Award. *Power Play* magazine in June named Redus one of 25 extraordinary African-Americans in Arkansas.

Redus and his wife, Trudy, are the parents of a son, 3, and he is the father of an adult daughter.



Sherman Banks holds a framed, glass-encased commemorative volume of SCI's *Peace Through People, 50 Years of Global Citizenship*, for his two-year leadership as SCI president, and is congratulated by Alan Beals, former National League of Cities director who helped SCI's early years and Mary Jean Eisenhower of People to People and granddaughter of President Eisenhower, whose efforts gave birth to SCI.

## **Glorious 50th anniversary of Sister Cities International celebrated with Arkansas cities represented**

Arkansas delegates joined other cheering as SCI President Sherman Banks of Little Rock ended a two-year term.

By John K. Woodruff, League staff

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The hundreds of triangular, black on white pennants attached to hand-held sticks and proclaiming, “I still like Ike,” waved back and forth, up and down as mayors, other city officials, community leaders and volunteers from around the world stood and honored Mary Jean Eisenhower.

Cheers and shouts erupted. Eisenhower approached the speaker’s stand, smiling, waving back, but she was emotionally moved as her eyes moistened at the showing of affection and admiration.

Eisenhower, president and chief executive officer of People to People International, Inc., is granddaughter of the late President Dwight Eisenhower, who founded

the Sister Cities International and People to People movements from a White House summit in 1956, 50 years ago. The annual SCI conference here celebrated that golden anniversary with delegates from 45 nations around the world.

At the family table, Eisenhower confided, when she was a child her grandfather always talked about these people to people diplomacy movements, but at the time, “I just wanted to eat my peas.” Later, she would devote her life to such causes and has visited more than 40 countries.

Her grandfather wanted the [SCI] organization “to bring together people of a diverse backgrounds,” Eisenhower said. “Grandfather would be very happy today to

see the number of people here today.” More than 1,000 delegates from the United States and 45 other countries attended.

She cited the wars that Gen. Eisenhower had been through and led as commander of allied forces. “After seeing humanity at its lowest point,” her grandfather founded the people to people movements, she said. “He wanted the organizations to bring together people of diverse backgrounds.”

SCI President Sherman Banks of Little Rock spoke a similar theme. “[W]e are a citizen diplomacy organization with many faces and one voice,” Banks, ending a two-year term as president, of SCI, told the conference. “One voice equality, one voice for freedom, one voice for justice and one voice for peace.”

Standing ovations greeted Banks before and after his remarks. He writes a column for *City & Town*, the official magazine of the Municipal League, a sponsor of SCI.

President Eisenhower sought world peace through avenues other than war. He wanted people from across the globe to know each other who are different from one another, looked differently, ate differently, held different cultures, to talk to one another. “Two deeply held convictions united us in common purpose,” Eisenhower said. “First, is our belief in effective, responsive, local government as a principal bulwark of freedom. Second, is our faith in the great promise of Sister City affiliations in helping build the solid structure of world peace.”

Seven Arkansas cities and towns have sister cities: Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Little Rock, North Little Rock, tiny Gilbert in Searcy County (population 33), Mena and Pine Bluff. Others are searching for a match-up with a sister city.

The National League of Cities (NLC), the nation’s chief advocate for municipalities before Congress, for a few years helped SCI in its formative years before it became strong enough to stand on its own. Alan Beals, former NLC executive director was there from his own early years as a NLC staffer when SCI was first known as Town Affiliation Association. Beals was its executive director under NLC.

“Ike invited groups in 1956 to build new roads in International cooperation to work out thousands of methods that people can learn more about each other,” Beals said. “We know the dream and vision is still alive,” he said. “The world needs you more than ever.”

U.S. Rep. Bernie Sanders, (I-Vt.), former four-term mayor of Burlington, said people “like to emphasize differences between people. You name it, there are all kinds of differences,” he said. People focus on hatred, he said. Another approach is possible, he stressed. “We are a common humanity.”

During the cold war, when the United States and

the Soviet Union were often at odds, SCI-member cities came from both countries, Sanders said. “The Soviet Union came and is gone, but SCI still is there.” Burlington has four sister cities.

Sanders continued, “You are overcoming stereotyped definitions of people.” Noting the \$400 billion that goes into the U.S. defense budget, he said, “think what it would do with one-tenth if that went into international exchange programs ... The potential is enormous.”

U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.) said SCI has “made a huge difference in citizen diplomacy.” He urged that SCI programs be taken to the elementary school level. “We need to listen to each other, not just make demands on each other.” He said such concepts can also produce greater economic development between countries and “foster relations between institutions of higher education.” Kolbe is chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

Arkansas roots arose occasionally, not just with Banks as president and longtime activist in SCI, but

“I still like Ike” pennants accumulated after they were waved in celebration of SCI’s 50th and the guest appearance of the former president’s granddaughter, Mary Jean Eisenhower.





Kolbe and other speakers commended the J.W. Fulbright Scholarship student exchange program, which former Arkansas Sen. Fulbright established in 1946. Kolbe said it was “one of the most people-demonstrated success stories. We need to do better funding of those types of programs.” Fulbright scholarships encouraged international cooperation after the Second World War. Fulbright was longtime chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. “If we aren’t able to match positive ideas against negative ideas, we will lose,” Kolbe said. He urged, “We need people to people relationships at the forefront of our foreign policy, a policy that embraces differences.” 🏛️



Photos, from top, Arkansas SCI delegates have a conference planning session with participants from left, Deun Ogunlana, Rafael Bravo of Little Rock, Judi Dietz of the Arkansas Secretary of State’s office, Carmen McHaney, Bob Callans, Rafael Bravo and Misty Borkowski of Little Rock; middle photo, Barbara Masekela, ambassador of the Republic of South Africa welcomes Judi Dietz of North Little Rock and the Secretary of State’s office, the state coordinator for SCI in Arkansas to the Embassy of South Africa. Masekela, a speaker at the conference, said, “SCI makes our job easier and complements our diplomacy.” She emphasized the importance of local governments and increased participation of women in the international community (“Women have been imbued with ideas of equality,” she told the conference); bottom photo, the table placard at the closing banquet says that the Municipal League and the City of Little Rock Mayor’s Office are supporters of SCI. Callans and Dietz greet other SCI delegates.



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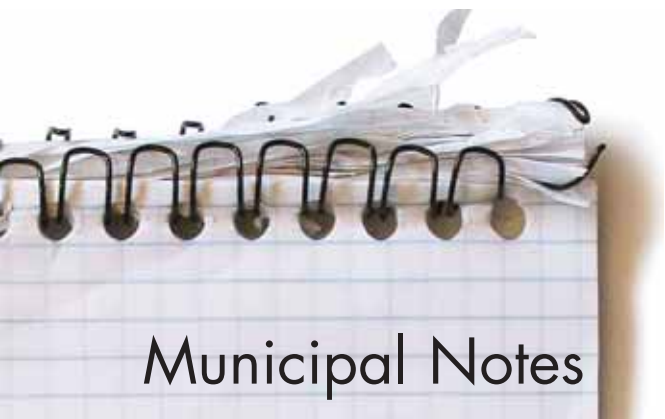
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## Municipal Notes

### LECC studies gang, terrorism prevention method

The Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee will host two training conferences in September.

“Train the Trainer” is an anti-terrorism conference Sept. 7-8 in Little Rock, as presented by the Committee with the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council and the Regional Organized Crime Information Center.

The two-day class is for law enforcement officers or terrorism investigators who also serve as anti-terrorism instructors. Topics include domestic terrorism and extremist groups, law enforcement intelligence, community partnerships, international terrorist and extremist groups, terrorism indicators and officer safety.

Conference check-in begins 7:30 a.m., Sept 7, at the Hilton Little Rock Metro Center, 925 S. University Ave., Little Rock. The conference ends 5 p.m., Sept. 8. Contact the hotel at 501-664-5020 for LECC room at a reduced rate until Aug. 24. To register for the conference, complete and mail the registration form below. Registration is free.

“Gang Prevention Summit” is the conference Sept. 12 in North Little Rock, as presented by the LECC.

The one-day training session emphasizes gang prevention strategies. Topics to be covered include gang awareness in Little Rock/central Arkansas, risk factors, early intervention/prevention, prison gangs, weapons and drugs on campus, gangs in the military and MS-13 gangs.

Conference check-in begins 8:30 a.m., Sept. 12, at the Camp Robinson Education Center, North Little Rock. The conference ends 5 p.m. To register for the conference, complete and mail the registration form below. Registration is \$10 and is required in advance (check or cash only). Registration deadline is Sept. 7.

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

#### REGISTRATION FORM

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U.S. Attorney’s Office Eastern District of Arkansas  
P.O. BOX 1229, Little Rock, AR 72203**

### Huckabee names new Workforce Board member

Gov. Mike Huckabee in July appointed Malvern Mayor Steve Northcutt as a member of the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board, the *Malvern Daily Record* reported. The board appropriates money for the state’s Workforce Centers. Northcutt was selected out of three potential candidates on the League’s executive board. Northcutt replaces Lynn Moore on the board.

### Downtown revitalization conference focus

“Destination Downtown” is a regional conference Sept. 11-13 at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, presented by Main Street Arkansas and the Arkansas Department of Economic Development, the Downtown Partnership, the Mississippi Main Street Association, Louisiana Main Street, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and AT&T.

For more information, visit [www.destinationdowntown.org](http://www.destinationdowntown.org); write Greg Phillips, Main Street Arkansas, 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center St., Little Rock, AR 72201; call 501-324-9880; or e-mail [greg@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:greg@arkansasheritage.org).

### Forum studies economic climate

Economist Jared Bernstein of the Economic Policy Institute will speak at an educational forum Aug. 30 sponsored by the Arkansas Coalition for Economic Security. “The State of Working Arkansas” is the subject of the event. The forum studies the economic climate in Arkansas and the implications for working families.

Bernstein is the author of *All Together Now: Common Sense For a Fair Economy* and between 1995-96 he was deputy chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor. He has been published extensively in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *American Prospect* and *Research in Economics and Statistics*.

For information call Julie Kerr, 501-324-8296, or e-mail [Julie.A.Kerr@stls.frb.org](mailto:Julie.A.Kerr@stls.frb.org).

### The NLC celebrates inclusiveness

Showcasing what cities across the country are doing to create inclusive communities through racial and ethnic equality is the goal of Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week, Sept. 25-29, as promoted by the National League of Cities.

During the week, NLC urges cities and towns to endorse equality through activities in their communities. The NLC will highlight cities’ efforts in *Nation’s Cities Weekly* leading up to and following the event.

The NLC encourages cities and towns to schedule events such as forums as mediums for dialogue, festivals to celebrate community diversity or similar activities. Businesses and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to participate in the week’s events as well.

For more information and for activity suggestions, download the NLC’s Race Equality Kit at [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org) or contact Chris Hoene at 202-626-3172 or [hoene@nlc.org](mailto:hoene@nlc.org).



# Jane Jacobs: Remembered as friend of urban life, urban renewal foe, crusader, influential author

By Jim vonTungeln, Planning Consultant

IF YOU LOVE THE SOUL OF A CITY – THE THROB OF HUMAN interaction, the changing panorama of individual neighborhoods, the electric current of activity, and the vitality of urban patterns – you lost a friend this year. Jane Jacobs, writer, intellectual, observer of all things urban, and author of one of the most influential books ever written about city planning, died in April. She was 89.

In 1958, Jacobs started work on *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. It was published in 1961 and still exerts influence on a variety of disciplines from planning to the devotees of the modern theory of “emergence.” Her work remains required reading for anyone who studies how cities work.

Jacobs first gained notice as a crusader and fighter. Her main targets were urban renewal, the devastation heaped on the neighborhoods of New York by its so-called “Master Builder” Robert Moses, and modernism in urban design. She resented the heavy hand of urban renewal programs that designated selected neighborhoods as slums, often neglecting the fact that the residents of those same neighborhoods viewed them not as slums but as home. She resented Robert Moses because of his obsession with building super-highways through similar neighborhoods, forever altering as she saw it, the human side, as well as the physical face of the city. As for modernism, she just resented it for being awful, as exemplified by the current plans for the World Trade Center Memorial design for New York.

As a writer for *Architectural Forum* magazine she made a name for pointing out the shortcomings of modernism. She fully documented the shortcomings of modern planning in *Death and Life*. She criticized anything that disrupted the natural flow of organic interaction within a city. Left alone, she argued, people would form workable cities. When the city becomes too large, people will form neighborhoods of a workable size.

One of her most famous arguments involved her notion of “eyes upon the street.” Her logic was that our interaction with, and observance of one another, create healthy and safe environments. Artificial barriers to this interaction, such as super blocks and urban freeways, hamper pedestrian movement. After they appear and building designs no longer encourage interaction with the street, urban problems begin to fester. Vibrant urban neighborhoods are, by their very nature, full of strangers, she argued, and planners should study the way in which they interact instead of trying to minimize such contacts. This put her at odds with the proponents of isolated high-rise developments proposed by mid-century architects such as Le Corbusier.

Her other books include *The Economy of Cities* (1969), *Cities and Wealth of Nations* (1984), and *Systems of Survival* (1994). Her final work, *Dark Age Ahead* (2004) was reviewed previously in this magazine.

Other writers and thinkers didn’t always agree with Jacobs’ views. Her criticism of garden cities (planned suburbs) put her at odds with Lewis Mumford who wrote in the *New York Review of Books* in 1965:

“... Jane Jacobs preposterous mass of historic misinformation and contemporary misinterpretation... exposed her ignorance of the whole planning movement.”

One must be on to something to arouse anger like that, which is probably why her ideas live with a new generation of planners and thinkers, such as the New Urbanists. One can’t help appreciating her contributions, particularly after noting a quote she made during an interview with Adam Gopnick in the *New Yorker* magazine (May 17, 2005). Speaking of America, she said:

“Our songs and cities are the best things about us. Songs and cities are so indispensable. Even if we go into darkness, the time will come when people will want to know how these ruins were made—the essence of life we made.”

Jane Jacobs, we miss her already.

*Jim von Tungeln is president of Urban Planning Associates, Inc. and staff planner for the Arkansas Municipal League.*



Jacobs

## Obituaries

**Dorothy L. Besharse**, 80, a former Blytheville city clerk for 28 years, died Jan. 28.

**Mack Ball Sr.**, 75, who had been mayor of Eudora for 12 years and was the current Chicot county judge, died Aug. 8. He was a past school board member of the Eudora public schools.

**Manley (Junior) Childers**, 84, a pioneer of the Rose Bud community, died Aug. 4. He helped incorporate the town of Rose Bud and was a member of the first Rose Bud Town Council.

# Summaries of attorney general opinions

Recent opinions that affect municipal government in Arkansas.

From the Office of Attorney General Mike Beebe

## Timing crucial in going from state to city office

Opinion: 2006-078

Requestor: Borhauer, Shirley—State Representative

In the event that Bella Vista’s electorate approves incorporation, may the newly elected municipal officials take office as soon as their election is certified? Q2) Can a sitting, term-limited legislator run for city council and, if elected, begin serving in that capacity before the newly elected successor is sworn in? **RESPONSE:** With respect to your first question, while the statute is not entirely clear, in my opinion, a court would most likely find that ACA 14-38-115 (Supp. 2005), stating that the elections for new municipal offices held concurrently with a vote of incorporation are effective when the county judge’s order of incorporation is filed and recorded, can reasonably be interpreted to allow the newly elected officers to take office as soon as is practicable for the new municipality rather than comports with the general statute that municipal officials take office on January 1, 2007, per ACA 14-42-201 (Supp. 2005). With respect to your second question, in my opinion the answer is most likely “no.” Article 5, Sec. 10 of the Arkansas Constitution prohibits an individual that has been elected to the General Assembly from being elected to a “civil office under the State,” such as a member of a city council, for the duration of the term for which that person was elected to the General Assembly. If, however, a court were to find that the officers elected concurrently with the vote on incorporation could not take office until January 1, 2007, *Johnson v. Darnell*, 220 Ark. 625, 249 S.W.2d 5 (1952), would control. Under *Johnson*, supra, a sitting member of the House of Representatives could run for and serve on the city council elected concurrently with the vote on incorporation so long as the term of office for the city council does not begin until after the expiration of the term for which the Representative was elected to the General Assembly.

## Fire protection district not municipal agency

Opinion: 2006-081

Requestor: Faris, Steve—State Senator

Would the Cane Creek Fire Protection District, organized under ACA 14-284-201 through -225 (Act 35 of 1979), qualify as a “municipal service agency” under Act 1719 of 2003? Q2) If so, can a fire protection district enact impact fees for general fire protection services? Q3) Would a fire protection district need authority from the county in the

way of an ordinance before it could enact impact fees? Q4) Is a vote of the public required before the fire protection district could enact impact fees? Q5) If a fire protection district had authority to enact impact fees for fire protection service, would it be necessary to provide specific information as to what needs will be addressed by the money raised by the fees? **RESPONSE:** Q1) No. Although fire protection is included among the “public facilities” for which impact fees may be assessed pursuant to ACA 14-56-103, the definition of “municipal service agency” does not include a fire protection district established under ACA 14-284-201 et seq., which provides for the formation of fire protection districts in rural areas. A response to the remaining questions is unnecessary.

## City police authority can go outside city

Opinion: 2006-085

Requestor: Glover, Bobby L.—State Senator

What is the territorial jurisdiction of a municipal police department? Q2) What is the legal authority of a municipal police officer operating outside of the city limits when such officer is conducting an investigation which could possibly result in a felony or misdemeanor charge? Q3) What is the possible liability exposure of an officer or city when the officer is conducting an official police investigation which is outside of his jurisdiction? Q4) What legal authority does a municipal police officer have when such officer is conducting an official police investigation outside of his jurisdiction but under a mutual agreement with the county sheriff’s department? **RESPONSE:** Q1) The Arkansas Supreme Court has declared that four instances where the General Assembly has delegated authority for law enforcement officers to make arrests—and, by implication, to conduct investigations—outside of their primary jurisdictions: (1) “fresh pursuit” cases under Ark. Code Ann. 16-81-301; (2) when the police officer has a warrant for arrest, as provided by Ark. Code Ann. 16-81-105; (3) when a local law enforcement agency requests an outside officer to come into the local jurisdiction and the outside officer is from an agency that has a written policy regulating its officers when they act outside their jurisdiction, as stated in Ark. Code Ann. 16-81-106(3), (4); and (4) when a county sheriff requests that a peace officer from a contiguous county come into that sheriff’s county and investigate and make arrests for violations of drug laws pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 5-64-705.

See *Henderson v. State*, 329 Ark. 526, 953 S.W.2d 26 (1997) (citing *Perry v. State*, 303 Ark. 100, 794 S.W.2d 141 (1990)). In addition, if another state has enacted the Uniform Act on Interstate Fresh Pursuit, codified in Arkansas as ACA 16-81-401 through -407 (Repl. 2005), Arkansas officers would be authorized to make arrests in that state if they are in “fresh pursuit” of suspects. Q2) See response to question 1. Q3) Both the city and its officers have qualified tort immunity pursuant to ACA 21-9-301. The officers further have qualified immunity from allegations of violating federal law. Q4) See response to question 1.

### **Retirement refusal OK, if constitutional**

Opinion: 2006-095  
Requestor: Trusty, Sharon—State Senator  
Pursuant to provisions of ACA 24-12-127, can a city council refuse to pay retirement benefits to a former city recorder/treasurer? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the answer is “yes,” under ACA 24-12-127(Repl. 2002) and assuming such denial is not effected in an unconstitutional manner.

### **Barring city restrictions, independent can seek run for council**

Opinion: 2006-108  
Requestor: Jeffress, Gene—State Senator  
Can an independent candidate run in the November General Election? Q2) If so, what are the filing requirements? **RESPONSE:** 1) Assuming the first question refers to a municipal election in a city with the mayor council form of government that has passed a resolution to hold party primaries under ACA 14-42-206(a)(1), but which has not passed an ordinance imposing an earlier filing deadline under ACA 14-42-206(e)(1)(A), in my opinion the answer to your first question is “yes.” 2) Assuming the above facts, the applicable filing requirements are set out in ACA 14-42-206(b) and include filing a petition of nomination with the county clerk, signed by the requisite number of electors, not more than one hundred and ten (110) nor less than ninety (90) days prior to the general election by 12:00 noon.

### **Legal to refer civil service authority to vote**

Opinion 2006-116  
Requestor: Clemons, Booker T.—State Representative  
Whether a local referendum on an ordinance repealing the Civil Service Commission’s authority to appoint the police and fire chiefs (and investing this power in the Mayor), is contrary to state law, specifically ACA 14-42-110(a)? Q2) If no conflict exists, then when should the election take place? **RESPONSE:** 1) “No,” the referendum is not contrary to state law. 2) Assuming sufficiency of the petition, the Arkansas Constitution and an existing provision of the Pine Bluff City Code, read together, require the city council to call a special election, the date of which may be set by the city council. See Opinion for complete discussion of this point.

### **Legal maybe, dual service questionable**

Opinion: 2006-097  
Requestor: Bradford, Jay—State Representative  
Would the manager of the wastewater utility be precluded from appointment as a member of the city’s aviation commission in light of the language of ACA 14-359-115(b), when read in conjunction with ACA 14-42-107(a)(2)? Q2) If not precluded by code provisions, would the utility manager be precluded from appointment as a member of the city’s aviation commission under common law, such as incompatible duties or conflict of interest? **RESPONSE:** In response to Question One, while ACA 14-42-107(a)(2) (Supp. 2005) does not prohibit the dual service, the prohibition in ACA 14-42-107(b)(1) (Supp. 2005), as applicable to the Aviation Commissioners per ACA 14-359-115 (Supp. 2005), would preclude such dual service absent an authorizing ordinance. In response to Question Two, should an authorizing ordinance be enacted, in my opinion the dual service would not be prohibited under common law principles because the statute has abrogated the doctrine of incompatibility. However, the simultaneous service in such a situation may present conflict of interest concerns which would necessitate recusal or abstaining with regard to particular votes or actions. In such a situation, I recommend consultation with local counsel more familiar with the specific duties and responsibilities of the positions involved.

### **Cities part of county in zone vote**

Opinion: 2006-102  
Requestor: Jones, Terry D.—Pros. Attorney,  
4th Judicial District

If the Washington County Quorum Court holds an election on a proposed zoning ordinance, who is entitled to vote? Only the rural residents or every resident in the county, including those in incorporated cities? Q2) What if only part of the county is zoned? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, all legal voters of the county are entitled to vote in such an election, including residents of incorporated cities within the county, irrespective of whether the zoning ordinance is for the entire unincorporated area of the county.

### **City hospital mortgage nixed for other hospital loan**

Opinion: 2006-109  
Requestor: Rainey, David—State Representative  
Would it be legally permissible for the City of Dumas to grant a mortgage on the new city-owned hospital in order to secure a loan to Delta Memorial Hospital, the purpose of which would be to refinance an existing construction loan, which was used by Delta Memorial Hospital to pay the \$1.6 million in excess construction costs? Please note that the loan funds were used to construct the new hospital, which is owned by the City, even though the borrower on the loan

(see **AGOs** page 29)

# Does your zoning code fit your city?

Most current zoning codes make it difficult to develop great, unique, mixed-use neighborhoods, but we can remedy this with better planning.

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

**T**he truth about zoning codes is that they are good at stopping bad things from happening but useless in terms of making good things happen. There are even cynics who say most zoning codes won't even allow good things to happen.

A case in point: one of the most beloved neighborhoods in our state is Little Rock's Hillcrest neighborhood.

Hillcrest is a marvelous place. It is a quiet neighborhood where mixed-size single-family homes and apartments blend seamlessly with offices, retail shops and restaurants. One can walk from most anywhere to a neighborhood center, post a letter, meet friends on the sidewalks, enjoy a cup of coffee, buy a few groceries or other items, and walk home. A city bus connects the neighborhood with

employment centers making the automobile even less dominant. Members of the late-night crowd can walk back down in the evening and enjoy a libation with friends. Early risers can walk to services with their families on Sunday morning at one of several neighborhood churches. There just aren't many places like it.

Although popularity has made the area a little pricey of late, it used to be that if one liked the neighborhood but was just starting out, apartments and small homes were available within a youngster's reach. One could move to the neighborhood on a limited budget, and then move to more quality digs as one's career progressed. Even today, a number of apartments offer affordable rents for new residents.

Ironically, there is probably not a zoning code in our state that would allow the Hillcrest neighborhood to be built today. And there probably isn't a neighborhood association in our state that wouldn't fight to the death to keep it from being built. After all, high densities, mixed uses, and socio-economic diversity do, we are told, cause every societal ill, including low SAT scores, ruined marriages, and failure to be accepted in the best circles.

Don't try selling this to the residents of Hillcrest. To them, theirs is a neighborhood where, on any given day, a child of an "old money" millionaire might interact on the street with the child of a single parent just making

ends meet, with each coming away the better for it. To them, their neighborhood is just what they think it should be.

This brings up our question of the day: does your zoning code fit your image of what your city should be? To test your response, drive around the older parts of your city and look at some neighborhoods and developments of which you are really proud. Are they accessible by foot


or bicycle? Are the parts pleasingly arranged? Do they exhibit even a bit of character unique to your community? Do they allow efficiency and economy in the provision of municipal services? Do they offer substantial opportunities for the residents of and visitors to your city to interact? Are the parts in scale and harmony with the whole? If you asked your

residents to draw pictures of how their city should look in 20 years, is this what they would show you?

If the answer to all of these and other questions is yes, then ask yourself: could this area be built within the limitations of your zoning code? You might ask as well: would this development be welcomed in other parts of our city?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then your zoning code passes the initial test of fitting your city. If not, continue with me.

There are a number of ways to further test the fit of your zoning code. They range from the expensive, such as visual preference surveys to the less expensive, such as charrettes, to the flat-out cheap method of simply asking your residents.

Any of these beats the usual method of fine-tuning zoning codes. This involves creating a new regulation every time a problem appears. That's why zoning codes are an inch thick and generally incomprehensible to the average person. This creates job security for the planners who decipher them but hardly helps make our communities fit the image of what we would like them to be. 

“[T]here is probably not a zoning code in our state that would allow the Hillcrest neighborhood to be built today.”



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# Pet visits perk up seniors

“Pet therapy” can bring a smile to faces of senior citizens and volunteers alike.

By Dan Bugg

Memory tends to be a vessel that we take with us through life. It’s kind of like an expandable briefcase. The more we experience, the more stuff we place into our portable storage. Different things we encounter trigger certain memories we have concerning a subject. Smell, taste, a conversation or a song will elicit stored away thoughts and experiences.

Animal Services provides an outreach program that caters to the “positive memory process.” Our Pet Therapy program provides volunteers a pathway to visiting local senior citizens who are in nursing homes or assisted living facilities with their pets or loaner pets from our shelter. These visits are usually conducted to a scheduled nursing home facility at a scheduled time and day.

These visits are a wonderful thing to witness. We see so many positive responses to these visits, especially from those residents who owned pets when they were younger. These visits bring back a rush of memories and emotions. The way these seniors make quick friends with our volunteers and their pets is remarkable. Quite often the seniors will begin sharing past experiences with their own pets, even recalling with great clarity the name and breed of their past pets and sharing some of the positive memories they had of them.

It is a very positive outreach that is appreciated by those we visit. Even the staff members at the nursing homes look forward to visits by our volunteers and their pets. It has a special way of uplifting spirits and making many folks take the time to stop and smile during their day.


It is especially rewarding to watch a senior who does not communicate well with others have a puppy laid in his or her lap and then begin a conversation with the puppy. They pet the puppy, and then begin to talk to the

puppy. This brings out the gentle touch, the soft and fuzzy side we all have inside. Animals have a remarkable way of bringing out the good in all of us.

The word “therapy” usually is associated with some type of doctor-ordered treatment or activity. In this case, we simply visit seniors. But if you ask any of our volunteers what they experience during these visits, they will tell

you that what occurs is very therapeutic. Our current Pet Therapy group is structured formally and contains a president, vice president and a secretary-treasurer. This format provides an organized approach to meeting the needs of our seniors on a consistent basis.

This group also assists the shelter with other outreach activities, such as adoption booths, visits with school age children at public schools, parades and library presentations. They are a very valuable resource to the community and the shelter as a whole. Another special thing about this group is that it’s an “all ages” group of volunteers. We enjoy our relationship with this group, and find that folks who want to volunteer at the shelter find a “good fit” with this group and the flexibility of what they do. You’ll be surprised how much of a difference they make.

I bet you have volunteers in your community who, with some positive direction, could be a breath of fresh air to local seniors who spend their days in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Who would have thought an animal shelter, some volunteers and local nursing homes would have such a meaningful relationship? 



“Pickles,” the puppy, held by a volunteer, is a typical visitor to seniors.



Dan Bugg is supervisor of Hot Springs Animal Services.



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# Myth-busting globalization

Globalization is as old as international trade itself and misconceptions abound, but understanding today's economic climate is imperative to succeed.

By Sherman Banks

Every generation has its illusions or misconceptions. One of ours is that globalization—the internationalization of trade, services, investments and information-sharing spurred by the Internet—will shatter states and change mankind for the better. While globalization itself is real enough, the visions imposed by the media, corporate community and our elected officials only make it harder to grasp what's happening and what isn't.

In his book, *Pop Internationalism* (MIT Press), Paul Krugman lists the following as some of the most common misconceptions of international trade:

## **"We need a new shift"**

Many people believe that "everything is different now that the United States is an open economy." However, Krugman claims that international economics yields trade as just another economic activity and therefore does not warrant change of a country's fundamental principles. Additionally, the United States is not as large a player in the global economy as the public may believe. Krugman boasts, "Imports and exports are still only about one-eighth of output, and two-thirds of our value-added consists of non-tradable goods and services."

## **"Competing in the world marketplace"**

One of the most widespread misconceptions is that countries compete with each other in the same way that companies do. However, international trade is not about competition. Mutually beneficial exchange and imports—not exports—is the purpose of trade.

## **"Productivity"**

Krugman warns that we should not believe high productivity to be beneficial because it helps a country compete with other countries, but because it allows a country to produce and consume more. Again, countries are not in competition with each other.

## **"High-value sectors"**

Pop internationalists, as Krugman labels the perpetrators of these misconceptions, believe that international competition is a struggle over who gets the "high value sectors." He acknowledges that a country with a high productivity rate will have a higher wage rate, and therefore whatever sector the country specializes in will be "high value," mean-

ing it will have higher value-added per worker. However, Krugman warns that this does not signify that country's high living standards is not merely a result of being in the right sector, or that a poor country would be richer if it tried to copy another country's pattern of specialization.

## **"Jobs!"**

International trade is often discussed in terms of jobs created or lost per new policy. However, Krugman warns that employment level is a macroeconomic issue, not one that can be explained by microeconomic policies like tariffs. Trade policy should not be linked with employment, but rather with its impact on efficiency.

## **"A new partnership"**

Pop internationalists claim that since U.S. firms are in competition with foreign firms that the U.S. government should then support our firms against their foreign adversaries. Krugman, in contrast, asserts that the main competition is not between United States and foreign firms, but rather against each other's countries, over issues such as capital and labor. Consequently, government aid in fighting foreign firms would draw resources away from other domestic industries, thereby favoring one domestic industry over another.

Understanding the truth behind globalization rather than buying into such myths is vital to viewing the world correctly. However, it is also a misconception to believe that there is only one way to view the world.

Among the many misconceptions surrounding globalization, two stand out: the notion that this phenomenon is new and, more dangerously, the claim that globalization will lead to an age of utopian peace. Those who see globalization as unprecedented don't know history. Those who imagine that greater understanding, courtesy of the Internet, will deliver peace don't understand humanity.

The claim that globalization is a wondrous child without historical parents is the easiest to refute. Greek culture in the age of Alexander influenced India's hairstyles, while eastern silks were sold in Rome. Chinese porcelain and coins more than a thousand years old turn up in East Africa. Europeans of the Middle Ages paid a premium for pepper harvested a continent away. The


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Islamic world brokered trade between the West and the Far East before the discovery of the Americas. There are more parallels with the past than differences.

The reduction of trade barriers, opening of new international markets and advanced information and communication technologies have had a resounding effect on the job market. Economists estimate that more than two million workers in the United States have lost their jobs in the last several years due to business closures and layoffs. Although higher productivity and new management and hiring practices have had some influence on the loss of jobs, a growing number of companies are moving their operations to other countries where the cost of wages is cheaper than in the United States. Many of these job losses have been in the manufacturing industry, involving mostly blue-collar workers. More recently, many white-collar jobs are going to India (for financial services) and China (for manufacturing). In the next few years, U.S. financial institutions plan to ship more than 500,000 jobs abroad as a way to reduce overhead. John C. McCarthy of Forrester Research, Inc., predicts that at least 3.3 million white-collar jobs and \$136 billion in wages will shift from the United States to low-cost countries by 2015.

It has been speculated that it is the increased productivity of American workers rather than globalization that is costing jobs in the long run. New technologies have made us more efficient and productive, thus reducing the demand for more workers. It is important to note that as jobs change, workers must be prepared to upgrade their education and skills or they will lose ground.

Not only has the fairness and adequacy of globalization been doubted by various constituencies for some time now, but lately even its selfsame irreversibility has been called into question by the sheer force of some serious geopolitical and economic turbulence. The end of the economic expansion of the 1990s, the 9/11 tragedy and the war in Iraq have shocked the international market to an extent not seen in years. It is not now too presumptuous to say that contemporary globalization has been severely jeopardized by the recent turmoil. This is a most unfortunate development given its positive implications for growth and the alleviation of poverty in the world. 



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# Take note before you coat

Pick the right coating to ensure lasting protection.

By A.E. (Al) Johnson Jr.

When we think of coatings we automatically think of waterproofing. Coatings are meant to protect something from the elements, reaction to chemicals and yes, water. Coatings can be very complex.

Covering a rust-free steel surface with epoxy enamel paint is the simplest type of coating application. Steel has no moisture content, no fiber and no pores. Steel is also homogeneous and has no impurities on the surface or absorbed inside the steel plate.

Waterproof coating must be applied uniformly and adhere to the surface on which it is applied if it is going to be effective. The important thing about a waterproof coating is remembering that it keeps water in as well as out. (There are exceptions to this rule, as some membranes allow water to only pass through in one direction, but they are costly and their application very limited.) For example, applying a waterproof coating to the exterior of a cinder block wall that already has moisture problems would not allow that wall to dry out and prolong the time the moisture is contained within the wall. Also, when the surface being coated has an excessive amount of moisture, an increase in temperature can result in evaporation and bubbles in the coating that affect its integrity.

Applying asphalt or a polymer coating inside a corrugated metal pipe is a good way to protect against chemical reactions. These coatings do very well to protect against runoff with high acidity, provided the coatings are not damaged during application. These same coatings can be used to protect a conduit when highly abrasive aggregates and sand are in the runoff water.

Coatings such as emulsified asphalt slurry seals with sand seal small cracks and provide a water resistant surface while also improving the traction of the pavement. For years, builders have applied hot linseed oil to new concrete bridge. Linseed oil penetrates the porous concrete surface and creates a waterproof barrier. Other coatings utilizing silicone have been used, but they are not as effective as the old linseed oil treatment. After years of bridge de-icing, chemicals tend to penetrate the



Coatings on bridges can help protect against chemical reactions.

concrete deck and waterproof coatings are not effective. Some northern states have developed the practice of painting their bridge decks with emulsified asphalt so they retain a greater amount of solar heat and expedite the melting of ice and snow.

In choosing a coating, it is very important that the coating's physical characteristics be compatible with the physical characteristics of the product being protected. The coefficients of expansion should be similar and the molecular properties compatible. The coating must bond to the surface and last.

There are a number of new types of coatings appearing on the market to provide protection to your infrastructure and extend its life. Just remember these coatings are complicated and usually designed for specific applications. There are companies that specialize in applying industrial coatings. These companies are current on the latest technology and application procedures. Before exerting a tremendous amount of energy and effort, please consult with one of their representatives about your needs and avoid applying an incompatible coating.



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# Planning for the worst

Being prepared will lessen a natural disaster's impact on your urban forest.

By John Slater, Urban Forestry Partnership Coordinator

State forestry agencies play a key role in reducing the negative impact from natural disasters by being actively involved in prevention, response, recovery and re-greening strategies.

As part of each state's response to natural disasters that affect urban trees and forests, forestry agencies must support municipal and county emergency officials with timely information about the extent of damage to urban trees and provide tools to help manage the response.

## What is a natural disaster?

Hurricanes, tornados and ice storms regularly subject southern region urban forests to significant damage. The scale of these events may range from the neighborhood level to municipal, state and multi-state (regional) impacts.

## How does it affect my community?

Damage to urban trees threatens public safety and creates adverse economic consequences for state and local governments in the short term (i.e. disaster response) and the long term (i.e. recovery and/or loss of environmental services).

## How can I protect my community when a natural disaster occurs?

The Urban Natural Resources Institute, an initiative of the USDA Forest Service, studies urban landscapes and works toward increasing the coordination, distribution and accessibility of information and tools for urban forest stewardship. The Institute has developed a *Tree Emergency Plan Worksheet* to help urban and community foresters, community leaders, public works and parks departments, planners, councils and other public officials plan for natural disasters. To view and download the worksheet, go to [www.unri.org/storms](http://www.unri.org/storms).

## Is software available to help me plan?

A peer-reviewed software suite from the USDA Forest Service, i-Tree, provides urban and community forestry

analysis and benefits assessment. The Forest Service worked with state and private forestry agencies to develop this software. The Forest Service, Davey Resource Group and National Arbor Day Foundation have entered into a public/private partnership to disseminate information and provide technical support and training.

The Forest Service will release i-Tree for free this summer, toll-free technical support also will be available. Planning workshops are being scheduled starting spring 2007. As new programs are developed and tested, they will be added to subsequent versions of i-Tree.

A basic tree inventory application in i-Tree instructs communities on conducting tree inventories, the first step in storm preparation. The inventory identifies hazard trees to treat or remove before a storm. The information collected helps in the planning stages of a natural disaster.

The software includes a storm damage assessment protocol, integrated personal digital assistant (PDA) utilities, sample inventory generators, and report writers that summarize data in an easily understandable format. The protocol can be used in two contexts: emergency planning and emergency response. Applying the protocol during planning makes emergency response work easier and provides a reasonable estimate of the impact of a major disaster on the urban forest. It is adaptable to various community types and sizes, and it provides information on time and funds needed to mitigate storm damage. During emergency response, the protocol provides an easy and reliable method for urban forest managers to supply accurate damage estimate within 24 hours of a storm.

Thanks to Dudley Hartel, the USDA Forest Service and Jerry Bond at the Davey Institute for their assistance.

**Make a Memory ... Plant a tree.** 



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## web RESOURCES

- For more information on i-Tree visit [www.itreetools.org](http://www.itreetools.org)
- View a webcast on storm preparedness at [unri.org/webcast](http://unri.org/webcast)
- Community Forestry Education Project, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County, Rochester, N.Y., developed the "Tree Emergency Manual for Public Officials" [www.umass.edu/urbantree/TEM.pdf](http://www.umass.edu/urbantree/TEM.pdf)

## AGOs continued

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is Delta Memorial Hospital. Q2) Would it be legally permissible for the City of Dumas to grant a mortgage on the new city-owned hospital in order to secure a loan to Delta Memorial Hospital, the purpose of which would be to refinance an existing loan, which has been used or will be used by Delta Memorial Hospital to purchase equipment to operate the new hospital? The equipment will be owned by Delta Memorial Hospital, a non-profit corporation whose primary mission is to provide health care to the citizens of Dumas. Q3) Would it be legally permissible for the City of Dumas to issue revenue bonds to refinance or re-fund a construction loan to Delta Memorial Hospital, and, if so, would it be legally permissible for the City of Dumas to grant a mortgage on the new hospital building to secure the bonds? Please note that the loan funds were used by Delta Memorial Hospital to finish the new hospital, which is owned by the City, even though the borrower on the loan is Delta Memorial Hospital. **RESPONSE:** 1) No. 2) No. 3) It is difficult to address your third question without more information as to how the revenue bonds would be structured. The issuance of revenue bonds under the facts described, however, might be assailed as not being for a “public purpose” under Amendment 65.

### Vacating, filling city clerk position

Opinion: 2006-123

Requestor: Glover, Bobby—State Senator

Does the resignation of the Ward City Clerk become effective immediately upon receipt, or are either the mayor or city council required to accept her resignation? Q2) Is a vacancy declared at the effective time of resignation, or must the vacancy be declared by the city council? Q3) Once the vacancy is declared, is there a time frame within which the city council must fill the vacancy? Q4) What individual requirements and qualifications, if any, must be met by the city council in filling the city clerk vacancy? Q5) Is the person chosen to fill the remaining time of the city clerk’s term eligible to run as a candidate in the next election for this city clerk position? Q6) In accordance with ACA 14-43-412, the “successor shall be elected for the unexpired term at the first annual election that occurs after the vacancy shall have happened.” When is the “first annual election” in the instant case where the period to file as a candidate for city clerk for the upcoming November election is closed? Could the 2008 election be defined as the “first annual election” in the instant case? Q7) How long is the term of office for the person appointed by the city council to fill the city clerk vacancy? **RESPONSE:** 1) In my opinion, the resignation becomes effective upon acceptance by the city council. 2) In my

opinion, the vacancy occurs upon acceptance of the resignation. 3) The applicable statute for cities of the first class, ACA 14-43-412, does not set a definite time within which the initial vacancy must be filled by the council, but in my opinion a reasonable time would be implied. 4) The appointee must be a qualified elector. See Ark. Const., art. 19, sec. 3 and ACA 14-42-103. 5) Yes. 6) It is my opinion that the November 2008 election is the first election at which a successor to the city council appointee could be elected. 7) In my opinion the appointee serves under ACA 14-44-116 for the entire balance of the unexpired term.

### State commission, mayor roles may be compatible

Opinion: 2006-127

Requestor: Brown, Irma Hunter—State Representative  
Under Arkansas law, can an individual who currently holds a salaried position with a definite term on an Arkansas state commission run for non-partisan municipal office, specifically for mayor of a city of the first class?

**RESPONSE:** In my opinion, generally, the dual service of an individual on a state commission and as mayor of a city of the first class would likely be authorized under state law as long as no specific statute applies to the particular state commission position so as to prevent such service, and as long as the particular state commission position is not incompatible with that of mayor. I cannot definitively decide the issue, however, without knowing precisely what state commission position is involved.

### New sales tax enacted to “renew” older

Opinion: 2006-107

Requestor: Maxwell, Allen—State Representative

Does a city have the authority to renew or extend an existing 1% sales tax, enacted pursuant to ACA 26-75-201, et seq. and (or) 26-75-301, et seq., prior to expiration of the existing tax deadline with the new tax becoming effective upon expiration of the current tax? **RESPONSE:** There is no specific procedure under state law for renewing or extending a sales tax. Instead, when one speaks of “renewing” or “extending” a sales tax, the process must entail the enactment of a new sales tax to become effective upon the expiration of the current tax. This requires bearing in mind the relevant statutory timetable with respect to the sales tax’s effective date. Otherwise, two taxes will result. See 26-75-208, 26-75-308, 26-75-209 and 26-75-309. But see A.C.A. 14-164-329 (regarding replacement of an existing tax and authorizing a delayed effective date).

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## COUGH MEDICINE ABUSE: A REAL HEALTH ISSUE

By Mike Messenger, Vice President  
a'TEST consultants, inc.

You know the dangers of illegal street drugs like marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine, but did you know that teens and adults alike are abusing legal products like cough medicine to get high?

Cough medicine abuse is defined as taking extremely large doses of cough medicine to get high. The "high" is caused by taking a large amount of dextromethorphan, or DXM, a common active ingredient found in many cough medications. This

sort of abuse is very dangerous.

DXM is a safe and effective active ingredient found in many nonprescription cough syrups, tablets and gel caps. When used according to the medicine label or directions, the ingredient DXM produces few side effects and has a long history of safety. When abused in large amounts, it can produce a "high" feeling as well as a number of dangerous side effects.

The effects of the abuse of cough medicines containing DXM vary with the amount taken. Common effects include confusion, dizziness, double or blurred vision, slurred speech, loss of physical coordination, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, rapid heart beat, drowsiness, numbness of fingers and toes, and disorientation. Many of these symptoms are also present in alcohol abuse. DXM abusers describe different "plateaus" ranging from mild distortions of color and sound to visual hallucinations, "out of body" dissociative sensations, and loss of motor control. If the DXM-containing cough medicine being abused also contains other ingredients to treat more than just cough, the side effects can be worsened. Cough medicine also is sometimes abused in combination with other medications, alcohol and illegal drugs, which can increase the dangerous side effects significantly.

Well over 100 over-the-counter medicines contain DXM, either as the only active ingredient or in combination with other active ingredients. Some examples include Alka-Seltzer Plus cold and cough medicine, Coricidin HBP, Dayquil LiquiCaps, Dimetapp DM, Robitussin cough products, Sudafed cough products, Triaminic cough syrups, Tylenol cold products, Vicks 44 and Vicks NyQuil LiquiCaps. A number of store brands contain DXM. If you want to know if a product contains DXM, look for "dextromethorphan" in the active ingredient section drug's label.

Slang terms vary for dextromethorphan and they vary by product and region. Adults should be familiar with the most common terms, which include dex, DXM, robo, skittles, syrup, triple-C, and tussin. Terms for using dextromethorphan include robo-tripping and skittling, among others.

Recent research indicates that the abuse of DXM cough medicine is a greater problem than previously thought. The research shows that one out of 11 teens, or over two million teens, from across the country and of all backgrounds, has abused cough medicine to get high. Often, these teens are finding information about cough medicine abuse on the Internet. There is little in current teen culture—music, movies, fashion and entertainment—that promotes or even mentions cough medicine abuse. The one exception is the Internet.

A number of disreputable Web sites promote the abuse of cough medicines containing DXM. The information on these sites includes recommending how much to take, suggesting other drugs to combine with DXM, instructing how to extract DXM from cough medicines, promoting drug abuse in general, and even selling a powder form of DXM to snort. You should be aware of what your teen, or young adult is doing on the Internet, the web sites he or she visits and the amount of the time he or she is logged on.

Parents and employers must educate themselves about cough medicine abuse. They should share the information with others who are in contact with potential abusers—school administrators, coaches, counselors, human resource departments, and more. Make sure all are aware of the signs and symptoms of cough medicine abuse. Be very clear that cough medicine abuse will not be tolerated in your home, work, school and community. Teach teens and young adults to respect medicines. Know what medications are in your home and keep them secured and out of reach. Keep an inventory of your medications and know the amount in each bottle.

Just when we all felt a little better about keeping our prescription medication from falling into the hands of a young adult to abuse, we now must battle over-the-counter cough medicine abuse. It just keeps us on the alert all the time.



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# Smart policy does the body good

Local governments can create incentives and lead by example to build healthier communities.

By Glen P. Mays, Ph.D., M.P.H.

**A**rkansans' health is more protected today than at any other time in history. Thanks to public health laws, we enjoy safer foods, medicines, drinking water, homes, working conditions and automobiles.

While these improvements are popular, they haven't all come easily. Individual property rights, business profits and personal freedom are all hot topics when society decides that government intervention is necessary to protect the health of its citizens.

## Government levels the playing field

In many cases, government steps in to address health problems when the private sector lacks the incentives, resources or authority to take action. Government action often levels the playing field so that private citizens and businesses can share equitably in the benefits—and costs—of public health improvement.

In 2005 when the Arkansas Legislature passed a law requiring all insurers to cover colorectal cancer screenings, it did so in part because marketplace incentives were not enough to persuade all insurers and employers to provide coverage on their own.

Similarly, Arkansas's new workplace smoking ban that went into effect July 21 equalized the profit risks for restaurants and other private enterprises that feared banning smoking on their own.

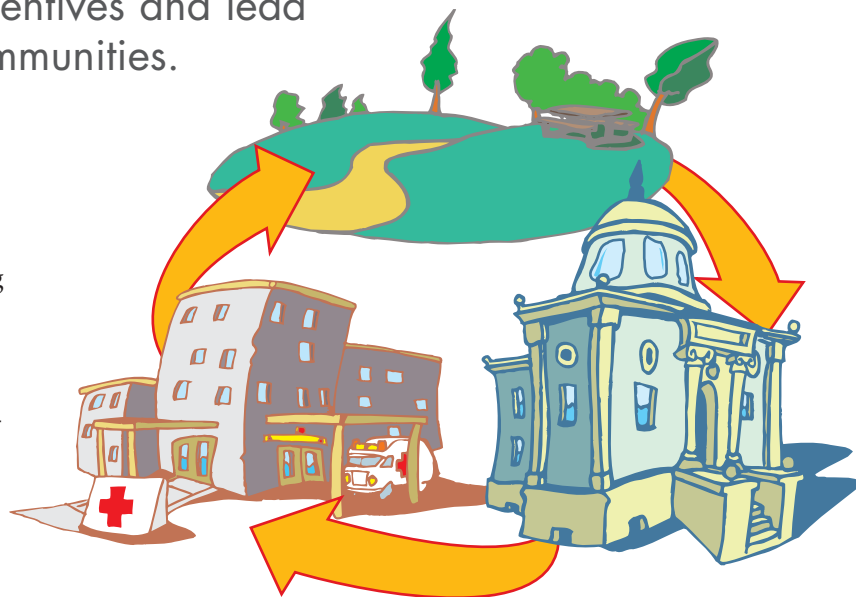
Government involvement in public health isn't always through regulation and legal mandates. Much of the public health movement today tries to help citizens and businesses make healthier choices.

Gov. Mike Huckabee has tapped into this movement by promoting policies that reward state employees for smoking cessation and weight loss, and he leads by example with his personal health improvements. Local governments can do the same, and they can become role models for other employers in their communities.

## Encouraging healthy behavior

Municipalities can play key roles in public awareness about health issues ranging from obesity to influenza. Local governments can encourage their employees to adopt healthy behaviors, and they can enable them to do so, too.

For example, providing showers and lockers at work, which may be the incentive that many employees need to




commit to riding a bicycle to work or exercising during their lunch break. Measures like setting up an indoor walking course within a building enable employees to walk during inclement weather.

## Land use policies can promote exercise

Tax incentives can entice developers to incorporate green space and sidewalks that promote walking, running, bicycling and other physical activities. Local governments also can promote use of their existing recreational areas.

Many property issues are dealt with at the local level, and by recognizing that land use is a public health issue, local governments can avoid policies that discourage healthy behaviors. Local governments can even have a hand in determining whether a neighborhood has access to healthy foods. The use of incentives—or just targeted recruiting and persuasion—might land a grocery store in an area that otherwise would have only convenience foods available.


These local initiatives help remove barriers to healthy behaviors by encouraging the right mix of businesses within a community. They may also have positive economic effects as property values rise and consumers spend more of their time and money locally.

The combination of education, encouragement, incentives and even a few public health laws are necessary steps toward saving generations of Arkansans from the unnecessary diseases that cut lives short and constrain our economic and human potential. 



*Dr. Mays is an associate professor, vice chair and director of research at the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, UAMS.*





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# Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



**KEY:**  Counties with countywide tax (shaded is 1¢ unless otherwise noted)  
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**Source:** Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer  
**See also:** [www.state.ar.us/revenue/eta/sales/taxrates.html](http://www.state.ar.us/revenue/eta/sales/taxrates.html)

## 2006 Elections

- 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%

## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$242,200,559</b>	<b>\$241,513,588</b>	<b>\$483,469,332</b>	<b>\$1,322,429</b>
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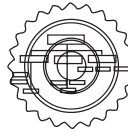
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**PROJECT ENGINEER**—Rogers Planning and Transportation Dept seeks project engineer; \$50,000-\$60,000/yr; benefit pkg; Duties: coordination and expedite projects from concept to completion. Work with city staff, consultants and public daily to facilitate design and construction of projects; work on eng. rel. issues, incl subdivision and large scale development plan review as well as construction and hydrology review as it relates to development. Exp. w/ computer aided drafting, eng. design programs, ability to compute quantities and prepare construction estimates for eng. projects. Min. 4 yrs. exp. as civil eng. Application at [www.rogersarkansas.com](http://www.rogersarkansas.com) or call Gina Kincy, HR Director; Mail application/ resume to at 300 W. Poplar, Rogers, AR 72756.

**POLICE CHIEF**—Barling seeks police chief. Chief plans, coordinates, supervises and evaluates PD operations; develops policies and procedures; plans and implements law enforcement program for the city; reviews dept. performance, effectiveness; evaluates evidence, witnesses and suspects in criminal cases; supervises and coordinates annual dept. budget; directs development and maintenance of systems, records and legal docs.; trains and develops dept. personnel; handles grievances; maintains dept. discipline; prepares, submits reports; attends req. meetings, conferences; ensures enforcement of laws, ordinances. Desired qualifications: degree in police sci., law enforcement, criminal justice, public admin. or rel. field, or equiv. exp.; 7 yrs. police work exp., 3 of which at sgt. or higher; completion of basic law enforcement training acad. or equ. Salary commensurate with edu., skill and exp. Send resume to Administrator, City of Barling,

P.O. Box 23039, Barling, AR 72923, or pick up 8 to 5, M-F at Administration Office.

**POLICE OFFICER**—Elaine seeks F/T cert. police officer. Send resume to City of Elaine, c/o Mayor V.P. Fiser, P.O. Box 605, Elaine, AR 72333; call/fax 870-827-3760.

**PATROL OFFICER**—Lake Village Police Dept. seeks cert. applicants for patrol officer. Good sal. (\$19,000 year for entry level cert.) and ben. incl.; 11 paid holidays; 3 wks. paid vac.; health, eye and dental insurance; uniform pay (\$1,720 yearly); and LOPFI Retirement System. Call 870-265-5055 for application or mail resume and cert. to: Lake Village Police Dept., ATTN: Chief Percy Wilburn, P.O. Box 725, Lake Village, AR 71653. EOE.

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

**CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICERS**—Forrest City Police Dept. seeks cert. officers. Good sal., benefits inc. paid holiday, health, dental, eye insurance, retirement, 3 wks. paid vac. and LOPFI. Call 870-633-3434 for more info. or send resume and copies of cert. to Chief's Office, c/o Forrest City Police Dept., 225 N. Rosser St., Forrest City, AR 72335. EOE.

**POLICE OFFICER**—Wilmot (Ashley County) is taking applications for police officer; cert. applicants only. Wilmot City Hall, 870-473-2603 for info.; or mail resume or copies of cert. to P.O. Box 67, Wilmot, AR 71676, ATTN: Mayor Harris.

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

**POLICE OFFICER**—Clinton is accepting apps. for a FT certified police officer. Send resumes to Clinton Police Department, PO Box 1050, Clinton, AR 72031; or call 501-745-4997.

**PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN**—Barling is accepting application for a working foreman. Desired qualifications: Min. 5 yrs. exp. in public works construction; able to operate backhoe, loader brush chipper, tractor with mower or blade; have ability to prepare, analyze and use reports and records; Must have Ark. driver's lic., Ark. Class II or above wastewater license and Class I water treatment distribution license; sal. negot., based on exp. Send resume with sal. req., work exp., and refs. to City of Barling, Public Works Director, P.O. Box 23039, Barling, AR 72923-0039. Position requires background check and drug test.

**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 OPERATOR**—England seeks licensed operator to supervise water/wastewater facilities, distribution. Submit resume, references and past 5-year annual sal. to ATTN: Amanda Reynolds, P.O. Box 37, England, AR 72046. Apps. at 110 NW 2nd St.

**WASTEWATER OPERATIONS FOREMAN**—Bentonville is taking applications for a wastewater operations foreman. Sal range:

\$18.73/hr-\$28.09/hr. Responsibilities include: supervision of 7-10 employees; efficient maintenance, operations, management of equip, vehicles, bldgs and grounds of wastewater treatment plant. Apps. at [www.bentonvillear.com](http://www.bentonvillear.com), or City Hall. Mail resume to City of Bentonville, ATTN: HR Dept, 117 West Central, Bentonville, AR 72712 or fax app./resume to 479-271-3105. EOE.

**WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR**—Redfield (Jefferson County) seeks licensed operator to supervise water/waste water operations and distribution. Must have AR driver's license, able to operate backhoe, ability to prepare reports and records. Sal. negot., BOE and certification. Send resume to [www.redfieldcity@yahoo.com](http://www.redfieldcity@yahoo.com) or mail to Redfield City Hall, PO Box 81, Redfield, AR, 72132, 501-397-2585, or fax to 501-397-6189.

**POLICE CAR**—For Sale, 1995 Chevy Caprice; Bethel Heights PD is taking offers; vehicle fair to good condition; over 150 K miles. Make offer or inquire, Chief Don McKinnon, Bethel Heights Police Department, 479-751-1757 or [dmckinnon@bethelheightsark.org](mailto:dmckinnon@bethelheightsark.org).

**LADDER TRUCK**—1989 Grumman 102' Aerial Cat platform, 1500 gpm Waterous pump, 475 hp Detroit diesel, 800' of 4" diameter hose. Call Russellville Fire Chief Dennis Miller, 479-968-2332.

**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.

**PUMPER TRUCK**—1970 International, 750 gal. tank, 1,600 mi., no equip., front-end pump and discharge, \$1,500. Pumps, runs well. Call Friendship Mayor Kosienki or Police Chief Elliott, 501-384-2111.

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

**FOR SALE**—OFS brand dark cherry conference table. 5'9" x 19'6", 2 sections. Good cond. Used very little. Paid \$9,000. Will sell for \$2,000. You move. Call Mayor Gill, City of Dumas, 870-382-2121.

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**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. Contact the Green Forest Wastewater Treatment Plant at 870-438-5246.

**FOR SALE**—Kensett has the following for sale: 1998 Ford C.V. car, \$800; '93 Jeep Cherokee \$1,000. Call Mayor Don Fuller, 501-742-3191.

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**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.

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