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Dear Friends,

My time as your president is coming to an end this month, so this will be my last letter to you. Since becoming mayor almost 10 years ago, the League has been an invaluable resource. It has been a real honor to lead such a great organization and a pleasure to give back to the League as president this past year. After having the opportunity to attend national and regional meetings representing the League, I have a new appreciation for the reputation of the League nationwide.



Throughout my tenure as president, I was constantly reminded of the vital role that cities play in the lives of all our residents. It has been encouraging to watch cities of all sizes demonstrate commitment to improving the lives of their residents. This year has reinforced my admiration for the League, the staff, and Don Zimmerman's leadership.

I have been encouraged by the growing cooperation between cities and counties in Arkansas demonstrated by the opioid litigation. It is my hope that there have been enhanced partnerships with our public safety organizations throughout the state as we work to improve safety for our residents.

Although I am disappointed that we have not yet resolved the Internet sales tax issue, we continue to move the needle and look forward to determining the next steps after the U.S. Supreme Court weighs in this summer.

We live in a great state with public servants who are willing to stand in the gap to do what is best for their residents. It's been a humbling experience to work with them this past year.

As Mayor Joe Smith of North Little Rock takes over and works with Don and the staff, I know the League's best days are still ahead.

I hope to see you at the 84th Convention that will be held June 13-15 at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. This is a great time to network with colleagues from around the state. More information can be found on the League's website at arml.org.

This has been an amazing journey, and I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve you as your president.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Doug Sprouse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Sprouse
Mayor, Springdale
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One of 10 fields at Jonesboro's Joe Mack Campbell Park to receive new artificial turf as part of a \$1.1 million investment to help significantly reduce weather-related cancellations.

Jonesboro begins to reap rewards for park upgrades

By Bill Campbell

Jonesboro is spending millions to upgrade its recreational ballparks, and the investment is already creating results.

The city played host to its largest youth baseball tournament in Jonesboro history in late May. The event drew 171 teams and upward of 3,000 families from the surrounding region. Hoteliers reported rooms filled throughout the city and as far away as West Memphis (60-plus miles away), and one local sporting goods retailer reported its best weekend since the post-Thanksgiving “Black Friday” turnout. Jonesboro Mayor Harold Perrin attributed the large crowds to Jonesboro’s vast array of quality fields, including a \$1.1 million investment in artificial turf on 10 baseball infields at Joe Mack Campbell Park.

But that’s not all Jonesboro has done. After completing a 3.2-mile pedestrian-bicycle trail with the aid of Arkansas Parks and Recreation funding, the city used a

50/50 grant with Arkansas Outdoor Recreation to build a \$200,000 pump track. The track opened in mid-May, just as school doors were closing for the summer, and created a bumpy, curvy, exciting course over 1½ acres in Craighead Forest Park. Meanwhile, the city added five new stations to the park’s RV lot, which now provides 40 concrete slabs with full electrical and water hook-ups for campers.



May’s “Mayhem at the Mack” tournament was the largest ever hosted by the city.



A cycle sport enthusiast takes advantage of the new "pump track" at Craighead Forest Park.

"These projects are important for quality of life, and they also generate sales tax revenue for the City," Perrin said. "It's more obvious than at any time in my 10 years as mayor that we need to earn every penny we can and squeeze it. But in the process, we want everyone to have a first-class experience in Jonesboro."

Joe Mack Campbell Park is host to most youth baseball and soccer in Jonesboro, with 14 and 21 fields for each sport respectively. Southside Softball Complex also boasts nine more fields, and \$1 million in new lighting was erected on the fields and in the 400-plus-space parking lot.

Because of the number of teams involved, many had to play games on softball fields, as well, and the city received positive feedback about the quality of those fields.

"Unfortunately, we had so many teams that not all got to play on the turf fields," Parks and Recreation Director Danny Kapales said. "But several coaches made mention of what good condition our softball fields were in. We have new lighting and it's made a big difference."

In the past two years, Jonesboro's largest tournaments have been rained out, leading to not only disappointed ballplayers, but lost revenue at hotels, stores, and restaurants.

"In the past, rain has been our constant nemesis," Kapales said. "We could have 100 teams lined up and ready to go, then have to call off the tournament because of rain or even standing water."

The addition of artificial turf all but ensures that games will go on, and the first "Mayhem at the Mack" tournament was proof that teams all around the region know Jonesboro is upping the ante on summer-league sports.

With hotels and restaurants packed, the city's Advertising and Promotions Commission is counting on

revenue generated by the sales tax from these events.

"The more revenue we can raise, the more projects we can support," A&P Chairman Jerry Morgan said. "It's all about making Jonesboro a well-rounded city for entertainment and activities."

Other new upgrades include changes in safety fence-toppers, restriping of parking lot lines, and a new concession stand with restrooms on a baseball quad at the southwest corner of the park. At Southside Softball Complex, the new lighting has created a more inviting atmosphere at the park, which the city took over six years ago. New scoreboards have brightened the fields, and in the works are a new \$350,000 concession stand/restroom facility and fully paved parking lot, which is currently gravel. The city also has added \$30,000 in new fencing at the ballparks.



The addition of new RV spots allows more families to camp at Craighead Forest Park.

A third set of concession stands/restrooms, complete with umpire privacy rooms, is underway at Joe Mack Campbell Park at a cost of \$400,000. A metal shop to contain maintenance equipment was erected at a price of \$1.1 million.

"I love to see people coming to Jonesboro to enjoy our parks, stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants and shop in our stores," Perrin said. "The employees of the city worked long hours to make Jonesboro look nice and feel warm and friendly. And our partners, both private as well as other government entities, have been crucial."

Bill Campbell is director of communications, City of Jonesboro.



A new gazebo, fountain, and walking trail have made Alexander's city park, which had sat mostly dormant for nearly two decades, much more inviting for residents.

Alexander unveils city park enhancements

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

Residents of Alexander and the surrounding area can play, relax, and stroll at the city's newest amenity, a city park that features a large gazebo, fountain, and walking trail. It's been a long time coming for the city of almost 3,000 on the Pulaski-Saline County line, says Mayor Paul Mitchell.

The park sits adjacent to the municipal administration building on land that was donated to the city nearly two decades ago. A metal pavilion and some playground equipment was put in at that time, but not much had been done with the area since, and it wasn't very inviting, Mitchell said. He and the city aimed to change that, and they were able to do it with existing funding. Part of the city's sales tax is earmarked for parks, and for years now that account has grown, he said.

"We didn't have to go out and borrow money, get grants, or anything," Mitchell said. "We had the money to do what we wanted to do."

The park is now essentially two parks in one, separated by a new paved parking area. The back side features the older pavilion and playground, for which



The 7.5 ton granite fountain was crafted in Florida and installed by a local landscaping firm.



Alexander Mayor Paul Mitchell.

the mayor hopes to be able to upgrade the equipment in the future. The new front area of the park features a paved walking trail that encircles the new gazebo and fountain. Ten vintage-style lights will soon be installed along the walking trail. They'll feature dusk-to-dawn sensors to make the park safer and inviting to folks who want to go for a stroll when the sun goes down or early in the mornings, Mitchell said.



Vintage-style lamp posts will soon light the walking trail in the evenings.

"Now it's not a large park, but it's plenty of room to do all the things we want to do," Mitchell said.

Some of the things he'd like to do in the future include adding bathrooms and putting in an open-air stage at the back of the park, which could host bands, movies in the park, and other events. He'd also like to establish an annual fair or carnival to be hosted in the park. 🏛️



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The inaugural class of the Springdale Youth Council celebrates their graduation in April.

Springdale Youth Council gets the next generation of leaders engaged

By Melissa Oribhabor Reeves

Of the many matters municipalities address, civic engagement is one that does not often incite the level of urgency that budget, public safety, or infrastructure challenges do. But civic engagement is a critical component of each of those local government responsibilities. Governments for the people and by the people rely on the public to ensure that officials remain aware of the community's needs and concerns, and adequately gauge the impact of policy decisions.

While efforts are made in cities across the country to reach out to residents to engage them in the process of local government, often the younger members in the community are overlooked. By not engaging young people and encouraging feedback, involvement, and leadership, cities are missing an opportunity to educate tomorrow's leaders and incorporate their voices in important local matters.

In order to engage our community's young people in local government, Springdale Mayor Doug Sprouse started the Springdale Youth Council program in 2017.

"It's vitally important that our young people are exposed to City government and have the opportunity to better develop interests, knowledge, and an awareness of each citizen's responsibilities of civic engagement," Mayor Sprouse said in his 2017 State of the City Address. "I believe cultivating the desire for involvement in, and service to, our community is essential for the future of Springdale. It will take all of us to be willing to invest some time into our young people."

Shortly after that address in February 2017, I began building the Youth Council program. As part of my duties as the director of public relations for the city, I am the program coordinator for Youth Council. In order to get feedback on the program before we started accepting applications, and to help with other engagement initiatives, I created the Committee for Civic Engagement and Inclusion. The committee is comprised of city employees and diverse community members who represent local nonprofits and the public school system. Members help to review the program details, offer input, and evaluate applications.

After months of fine tuning the program, we kicked it off in September 2017. The purpose of this eight-month program is to encourage young people to become engaged with their local government, receive mentoring from city officials, perform community service for the benefit of Springdale residents, advise local government officials on the issues that face young people in our community, and learn about local government and the importance of civic participation.

While I built and run the program, its success would not be possible without participation from many people in our community. Each monthly Youth Council meeting, which lasts two and a half to three hours, includes a variety of speakers and activities. Speakers may represent local, county, and state government, local and regional organizations and/or higher education. One to three committee members attend each meeting to help with setup and breakdown and to give feedback on what they observe.

This is a competitive program that admits 18 students a year. Applicants must be in grades 10-12 and live in the Springdale School District. The program is open to public, private, charter, and home-school students. The program is low-cost for the city to run, and it is free for the students who participate.

While there are no GPA requirements, applicants have to submit a letter of recommendation from a sponsor who can speak to the student's work ethic and can commit to helping the student stay on track with their academics throughout the duration of the program. Youth Council members have six essential duties:

1. Group presentation—Research an issue that affects youths in our community and present the problem and potential solutions to City Council.
2. Group event—Plan and execute one event to engage other young people in a topic of the Youth Council's choosing.
3. Individual job shadow—Select a city department or a department within a county, state, or federal government office to job shadow for at least four hours.
4. Individual community service—Volunteer for at least four hours at a local nonprofit or government department.
5. Individual mentoring—Elected officials/city officials are responsible for mentoring two Youth Council members. Members and mentors are required to meet for one hour a month from November through April.
6. Individual program evaluation—Complete a program evaluation at the conclusion of the program to help City officials determine changes that need to be made to the program going forward.

The inaugural class graduated from the program in April 2018 after completing their essential duties and attending the required monthly meetings and tours. For their event, they held a fun run that raised a total of 1,032 pounds of food that was donated to the House of Hope Rescue Mission in Springdale.

While we do not yet have data for the long-term effects of participation in the program, we received highly positive feedback from participants through their program evaluations and from many of their parents. The majority of the students who completed in the evaluation said that they now feel more encouraged to participate in local government.



The Youth Council held a fun run and raised more than 1,000 pounds of food that they donated to the House of Hope Rescue Mission.

“I liked connecting with someone that was in city government,” wrote one student in their program evaluation. “It helped to discuss the things I am doing and share my life with someone other than my family. I believe my mentoring experience revealed to me that the City Council members are normal people who are open to our ideas.”

On graduation day, another student left a handwritten letter for me that was addressed to me, the mayor, and the city.

“Thank you for the opportunities and experience I received from being a part of this program,” he wrote. “The tools you have equipped me with will make me a better citizen, person, man, and perhaps, government leader.... I thank you greatly for believing in kids in my generation. Most think we are arrogant, lazy, and entitled. You believed in us, and gave us a voice.... I would not trade these last eight months for anything the world has to offer.”

Students who graduate from the program have the opportunity to participate in an alumni network with other graduates, and to receive notifications for opportunities in the future to get involved with local government, either through employment, volunteering, attending public meetings, or joining a board or commission.

The Springdale Youth Council is an intensive program that requires hard work from students and commitment from city employees and volunteers, but we believe investing in the future of our community is worth it.

If you would like to build a program like this in your community, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Springdale Mayor's Office by calling (479) 750-8114 or emailing me at mreeves@springdalear.gov for more information.

Melissa Oribhabor Reeves is director of public relations, City of Springdale.

MHBF Health Tips

MHBF Bariatric Weight Loss Program

According to the report “The State of Obesity: Better Policies for a Healthier America,” which was released in August 2017, Arkansas has the third highest adult obesity rate in the nation. The same study indicates that Arkansas rates fourth in the nation for obesity-related health issues—diabetes and hypertension. In order to assist our members with this serious health issue, the Municipal Health Benefit Fund (MHBF) offers a Bariatric Weight Loss Program.

MHBF will provide coverage for bariatric surgery to include gastric-bypass surgery, sleeve gastrectomy surgery, or duodenal switch biliopancreatic diversion provided that the member meets specific criteria.

Bariatric surgery is not a “quick fix” for weight loss. You have to be ready to commit to a new lifestyle and be willing to change your eating habits to ensure success. Qualifying to be eligible for surgery requires documentation of six consecutive months of physician-supervised weight management and may include nutritional education and a physical activity program. The covered individual and treating physician must provide information for Medical Care Management pre-determination review. This part of the program is done to ensure your long-term weight loss success and to provide you with everything you need to maintain your new healthy

lifestyle. Losing weight and keeping it off is a process and it does not happen over night.

Eligible morbid obesity expenses incurred will be covered subject to Medical Case Management approval and Fund limitations. Under this provision, eligible morbid obesity expenses include pre-obesity evaluation, medical and surgical treatment, and post obesity follow-up care including treatment of any complications should they arise. It is important to note that morbid obesity treatment must be performed at an MHBF-designated morbid obesity treatment center and is an eligible benefit for covered individuals 19 years of age or older. Covered individuals under age 19 will not be considered, and obesity related charges for services not rendered under MHBF’s program will not be covered by the Fund. For your benefit, the Fund has chosen a physician and facility that has a proven record of successful treatment.

If you would like to obtain a pre-determination for eligibility or to learn more about the MHBF Bariatric Weight Loss Program, please call your Fund Case Manager at (888) 295-3591 and notify them that you are interested in the MBS-AQIP program. The Fund Case Manager would be happy to provide you with program details and help you determine if this is right for you. 🏠



AACD holds equalization training in June and July

Act 659 of 2017 requires the Arkansas Assessment Coordination Department to provide training and certification for members of County Equalization Boards. At least two members of five-member boards and three members of nine-member boards must be certified in 2018. AACD will be conducting the training in several locations around Arkansas during June and July this year. As a result, AACD will not be hosting the annual Board of Equalization meeting in Little Rock in July this year.


County Equalization Boards have two responsibilities: (1) to review and equalize overall county assessments as assessed by the assessor, and (2) to hear assessment appeals by property owners. “Equalization” means to adjust the valuation of property in order to bring about a uniform tax rate (A.C.A. § 26-27-315; *Black’s Law Dictionary*). The board begins the review of assessments on Aug. 1, when the county assessor delivers the completed assessment records to the county clerk, who serves as the secretary for the board. Assessment appeals from landowners begin no later than the second Monday in August (A.C.A. § 26-27-317). The boards will meet as often as necessary during this time to complete their work (A.C.A. § 26-27-309). If a county’s ratio of assessed-to-market value is out of compliance, the equalization board may meet after Oct. 1, but no later than the third Monday in November (A.C.A. § 26-27-309 & 311).

For more information about the upcoming training sessions, contact John Nichols at (501) 324-9109 or Bear Chaney at (501) 324-9000. 🏠



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Short-term rentals popular, present new challenges

By Jim von Tungeln

The thing about change is that it always happens, often when we least expect it. It also happens when we are least prepared for it. This is even true within the planning function of municipal governance. New issues arise. They require complex analysis, including legal oversight. Then they require controversial decisions involving new regulations. The populace wonders: Don't planners plan for the future?

Consider, then, the new rage of renting all or part of one's home for short periods of time. A web-based service runs the rental program and the homeowner simply makes a room—or the entire home—available for a little while. The homeowner doesn't even have to live there. Run that one by those supreme experts on all things governmental, the crowd at the local coffee shop.

The first one asked may say, "People have been using 'house sitters' for years when they are going to be gone for a while. Now you're telling me the city should regulate them if they charge the house sitters for the privilege? Why would that be the city's business? Besides, we've rented rooms at our house to college students ever since the kids left home. The money pays for our vacations."

The next may say, "So my neighbor sets up a mini-motel next door and has a steady stream of strangers coming and going and parking wherever, including my front yard? The city oughta do something about that."

Another says, "As long as it doesn't affect me, personally, I don't care."

Another regular, a retired firefighter, says, "So the home may have inadequate wiring, exposed asbestos, unvented heaters, and other death-dealing imperfections? You tell me the city is not going to receive any blame for tragedies?"

There you have it: a perfect urban-planning dilemma.

Picture an urban issue as a straight line along a scale. On one end, it is a perfectly harmless activity in which homeowners may gain some financial benefit from property they are not using. As the coffee shop patron noted, homeowners have long been using house sitters to occupy property while those homeowners are away for varying lengths of time.

Homeowners would understandably object to regulating such housesitting through zoning laws. Apart from transgressions that violate nuisance laws, they

would determine that their using a house sitter was none of the city's business.

Now, imagine that the housesitting job is quite attractive, perhaps a mansion on the seashore. The homeowner decides to charge the sitter a slight rent for the privilege. This represents a bargain for the sitter and helps defray the cost of maintaining a vacant home. If the rental period is indefinite, the neighborhood simply has a rent house in its midst. The neighbors might not like it but, absent a rental inspection program, the city would have no cause to interfere.

The practice is near zero on an imaginary "municipal-concern scale."

Now suppose the homeowners travel a lot and need sitters at odd times for varying lengths of stay. Short-term rentals provide the solution. Now suppose that an Internet-based company provides a service that will find short-term renters for the homeowner for a fee. The owner does not know the renters, only that someone will rent their home for a specified period of time.

Renters begin moving in and out frequently with no control over parking requirements, health regulations, or occupancy standards. The neighbors become concerned that a business is operating on a residential block and the practice begins to move toward the other end of the municipal-concern scale.

Time passes. One morning, the mayor starts receiving phone calls. From the first, she learns that someone has purchased a home near the caller in a quiet and stable neighborhood. They then purchased the home adjacent to the first, paved the setbacks separating the houses, for parking, moved out, and are using the internet-based company to provide a constant flow of short-term rentals, some daily. The neighbors are raising a stink about having a "mini-motel" on their street.

A look at the website for the rental company reveals that maintaining neighborhood stability and preserving single-family character is not an issue covered in its business plan.

Another call interrupts the mayor. An anxious resident of another neighborhood reveals that someone has purchased a garden apartment and converted it into a short-term rental property. The caller understands that the zoning in her neighborhood permits apartment complexes, but don't hotels belong in commercial districts where safety, parking, and traffic concerns are normally addressed?



PHOTO BY JIM VON TUNGELN

At what point would this structure transition from a home to a mini-motel?

Another look at the rental company's website reveals no concern with compatibility standards. Neighbors are on their own.

The other phone rings and an exasperated fire chief reports a major fire in an established neighborhood. An older home served as a short-term rental business. This one harbored ancient woodwork and aluminum wiring. A college fraternity rented the home for a weekend party and overloaded the electrical circuitry with a massive sound system. The house burned to the ground. No deaths or injuries, but homes on either side were damaged beyond repair.

Back to the website, and the mayor finds that the Internet company does not address safety codes. The company provides insurance of a million dollars in damages, only a portion of the cost to cover deaths or injuries resulting from the unregulated commercial use of an antiquated residence.

The police chief calls. Someone notified 911 because they saw a "suspicious-looking" stranger peering from a neighbor's window. It turned out to be a short-term rental client. The mayor should expect a television crew requesting an explanation for such municipal bigotry.

The calls continue. Someone is running a brothel in a neighbor's home. One owner came home to leftovers from a meth party and found that someone had re-enacted the Jack Nicholson scene from the movie *The Shining* on the bathroom door. Another owner complained that a renter was refusing to vacate the premises.

Another caller is sympathetic to the issue of short-term rentals. She and her friends use them often on trips. But her neighborhood is quiet and respectable. She doesn't want homes therein converted to short-term rental businesses. Allow them in the city, by all means, but not in her neighborhood.

And please, place some limits on how often a home may be rented and for how long. The mayor asks what numbers might be appropriate, numbers that might stand up in court? The conversation ends there.

We find, then, that, over time, certain practices involving the use of private property move from a point of being perfectly innocent, and none of the city's business, to a condition of urban chaos. Somewhere along this continuum, there is a tipping point at which an innocent endeavor becomes a concern to the health, safety, welfare, and morals of the community at large. After all, one of the primary purposes of public administration is to preserve civilization.

Finding that tipping point at which the regulatory processes of municipal governance proves justified is a complex and contentious task. Designing regulations that can be administered fairly, and defended in court, is both a necessary and elusive standard. Thus, the complexities of public administration can befuddle citizens who don't remain aware of its workings.

As for short-term rentals, planners and attorneys are working on answers to the problems now. They understand that inserting municipal government into popular economic models can prove extremely difficult. On the other hand, explaining to homeowners why their neighborhood is deteriorating can be equally difficult.

Welcome to the new world in which we live.



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June 29-30

29th Purplehull Pea Festival &
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Emerson

(870) 547-3500; purplehull.com

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June 30

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Colt

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July 3

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Diamond City

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Heber Springs

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July 4

Firework Show

Booneville

(479) 675-2666

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Gentry

(479) 736-2358; gentrychamber.com

Freedom Fest

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(479) 357-1135; greenwoodar.org

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ozarkchamberofcommerce.com

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June 13-15, 2018

Arkansas Municipal League
84th Annual Convention

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the City of Little Rock Board of Directors, it is my honor to welcome you to your capital city for the 84th Convention of the Arkansas Municipal League. Local officials are the most trusted level of government because we are driven to address the issues that are critical to the everyday lives of our neighbors, and we strive to do so efficiently. As you know, our citizens tell us if we are doing well or need improvement. As we serve them, they in turn serve us as our barometer. This is why we gather together each year — to share best practices, build relationships and find common ground that will help us all make our cities the best places to live for our residents.



During your time in Little Rock, I hope you make time to explore the wide array of restaurants, entertainment venues, attractions and shopping opportunities all within minutes of the Statehouse Convention Center. Walk to the River Market District — or hop the streetcar to ride through it, stroll along Main Street's Creative Corridor, or check out South Main's (SoMa) neighborhood. Each area has its own unique personality, and we're proud of the revitalization efforts taking place in all of them.

We are fortunate to have so many museums and cultural attractions in our downtown district. I invite you to spend some time at any number of them. You'll find the William J. Clinton Presidential Center, Heifer International, Historic Arkansas Museum, Museum of Discovery, Witt Stephens, Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, and Old Statehouse Museum waiting to welcome you. And, we're happy that the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site is one of the top ten sites along the recently launched U.S. Civil Rights Trail that includes over 100 sites in 46 cities across 14 states and the District of Columbia. In fact, Little Rock has six sites along the trail.

I truly hope you enjoy your time in your capital city. I look forward to seeing each of you, my colleagues and friends.

Sincerely,

Mark Stodola, Mayor
City of Little Rock

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Arkansas Municipal League
84th Annual Convention
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Greetings!

As Mayor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Arkansas Municipal League 84th Annual Convention. During your stay, we hope you can include some or all of the following points of interest in North Little Rock:

- **Argenta Arts & Entertainment District** – Stroll North Little Rock's Main Street, lined with art galleries, restaurants, The Joint Comedy Theater and the North Little Rock Heritage Center.
- **Dickey-Stephens Park** – home of the Arkansas Travelers and the finest facility in minor league baseball. Great family entertainment!
- **Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum** – Tour a real World War II-era submarine, USS *Razorback* (SS394) and learn about the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, cruiser USS *Arkansas*, and tugboat USS *Hoga* (YT146) which was designated a National Historic Landmark for the tugboat's heroic actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- **River Rail Trolleys** – allow visitors to travel across the Arkansas River in style and stop for shopping and dining in the Argenta Arts & Entertainment District in North Little Rock and River Market District in Little Rock.
- **Burns Park** – Encompassing 1,700 acres and one of the largest city parks in the nation, Burns Park hosts tennis, baseball, softball, and soccer tournaments.
- **The Old Mill at T.R. Pugh Memorial Park** – a 1930s replica of a 1800s gristmill, presumed to be the last standing structure from *Gone with the Wind*.

For non-stop shopping and dining, visit the newly-renovated McCain Mall – the largest enclosed shopping center in Central Arkansas. Other dining and shopping opportunities are located in close proximity.

On behalf of the City of North Little Rock, I welcome you and extend best wishes on a fun and successful convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joe A. Smith'.

Joe A. Smith
Mayor

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The Ghana connection

By Sherman Banks

The story of how Arkansas's connection with the African nation of Ghana began in July 2003. During the Sister Cities International conference in St. Louis, shortly after I was elected president-elect of the organization, I was approached by a Prince. This Prince walked up and introduced himself to me. He said, "My name is Prince Kwame Kludjeson and I am from the Volta Region of the Republic of Ghana, West Africa. Then he immediately asked, "Can we talk?"

Talk is what we did for hours. He outlined the vision he and his brother, Prince Kofi Kludjeson, had about how to reach out through citizen diplomacy for cultural exchanges, education, and economic and tourism development with the U.S. Since Arkansas and the Delta Region is primarily agricultural, he wanted Ghana to build a sister relationship with Arkansas.

The path taken

Our path took us down some dark and disappointing corridors initially. In 2004 we attempted our first joint venture; however, we had difficulty in obtaining funding. We regrouped and made another attempt in 2005 with a theme of achieving the United Nations Millennium Goals of 2015. These goals to be achieved through citizen diplomacy were to:

- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other diseases
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

The conference was held in Accra, Ghana, with 1,500 people in attendance. Our next goal was to reach out to the elected officials and traditional rulers to bridge the gap. In 2008 I approached Arkansas Municipal League Executive Director Don Zimmerman and asked for help in reaching local government officials in Arkansas and Ghana by developing a sister relationship with the National Association of Local Authorities (NALAG) to provide training in best practices for Ghanaian local

government. Since that agreement almost 10 years ago, the League has extended a hand to Ghana officials to come and participate in its Annual Convention and to take part in the various breakout sessions to discuss better local governance.

This year we will again have the opportunity to meet and spend time with local officials, members of parliament, governors, and cabinet ministers from Ghana. The president of Ghana's designee, the Honorable Hajia Alima Mahama, who is the minister for local government and rural development, will address the League's 84th Convention during the Thursday, June 14 awards luncheon. She will speak on how to build sustainable, reciprocal economic and tourism development.



Mahama

Minister Mahama will also sign a memorandum of understanding on behalf of the president of Ghana with Gov. Asa Hutchinson to enhance the relationship that began nearly 15 years ago between Arkansas and the Republic of Ghana. Sister city agreements will also be signed during the Convention's sister city workshop. We will discuss further how to create sister city relationships and the economic development opportunities available by doing so.



For more information contact Sherman Banks at (501) 786-2639; email sbanks@aristotle.net; or write to P.O. Box 165920, Little Rock, AR 72216.

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To Pay by Check, Please Call 501-324-9805

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Coat and Tie for Gentlemen~Ladies Accordingly, no denim please

Transportation by Garver

Buses depart the Marriott starting at 6:00 P.M.

** Reservations accepted through May 31, 2018, if available **



84th Annual Convention

Marriott Hotel/Statehouse Convention Center, June 13-15, 2018

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Countdown to Convention.

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See next page for more information.

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at (501) 978-6105.

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Cost for Large Equipment Space is \$1,100.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM IN BRIEF

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 13**

1:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Registration and Exhibit Hall Open
Clerks Meeting
Training Sessions
Resolutions Committee Meeting
Opening Night Reception

**THURSDAY
JUNE 14**

7:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Host City Breakfast
Registration Open
Exhibits Open
General Sessions
Luncheon
Concurrent Workshops
Dinner on Your Own

**FRIDAY
JUNE 15**

7:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
7:00 a.m.-Noon
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Noon -1:30 p.m.

Breakfast
Registration Open
Annual Business Meetings
General Sessions
Awards and New Officers' Luncheon

Continuing Legal Education offered during League Convention

Twelve (12) hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who attend the League's 84th, June 13-15 at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. The Arkansas City Attorney's Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE.

Jonesboro City Attorney and the current ACAA President Carol Duncan urges members to register for the Convention as soon as possible.

The 12 hours will be offered June 14 and 15 and the tentative CLE agenda includes topics such as annexation, the 2020 Census, an opioid litigation update, legislative audits, and medical marijuana. Additionally, the program will include at least one hour of ethics.

Held in conjunction with the 84th Convention, all CLE classes will be located at the League's headquarters in North Little Rock. CLE will tentatively begin at 8 a.m. Thursday, June 14. If you have not pre-registered, you may do so at the Statehouse Convention Center starting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 13. Registered city attorneys attending Thursday and Friday classes can pick up registration materials at League headquarters.

To attend the CLE program, registration is required. To register online visit the League's website, www.arml.org. For registration information, call Whitnee Bullerwell (501) 978-6105. For CLE information, call Mark Hayes at (501) 978-6102 or Jamie Adams at (501) 978-6124.



Arkansas City Attorney's Association



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REGISTRATION

If you missed the June 1 pre-registration deadline, on-site registration and payment can be completed at the Statehouse Convention Center.

Registration fee after June 1, 2018 , and on-site registration for municipal officials	\$175
Registration fee after June 1, 2018 , and on-site registration for guests.	\$100
Other registrants.	\$200

- Registration will be processed **ONLY** with accompanying payment in full. Make checks payable to the Arkansas Municipal League.
- Registration includes meals, activities and a copy of **2017-2018 Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials**.
- No daily registration is available.
- Registration must come through the League office. No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- **No refunds after June 1, 2018.**
- Cancellation letters must be postmarked by **June 1, 2018**.
- **Hotel Reservations:** In order to avoid a cancellation penalty of one night's room and tax, reservations must be cancelled at least seven (7) business days prior to arrival.

HOTEL RESERVATION

Hotel Room Rates

Marriott Hotel (headquarters hotel)		
Single/Double	\$136	Check-in 3 p.m.
Capital Hotel		
Single/Double	\$189	Check-in 3 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel		
Single/Double	\$144	Check-in 3 p.m.
Wyndham Hotel		
Single/Double.	\$109	Check-in 3 p.m.

- Cut-off date for hotel reservations is **June 1, 2018**.
- Rooms in Central Arkansas are subject to a 13.5 or 15 percent tax.
- Rooms will be held until 6 p.m. and then released unless guaranteed by credit card.
- Contact the hotel directly to make changes or cancellations in hotel accommodations.
- Hotel confirmation number will come directly from the hotel.
- Please check on cancellation policy for your hotel.

Two ways to register **OR** 2

1 Register online at www.arml.org and pay by credit card.

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 P.O. Box 38
 North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038

Step 1: Delegate Information

Name:

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Address: City:

State: Zip: Phone Number:

Non-city Official guests will attend: Yes No

Name: Name:

In Case of Emergency (ICE) Contact Name: ICE Phone Number:

Step 2: Payment Information

• **WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL?** (see opposite page for fees)

<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Registration for Delegate \$ 175	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Registration for Guest \$ 100	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Registrants \$ 200	Reg. Registration Total \$ _____
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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 13, 2018

<p>1:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>REGISTRATION</p>	<p>OSAGE & CADDO ROOMS, SCC</p>	<p>*4:15 P.M. to 5:15 P.M.</p>	<p>TRENDING LEGAL MATTERS AND OTHER ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE</p> <p><i>Recent updates on the opioid epidemic and litigation, South Dakota v. Wayfair and issues related to the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Act (AMMA) will be discussed.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale President Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speakers: Kirk Lane, Arkansas Drug Director State of Arkansas Jerome Tapley, Principal Cory Watson Attorneys Mark Hayes, General Counsel Arkansas Municipal League Mary Robin Casteel, Director Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Board</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC</p>
<p>1:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>MEET YOUR EXHIBITORS/RENEW ACQUAINTANCES</p> <p><i>Use this time to meet the exhibitors and see what products and services they have that could benefit your city. Popcorn and cool beverages will be served throughout the afternoon. Also, take the time to renew acquaintances with fellow municipal officials while relaxing in the Exhibit Hall.</i></p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>	<p>5:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>
<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.</p>	<p>ARKANSAS CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS, AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>ARKANSAS BALL ROOM, MH</p>	<p>5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.</p>	<p>RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE</p> <p><i>Each municipality has a designated representative who will vote on legislative matters to be included in the League's Policies and Goals for the coming year.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Joe Smith, North Little Rock First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC</p>
<p>*3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.</p>	<p>OPIOID ADDICTION: UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL</p> <p><i>Arkansas has the second-highest opioid prescribing rate in the nation, according to the CDC. The opioid epidemic is affecting all of Arkansas. Dr. Snodgrass, an expert in opioid addiction will share his personal story and offer insight into the lives of those with an opioid addiction and the struggles they face.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale President Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Sam Snodgrass, PhD. Addiction Specialist Stockton Medical Group Board of Directors Broken No More</p> <p>Sponsored by: Arvest Bank</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC</p>	<p>6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.</p>	<p>OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p><i>Welcome to the 84th Convention's Opening Night Reception. Visit with colleagues from across the state. Enjoy delicious foods, tasty drinks and delicious desserts all while listening to The Platters.</i></p>  <p>Entertainment sponsored by: Mitchell Williams Law Firm & Centennial Bank</p>	<p>WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC</p>
<p>4:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>			

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THURSDAY - JUNE 14, 2018

7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.	REGISTRATION	OSAGE ROOM, SCC	*10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. GENERAL SESSION 2 THE FUTURE OF WORK FOR THE MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE <i>What will the workforce of the future be like for municipalities of all sizes? Will technological advances improve or complicate the workforce and our quality of life? Brooks Rainwater of the National League of Cities' Center for Solutions will share his insight and will be followed by a panel of city officials who will offer their opinions as well.</i> Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale President Arkansas Municipal League Speaker: Brooks Rainwater, Director of the Center for City Solutions National League of Cities Panelists: Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock Vice Mayor Kevin Settle, Fort Smith Mayor JoAnne Bush, Lake Village	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC	
7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.	EXHIBITS OPEN	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC			
7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.	HOST CITY BREAKFAST BUFFET Sponsored by: City of Little Rock	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC			
7:15 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.	VOLUNTARY PRAYER SESSION <i>This is a brief time set aside for those who wish to gather to pray for our national, state and local leaders.</i>	FULTON ROOM, SCC			
8:15 A.M.	CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION <i>City attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for participation in two days of meetings.</i>	LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS 301 W. SECOND NLR, 72114			
8:45 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION <i>The 84th Convention begins with the posting of the colors and the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a Host City Welcome from NLC President and Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola. We are honored to have our 46th Governor join us for the Opening of our 84th Convention and address our delegates.</i> Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale President Arkansas Municipal League Color Guard by: Little Rock Fire Department Color Guard National Anthem: Maggie Benton Miss Arkansas Host City Welcome Address: Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock Speaker: Honorable Asa Hutchinson Governor, State of Arkansas	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC	11:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.	BREAK <i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i>	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC
9:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	BREAK <i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i>	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC	11:15 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.	GENERAL SESSION 3 UPDATES ON COURT RULINGS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PENSION STUDY <i>This session will include findings of the Legislative Pension Study, an update on the Legislative Water Taskforce and a legal update affecting Arkansas municipalities. Briefings on other important issues may be discussed as well.</i> Presiding: Mayor Joe Smith, North Little Rock First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League Speakers: Representative Jeff Williams District 89; Vice-Chair, Planning Permanent Sub Committee of the City, County and Local Affairs Jack Critcher Health and Legislative Liaison Arkansas Municipal League Mike Mosley, Sr. Legal Counsel Arkansas Municipal League	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC

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<p>12:00 P.M. to 1:15 P.M.</p>	<p>AWARDS LUNCHEON</p> <p><i>Welcome to the 84th Convention Awards Luncheon. We will recognize municipalities and individuals that have made significant contributions to the cities and towns of Arkansas. After the Awards, we will hear from Minister Mahama of Ghana, West Africa who will address city officials on the various ways that Ghana can develop business and cultural relations with Arkansas.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale President Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Invocation: Mayor JoAnne Bush, Lake Village</p> <p>Introduction: Sherman Banks, Honorary Consulate of Republic of Ghana</p> <p>Speaker: Honorable Hajia Alima Mahama Minister of Local Government & Rural Development, Ghana</p> <p>Sponsored by: American Fidelity Assurance Company</p>	<p>WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC</p>	<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>3. UNKEMPT PROPERTIES, DILAPIDATED HOUSES AND OUT OF STATE PROPERTY OWNERS: TOOLS TO MAKE YOUR CITY OR TOWN CLEAN AND SAFE</p> <p><i>Neglected and unsafe property can ruin your city. What legal steps can you take to prevent your city from being unsafe and ugly?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Larry Bryant, Forrest City</p> <p>Speakers: Brian Albright, City Attorney Hot Springs Ed Davis, Fire Chief, Hot Springs Lanny Richmond, Code and Opinions Attorney Arkansas Municipal League</p>	<p>GRAND BALLROOM SALON B, MH</p>
<p>THURSDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</p>			<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>4. BEST PRACTICES: STREET MAINTENANCE, PAVEMENT PRESERVATION AND TRAFFIC SAFETY</p> <p><i>Drainage control, pavement preservation and traffic safety seem to be some of the biggest challenges for today's public works departments. Hear the experts discuss technology and methodology for safe and effective street travel in your city.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Darrell Kirby, Bay</p> <p>Speakers: Laura Carter, Technology Transfer Program, ArDOT Brian Vines, P.E., Project Manager Half Associates, Inc. Dr. Stacy Williams, Director, Center for Training Transportation Professionals, University of Arkansas</p>	<p>IZARD ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>1. LAND USE CHALLENGES: ANNEXATION, 2020 CENSUS AND MORE</p> <p><i>Does annexation make sense for your city? What are some useful tools to use to prepare for annexation? Are you ready for the next census? What does your city's digital map reveal?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Rick Elumbaugh, Batesville</p> <p>Speakers: Mark R. Hayes, General Counsel Arkansas Municipal League Jim vonTungeln, Planning Consultant Arkansas Municipal League Shelby Johnson, State Geographic Information Officer Arkansas GIS Office Jeff Hawkins, Executive Director Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission</p>	<p>GRAND BALLROOM SALON A, MH</p>	<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>5. SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL</p> <p><i>At today's workshop, there will be official sister city signings for the Arkansas cities of Lake Village and Magnolia and their new sister cities from Ghana, West Africa.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens</p> <p>Speakers: Sherman Banks, Honorary Consulate of Republic of Ghana Honorable Hajia Alima Mahama Minister of Local Government & Rural Development, Ghana Mayor JoAnne Bush, Lake Village Mayor Parnell Vann, Magnolia</p>	<p>GRAND BALLROOM SALON C, MH</p>
<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>2. AVOIDING AUDIT VIOLATIONS: BEST PRACTICES</p> <p><i>Using sound accounting principles and bookkeeping best practices will help avoid a bad audit. Experts will tell you about the most frequent of mistakes and methodologies to avoid them.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor James Sanders, Blytheville</p> <p>Speakers: Marti Steel, Deputy Legislative Auditor, Division of Legislative Audit David Coles, Information Systems Supervisor, Division of Legislative Audit Cindy Frizzell, Finance Director Arkansas Municipal League Mayor Jim Crotty, Norphlet</p>	<p>FULTON ROOM, SCC</p>			

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<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>6. PREPARING FOR TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE</p> <p><i>Tomorrow's work force may look quite different than it does today. What can your city or town do to prepare for the Future of Work? Where have all the craftsmen gone? What training and education is best suited for the years to come?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Jackie Crabtree, Pea Ridge Speakers: Phil Harris, Assistant Director Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Department of Workforce Services Bill Stovall, III, Executive Director Arkansas Community Colleges</p>	<p>POPE ROOM, SCC</p>	<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>2. PREVENTING NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES</p> <p><i>Are there specific steps you can take and practices you can adopt to prevent neighborhood crime and avoid becoming a crime victim? Public safety experts share their knowledge.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Council Member and Fire Chief, Sammy Angel, Lake Village Speakers: Sergeant Quinton Jackson, Benton Police Department Chief Rick Elliott, Jonesboro Police Department Corporal David McDaniel, Jonesboro Police Department Chief Chad Henson, Trumann Police Department</p>	<p>GRAND BALLROOM SALON A, MH</p>
<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>7. PASSING LARGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</p> <p><i>Planning for Large Capital Improvement projects usually requires voter approval. How do you persuade the voters to share your vision of a better city? Speakers from cities that have recently passed bond issues or sales taxes share their experiences.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Mike Watson, Maumelle Speakers: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale Mayor Joe Smith, North Little Rock Jim Hathaway, J.D., Partner, Kutak Rock, LLP Bob Wright, Senior Managing Director, Crews & Associates, Inc. Paul Phillips, Senior Managing Director, Crews & Associates, Inc.</p>	<p>CARAWAY ROOMS III, SCC</p>	<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>3. ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BEST PRACTICES</p> <p><i>Every city would like to have a thriving business community. Are there legal tools and creative ideas that you should consider as you plan your city's economic development?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Harold Perrin, Jonesboro Speakers: Mark R. Hayes, General Counsel Arkansas Municipal League TBA Beth Van Duyn, SW Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</p>	<p>GRAND BALLROOM SALON B, MH</p>
<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>4. MANAGING CITY WATER/WASTEWATER/UTILITY SYSTEMS AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS</p> <p><i>What innovative and creative steps could you take to avoid maintenance problems and save money? What are the licensing requirements? Where do you find qualified people?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Bill Groom, Greenland Speakers: Heath Ward, Executive Director, Springdale Water Utilities Jennifer Enos, Director, Springdale Wastewater and Vice Chair of Arkansas Licensing Board</p>	<p>POPE ROOM, SCC</p>	<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>4. MANAGING CITY WATER/WASTEWATER/UTILITY SYSTEMS AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS</p> <p><i>What innovative and creative steps could you take to avoid maintenance problems and save money? What are the licensing requirements? Where do you find qualified people?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Bill Groom, Greenland Speakers: Heath Ward, Executive Director, Springdale Water Utilities Jennifer Enos, Director, Springdale Wastewater and Vice Chair of Arkansas Licensing Board</p>	<p>POPE ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>2:45 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p>BREAK</p> <p><i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i></p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>	THURSDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS		
<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>1. AVOIDING AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) LAWSUITS</p> <p><i>ADA lawsuits are on the rise and focused on your buildings, facilities and services. Today's session will examine ADA compliance regarding playgrounds, buildings, sidewalks and much more. Hear from experts about how to efficiently meet your ADA responsibilities.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Virginia Young, Sherwood Speakers: Amanda LaFever, Legal Counsel Arkansas Municipal League James L. E. Terry, AIA, CEO Evan Terry Associates</p>	<p>GRAND BALLROOM SALON C, MH</p>	<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>5. COMPLETE STREETS: LIVABLE COMMUNITIES</p> <p><i>Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Complete Streets make it easy to cross the street, walk to shops, and bicycle to work. Find out how the speakers' cities have used this program.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Jill Dabbs, Bryant Speakers: Leesa Freasier, Healthy Community Domain Lead, Arkansas Department of Health Mayor James Stinson, Clarendon Mayor Marie Trisollini, Camden</p>	<p>CARAWAY ROOMS III, SCC</p>

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<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>6. SOCIAL MEDIA AND CYBERSECURITY <i>Is your city using social media in a positive and engaging way? Also, news about security breaches and "hacking" are a daily occurrence. What can be done to protect your city?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Vice Mayor Kevin Settle, Fort Smith Speakers: Officer Carmen Helton, North Little Rock Police Department Christopher Smith Social Media/Website Administrator, Heber Springs Dave Mims, Consultant, IT in a Box</p>	<p>FULTON ROOM, SCC</p>	<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>2. HUMAN RESOURCE AND FINANCE OFFICERS: STATE AND FEDERAL LEAVE TIME AND PAY REQUIREMENTS <i>Cities and towns are subject to many laws that govern leave time and pay. Public safety personnel have statutory rights to sick leave, vacations and holiday pay. The FLSA and USERRA present complicated issues. Listen to experts explain the do's and don'ts of these mandates.</i></p> <p>Presiding: City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard, Clarksville Speakers: Lanny Richmond, Code and Opinions Counsel, Arkansas Municipal League Matthew Hood, Human Resource Director, Cabot, and President, APEHRA Shella Atlas-Evans, Ed.D, MA, Employee Relations Manager Little Rock Jessica R. Frier, J.D., Senior Health and Welfare Plan Consultant American Fidelity Administrative Services</p>	<p>FULTON ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>7. EQUALITY: A PLAN FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY <i>At today's workshop you'll learn how your city or town can increase their score of the Municipal Equality Index. Experts will also offer sexual harassment training in order to create a more respectful community.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Lioneld Jordan, Fayetteville Speakers: Xavier Persad, Legislative Counsel Human Rights Campaign Kathlyn Graves, Attorney Mitchell Williams Law Nathan Read, Attorney Mitchell Williams Law</p>	<p>IZARD ROOM, SCC</p>	<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>3. HUMAN CAPITAL IN YOUR CITY <i>Volunteers can truly be a benefit to your city. How can you go about organizing volunteers to maximize their contributions? Cities with experience share their ideas.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Council Member Reedie Ray, Jacksonville Speakers: Nicole Vogler, Senior Center Director, Maumelle Bill Campbell, Communications Director, Jonesboro</p>	<p>POPE ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>4:15 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.</p>	<p>BREAK <i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i></p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>	<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>4. GRANTS AND FUNDING SOURCES <i>How readily available is grant money today? If available, how do you know where find it? Hear from grant experts on funding sources, namely NLC's Grants Access Program.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Council Member Dorothy Henderson, Warren Speakers: Brooks Rainwater, Director of the Center for City Solutions National League of Cities Chad Gallagher, Principal Legacy Consulting Kevin Smith, Owner The Grant Book Company</p>	<p>CARAWAY ROOMS I-III, SCC</p>
<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE <i>Each municipality has a designated representative who will vote on legislative matters to be included in the League's Policies and Goals for the coming year.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Joe Smith, City of North Little Rock, Arkansas Municipal League First Vice President</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS IV, SCC</p>	<p>5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>THE EXHIBIT HALL WILL CLOSE FOR THE DAY.</p>	
THURSDAY CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS					
<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>1. BEEBE'S ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM: A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY CITY OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL <i>Establishing, maintaining and managing an animal control department is an ongoing challenge. What are some best practices that animal control departments are using that might be of benefit to you? Hear what one city did with dedicated city staff and a solid plan!</i></p> <p>Presiding: Council Member Debi Ross, North Little Rock Speakers: City Clerk/Treasurer Carol Westergren, Beebe Erica Darden, Animal Control Manager, Beebe Kim Weeks, HR Director/Animal Control Administrator</p>	<p>IZARD ROOM, SCC</p>			

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<p>6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.</p>	<p>DINNER AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION <i>League members with reservations will enjoy a gracious and beautiful evening at The People's House. Please promptly board shuttles to the Governor's Mansion beginning at 6:00 p.m. Shuttles will be located at the main entrance of the Marriott Hotel.</i></p> <p>Transportation, Libations and Desserts Sponsored by: Garver</p>	<p>ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S MANSION</p>	<p>10:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.</p>	<p>GENERAL SESSION THE BEST OF MAYOR JONES (KEN WASSON) AND HIS MANY CALLS TO THE AML LEGAL DEPARTMENT</p> <p><i>This session will highlight a few of the many calls the fictitious Mayor Jones of Midtown, AR has made to General Counsel Mark Hayes over the last five years. We will conclude with "Reflections From A Retiring Public Servant" based on Ken's years of public service.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Whitnee Bullerwell Communications Director Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speakers: Ken Wasson Director of Operations Arkansas Municipal League Mark Hayes, General Counsel Arkansas Municipal League</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC</p>
<p>DINNER ON YOUR OWN <i>Visit some of central Arkansas's finest restaurants.</i></p>					
<p>FRIDAY - JUNE 15, 2018</p>					
<p>7:00 A.M. to NOON</p>	<p>REGISTRATION</p>	<p>OSAGE ROOM, SCC</p>			
<p>7:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.</p>	<p>EXHIBITS OPEN <i>(Exhibit Hall will close at 10:45 a.m. for the remainder of the Convention.)</i></p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>			
<p>7:00 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.</p>	<p>BUFFET BREAKFAST</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>			
<p>8:15 A.M.</p>	<p>CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION <i>City attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for participation in two days of meetings.</i></p>	<p>LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS 301 W. SECOND NLR, 72114</p>			
<p>9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING <i>At this session Executive Director Don Zimmerman will give his annual report followed by the Annual Business Meeting. During the business meeting, the League's Policies and Goals are presented and voted on. The nominating committee presents their recommended slate of new officers for the upcoming year, which will be followed by annual business meetings for the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust, Municipal Health Benefit Fund, Municipal Vehicle Program, and Municipal Property Program.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale President Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speakers: Don Zimmerman Executive Director Arkansas Municipal League</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC</p>			
<p>10:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>			
			<p>NOON to 1:30 P.M.</p>	<p>NEW OFFICERS' AND AWARDS LUNCHEON <i>Municipalities and individuals are honored for their many successes and contributions during the past year. The new League president and officers will be introduced to the Convention delegates.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale President Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Invocation: Rev. Luke Conway, Lakewood United Methodist Church</p> <p>*Qualifying municipal officials must attend the 84th Convention to receive three (3) hours of continuing education credit. Scanning for credit will take place at the conclusion of the New Officers' and Awards Luncheon.</p>	<p>GRAND BALLROOM SALONS A-C, MH</p>

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Alma celebrated the unveiling of its Kick Start Alma Action Plan on May 7.

Kick Start Alma kicks off

By Moriah Bruner

On May 7 the City of Alma unveiled its Kick Start Alma Action Plan, a strategic blueprint for the growth and development of Alma over the next five years focused on the following four priorities: culture, recreation, and beautification; branding and marketing; downtown revitalization; and job creation.

Alma Mayor and Kick Start Alma Executive Team Co-Chair Keith Greene and Gov. Asa Hutchinson were on hand to celebrate this important milestone and mark the beginning of the implementation phase of the planning process.

“Kick Start Alma means a great deal to me and this city,” Greene said. “It was about bringing the citizens of Alma together to share their ideas and vision for the city and establish goals to pursue. We’re looking forward to moving forward with our plan for the future of Alma.”

The first key breakthrough, or strategic opportunity, identified in the action plan focuses on enhancing the attractiveness of Alma through beautification efforts, attracting residents and tourists with public festivals and events, and establishing a new branch of the Crawford County Library system in the downtown district, possibly to include a historic museum.

Developing a consistent community brand and robust online presence will help Alma achieve their second goal of ensuring the city is presenting a unique and compelling marketing narrative to the world.

“We want to show the world how wonderful Alma is, for residents, visitors, and businesses alike,” Greene said.

Downtown revitalization is another key breakthrough. Priorities include connecting the downtown district to I-40 and I-49 to entice tourists to visit the downtown area, revamping building codes and ordinances to enhance property values, public safety and

development, and building a plaza for hosting public activities and events that will draw artists, musicians, food trucks, and citizens to the downtown area.

Hutchinson called community leaders, the citizens of Alma, and stakeholders to support the capacity for economic development in Alma, which is another top priority area identified in the plan.

“Alma is in the heart of everything going on in Northwest Arkansas,” he said. “So get ready, get your boots on, and get ready to work because Alma is a key part of the future of economic development in Arkansas.”

Opportunities to support this effort include establishing the Chamber of Commerce director position as a full-time role; the creation of a business retention and expansion program; developing and implementing a long-term infrastructure, land use, and utility master plan that will guide future growth and development; and creating a small business incubator and maker space, in conjunction with other entrepreneurship programming.

The Kick Start Alma Action Plan is truly a collaborative effort. Guided by the University of Central Arkansas’s Community Development Institute (CDI) and Dr. Mark Peterson at University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service (UAEX), the planning process began in August 2017 when a group of trained community and economic development professionals in CDI’s Advanced Year Class completed a high-level assessment of the community.

Following the assessment phase, the project partners and community began a period of extensive public engagement, including a community-wide survey and monthly public meetings. An executive committee and action teams were formed to guide the process, develop a vision statement, and articulate goals for Alma. The



Alma will have a key part to play in Arkansas's economic future, Gov. Hutchinson said.

Kick Start team included representatives from the City of Alma, Alma Area Chamber of Commerce, Alma School District, Western Arkansas Planning and Development District, the Crawford County Cooperative Extension Service, churches and nonprofits, business owners, local banks, and many other community leaders and citizens.

The Community Development Kick Start program was created in 2014 to provide a unique opportunity for CDI graduates to apply their knowledge and skills to a real-life situation and to kick start a community and economic development process in one community. Previous Kick Start communities include Paris (2014), Heber Springs (2015), and Lonoke (2016). The city of Sheridan has been selected for Kick Start 2018 and the assessment process will begin in early August when the Advanced Year Class convenes during the 32nd Annual CDI at the University of Central Arkansas.



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Decrease your cardiovascular disease risk with “Life’s Simple 7”

By Steve Farrell, Ph.D., FACSM

Health behaviors have a profound impact on our well being, both in the short and long-term. In our society, unhealthy behaviors are a leading cause of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and many other chronic health conditions. The American Heart Association has developed seven easy-to-understand recommendations that aim to improve cardiovascular health and decrease unnecessary and premature cardiovascular illness and death morbidity in the U.S. by 20 percent by the year 2020. These recommendations, known as Life’s Simple 7, are listed below. It is important to make the connection that changing unhealthy behaviors can go a long way towards meeting the Simple 7 recommendations and decreasing your CVD risk.

Life’s Simple 7

1. Don’t smoke (never smoked or quit more than 1 year ago)
2. Be physically active (150 minutes or more of moderate intensity activity or 75 minutes or more of vigorous intensity activity per week)
3. Have normal blood pressure (less than 120/80 mm Hg)
4. Have normal fasting blood glucose levels (less than 100 mg/dL)
5. Have normal blood cholesterol levels (less than 200 mg/dL)
6. Have a normal body weight (body mass index less than 25 kg/m²)
7. Eat a healthy diet (meet 4-5 components of the healthy diet score*)

In order to determine the trends for what proportion of the population meets each of these guidelines, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2012 reviewed data from nationally representative samples of U.S. adults taken between 1988-2010. Data was collected from 1988-1994, 1999-2004, and 2005-2010. They examined the impact of meeting some or all of these guidelines on cardiovascular mortality. All data was collected as part of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES).

Not surprisingly, very few participants (2 percent) met all seven recommendations during the period 1988-1994. This number was even lower by 2005-2010 (1.2 percent). The trends among the percentage of the samples reaching each recommendation during these two time periods varied. For example, the percentage reporting that they never smoked or quit more than one year ago increased significantly from 1988-1994 to 2005-2010. The percentage with normal blood pressure and normal blood cholesterol remained essentially unchanged during these same time periods. However, the percentage consuming a healthy diet, having a BMI less than 25 kg/m², and having a fasting glucose level of less than 100 mg/dL declined significantly from 1988-1994 to 2005-2010. The percentage of those reporting no physical activity increased sharply from 1988-1994 to 2005-2010 from 15.6 percent to 31.9 percent.

In their conclusion, the study’s authors strongly emphasized the need for better public health intervention programs that specifically target healthy eating and physical activity. Unfortunately, there are many American adults who have not undergone blood cholesterol or blood glucose testing, and data shows that about 18 percent of the estimated 80 million Americans with hypertension are unaware of its presence. Thus, a greater emphasis needs to be placed on the need for regular physical exams, screenings, and behavior changes in the adult population. With estimated annual direct costs of CVD totaling \$285 billion, not to mention the emotional toll caused by CVD, the public would be wise to heed the American Heart Association recommendations.

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Summertime is preparation time

By Chad Gallagher

Successful grant writing requires a lot of effort, including proper planning. We regularly speak with cities and towns about the importance of creating a needs assessment and a community blueprint that acts as a strategic document when it comes to applying for grants. I've been involved in municipal grant writing for 20 years and I am convinced that the most neglected aspect of a successful grant program is planning.

Determining which grant to apply for and studying other grants are important. Writing the grant itself is critical, and the more training you can get for this the better. None of these things can be neglected, but proper planning is the aspect of community development that too many want to skip. Planning accelerates success and increases your percentage of successful grant applications.

Advanced planning doesn't have to be a complex, formal process. It is important to customize it to fit your community. The process should help you determine which grants to apply for, tie grant applications to identified needs, and insert them into the execution of a strategic community plan. Summertime is the best time, in my view, to initiate some serious future planning for a successful grant-writing plan. Budget planning takes place in the fall for December adoption, allowing the summer to be a perfect lead up to budget planning. Here are a few keys components that will help you properly plan for future success in grants.

Community input

Most federal grants require some demonstration of community input, typically through public hearings. There's a wide variety of ways to include your community in helping identify and validate local needs. This can be done through town hall meetings. I especially like creative brainstorming sessions done in these formats. You can also achieve this through surveys and community polling. Civic clubs and student groups are great entities to help with gathering this information. It's critical to capture and document the findings so they can later be used in the development of your plan and in future grant applications.

Real data

Anecdotal evidence does not create successful grant applications. Too many times, grant applications fail because they simply lack the data and proof to substantiate their request. Real data used properly is one of the most important contributors to a winning application. Retail leakage, strengths and needs, community demographics, compiled survey information from community input, documentation of population needs, local economic indicators, and regional workforce numbers are all important tools in creating a winning application. Gathering real data and keeping it updated lends to successful grant writing.

Local investment

When possible, the ability to demonstrate local investment and commitment to funding important projects can be helpful in pursuing a grant. Grants are needs based, and funding agencies look for the ability to demonstrate local investment and the capacity to match and/or sustain a project.

These are all things you can work on this summer to help prepare you for future success in grant writing. Don't forget that we are available to help you with your grant seeking strategies from the first step all the way through the management of a successful application. Don't hesitate to call on us.

Private grant dollars update

In this space last month, we reviewed the importance of pursuing funds from private corporations, foundations, and nonprofits. We specifically discussed looking first at those companies doing business in your community or in the area profiting from your citizens. A recent announcement verifies how important this is.

In May, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation announced \$135,000 in grants to Arkansas nonprofits, libraries, and schools. Among the recipients across the state were the Ozark Literacy Council, which received \$8,000, and the Gravette Public Library, which received \$1,500. Pursuit of such funds is important, and this is a perfect example of how applying the things we discuss in this column can benefit your community.



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Sinus infection 101: Identification, recognition, and prevention

By Alissa Kanaan, M.D.

The congestion. The stuffiness. The facial pain. Many of us know the pain and discomfort that comes with a sinus infection, also known as sinusitis.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 29.4 million Americans have chronic sinusitis. On top of that, sinus infections account for nearly 12 million doctor visits each year. The American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology says we'll spend more than \$1 billion this year on over-the-counter medications trying to treat it.

With numbers like these, it's important to understand the causes, symptoms, and treatment options for sinus infections.

What is a sinus infection?

All sinus infections come back to the four pair of sinuses in our bodies. They connect to form a system of hollow, air-filled cavities in the skull that serve several functions.

They humidify the air we breathe, help us smell, give resonance to our voice, contribute to facial growth and lighten the weight of our heads. Sinus cavities are lined with a thin layer of mucus. They trap dust, germs, and other particles and sweep these trappings to the back of the throat and down to the stomach.

This normal flow stops during a sinus infection because of inflammation in one or more sinus cavities. This can be caused by a multitude of things, including nasal polyps, allergies, a deviated septum, a weak immune system, or colds that eventually turn into a sinus infection. Common symptoms include nasal discharge, stuffiness, congestion, frontal headaches, and tenderness.

Many times, a sinus infection is confused with a cold. Recognizing the difference between the two lies in the symptoms and how long it lasts.

If symptoms last from three to five days, sometimes even up to 10 days, your illness is most likely a cold. If after more than a week the symptoms worsen and do not subside, it's possible your cold has become a sinus infection.

Treating a sinus infection

It's important to note whether you are experiencing symptoms that are sudden and severe, or if the condition has persisted over a longer period of time. If you have cold-like symptoms that last a few weeks, the best treatment is antibiotics, rest, plenty of fluids, along with a nasal spray or saline rinse. These control your symptoms and can get you to a point of feeling better quicker.

If the condition is chronic, persisting longer than 12 weeks, symptoms can occur even without an infection, so treatment options and preventive measures beside antibiotics should be explored. There are surgical options, including an endoscopic procedure that washes out the sinuses. It can be an effective way to deal with fungus or polyps in the sinus cavities.

In rare cases, a balloon sinuplasty is performed. The procedure inserts a balloon catheter and inflated to expand the cavity. Saline is then sprayed into the cavity to flush out any blockages and the catheter is removed.

Preventing sinus infections

There are several precautions you can take at home to help prevent sinus infections. This includes having a humidifier or using a nasal irrigation device like a neti pot. For those with sinus problems, using a neti pot or squeeze bottle up to two times a day can help keep your sinus cavities clean. Be sure to use distilled water.

For those with known allergies that could lead to sinus problems, be sure to frequently vacuum your floors and change your linens. Occasionally putting your pillows in the dryer can also help. These steps help keep away dust mites that can lead to allergy problems. Using steroid nasal spray and over-the-counter antihistamines can also help those with outdoor allergens and stave off a sinus infection.



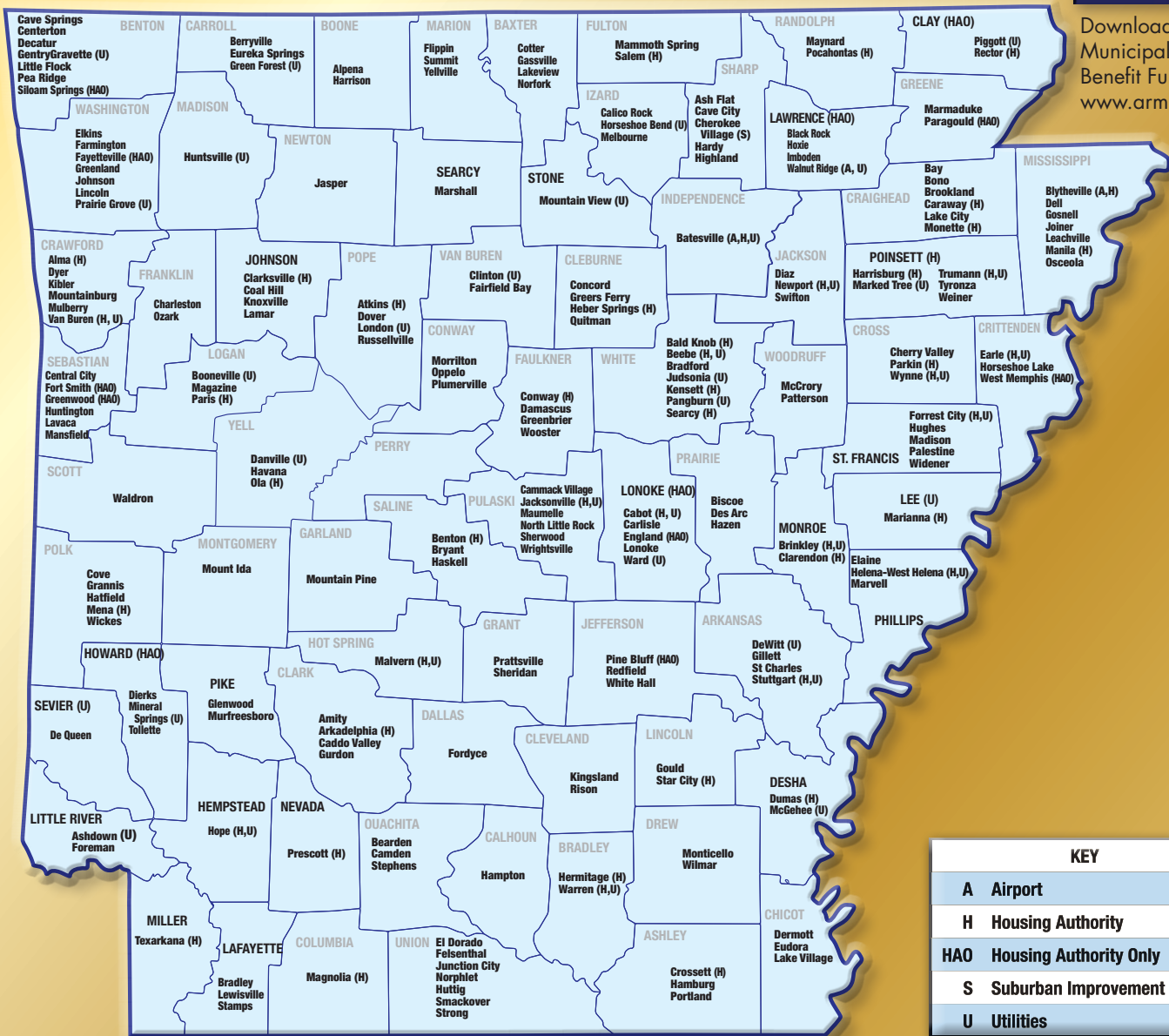
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Invasive species may pose threat to urban forests

By Chris Bakunas, PLA

Our local urban forests are something Arkansans can take pride in. This vast network of public and private trees provides us with recreation space, assists with stormwater control and pollution mitigation, and serves as a refuge for a diverse population of wildlife. However, our urban forests may be at risk. Invasive species are a major threat to our ability to maintain biodiversity in our natural areas.

What are invasive species?

Invasive species are defined as non-native organisms that are likely to cause economic or environmental harm, or harm to human health. Typically these species are introduced through human activity and alter the ecosystem in which they are established. While not all non-native species cause problems, the ones that quickly adapt, grow, reproduce, and spread can easily overtake the surrounding native ecosystem.

Invasive species in urban forests

Urban forests have a high risk for the spread of invasive species due to human influence. Many of the ornamental landscape plants that are praised for their adaptable characteristics in urban environments or for their drought tolerance and fast-growing nature can also be susceptible to escaping cultivation.

A wide variety non-native, invasive species can be observed voluntarily growing in many of Arkansas's urban forests. These plants compete with native vegetation by slowing their growth, degrading wildlife habitat and reducing forage for native fauna. Species such as Bradford Pear, Bush Honeysuckle, Japanese Honeysuckle and Chinese Privet inhibit forest regeneration by crowding native flora and shading understory growth.

Not only do invasive plants pose a hazard, but non-native insects and the pathogens they carry also threaten the health of our urban forests. Insects such as the Emerald Ash Borer have been identified in the



Members of MCE's team participate in a recent invasive species removal event in Fayetteville.

Natural State and are recognized for their destructive infestations, which can kill nearly every Ash tree they encounter. Without natural predators, these types of insects spread and reproduce quickly.

Managing invasive plant species

Once an invasive species has been introduced, the process to remove it can often be difficult, expensive, and take years to eradicate. The first step in a successful control program should be public education and communication. Many of Arkansas's municipalities, government organizations, and outreach programs have developed manuals specifically targeting invasive species. These programs typically outline the specific species of concern in the region and often provided alternate native plant varieties or strategies for reducing insect migration.

Beyond education, it's important for land managers, municipalities, and other government authorities to develop monitoring programs to help detect new populations of invasive species. This can be one of the best management strategies, and it is more cost effective to remove the problem before it spreads to other areas. Invasive species are likely to colonize on sites that have recently been disturbed. Observation in these areas and early detection can help prevent the spread to other areas.

Once an invasive species has succeeded, more intense control measures are often required, including manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological techniques. Manual techniques include pulling, digging, cutting, or prescribed burning. These types of measures are typically best suited for small sites where large mechanical equipment or chemicals are not recommended. These activities are often labor intensive and require repeat applications.

Mechanical techniques include the use of equipment to mow, till, and cut vegetated areas. This method suppresses the vegetation, weakens the root structure, and prevents ongoing seed production. These approaches are often more cost effective and become more powerful when combined with a chemical regimen.

Chemical control measures include the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides applied to the target species. This approach will not be applicable in all situations and careful consideration should be taken when working within environmentally sensitive areas.

Biological control is a process of inducing species-specific predators from an invasive plant or insect's native habitat. While affective, introducing new species is undoubtedly risky, so a thoughtful planning process should precede the release of any foreign organisms.

The introduction of invasive species into our urban forest can be devastating if not managed correctly. While some of the damage may be irreversible, it is important to have a strategy in place to eradicate or mitigate the spread of invasive species. Educating the public and developing a management strategy are key components for the ongoing survival and maintenance of our urban forests.

For more information on invasive species, or for assistance removing them from your property, contact your local Cooperative Extension Service agent for more details. The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service can be reached at (501) 671-2000 or online at uaex.edu.



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"PEth" test helps measure alcohol consumption

There have been significant developments in recent years in methods for assessing heavy drinking. The common methods of detecting alcohol use have been the Breathalyzer and blood tests, but these methods have their limitations in determining drinking behavior. Both the Breathalyzer and the blood test show alcohol consumption over a fairly short time period. Now, however, there is a scientific method (biomarkers) to find the truth about a person's drinking. The significant innovation in the testing of ethanol is the detection of Phosphatidylethanol (PEth). Testing for PEth is now playing a big role in measuring consumption.

Testing for PEth has been useful in several environments. In academic research, the researchers are embracing the use of PEth as a biomarker to validate and improve the integrity of studies that are based on no alcohol consumption. The researchers are not, when the PEth testing is employed, limited to the "self-report." They are able to objectively identify study participants that drink clandestinely during experimental studies. Substance abuse treatment providers have found PEth to be a useful tool to identify problematic drinking while addressing abuse of other substances. Interestingly, family courts are also finding PEth useful in reviewing heavy drinking in child custody and divorce cases.

So what is Phosphatidylethanol? When ethanol is metabolized, the body creates PEth, which is an abnormal phospholipid formed only in the presence of ethanol. Once formed, it is incorporated into the phospholipid membranes of the red blood cells. Once there, it remains until it decomposes due to hydrolysis (exposure to water). So basically, the quantity of ethanol consumed determines how long PEth stays in the blood. In most cases and in most people, PEth disappears with a half-life of 4.5 days. Notably, for some people the half-life may range from one to 10 days. To generate enough detectable PEth, the consumption of ethanol must be in a way that raises their blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level. At this time, there are no known established reference

levels to refer to when calculating how much alcohol an individual has consumed. It is impossible to quantify the number of drinks to the PEth level. Body size can skew a report because this impacts concentration levels. Since the results can be skewed, a negative PEth result does not necessarily mean that the person being tested has been abstinent. The tests can only detect if a substance is present at the program cutoff levels. The test cannot determine time, dose, or frequency of use.

Ongoing studies have shown that moderate alcohol use (one drink per day for women; two drinks per day for men) will produce a PEth concentration of 30 ng/ml or less. Excessive alcohol use (4-7 drinks within one hour for five days) produce a maximum PEth range of 75-250 ng/ml, with most participants achieving negative results within two weeks.

Is PEth considered a reliable test to determine alcohol abuse or abstinence? With the lack at this time of established reference levels and the inability of directly quantifying the number of drinks to the level of PEth, it might be construed that the PEth test is of interest, but not totally reliable. In certain treatment or judicial settings requiring alcohol monitoring, it could be of more help than in an employment situation at this time.

The PEth test is designed to detect heavy drinking up to approximately 2-4 weeks prior to the collection. If an average person with a PEth level of 200 ng/ml stops drinking, it would take approximately 2.5 weeks for them to fall below a 20 ng/ml confirmation level. The laboratory instrumentation used for the detection of PEth is Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LCMS/MS). A positive result is an indication that drinking occurred up to approximately 2-4 weeks prior to the collection. At this time, there has been no credible instance of a false positive, making the PEth a valuable tool for getting to the truth in drinking behavior. It is recommended, however, that the PEth test be performed in combination with some other testing matrix, such as hair or nails. By combining the results of the two matrixes, a clearer picture of behavior is produced.

With PEth levels not being influenced by age, gender, or disease, using a biomarker such as PEth to determine heavy consumption, along with self-reporting, provides an objective measure for use in research, screening, and treatment of hazardous alcohol use. As indicated, at this time, the PEth analysis is not appropriate for employment testing, but it could be very useful in treatment or family court situations. With alcohol abuse being a concern to treatment providers and to child custody or divorce cases, being able to detect heavy alcohol use for up to two to four-week time periods could reveal a drinking problem that could go undetected using the common alcohol testing matrixes. a'TEST has the networking relationship established with a recognized certified laboratory for having the PEth testing performed. For more information on this developing alcohol testing methodology, please contact us.



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June 30 is Act 833 deadline for Arkansas fire departments

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The 2018 application and guidance document is available at www.adem.arkansas.gov/act-833 or contact Kendell Snyder at (501) 683-6781 or email fire/emsservices@adem.arkansas.gov. Applications can be emailed, faxed, or sent by USPS. 📬

Turning over a new leaf in Fayetteville's Wilson Park

By Krista Quinn

Wilson Park is the oldest and one of the most beloved parks in Fayetteville. Residents and University of Arkansas students have gathered in the park to socialize, play, and enjoy nature since the early 1900s, and Wilson Park has undergone many changes over the years to meet the needs of the city at different times. Fayetteville's Parks and Recreation Department works hard to keep the park's trees in top condition. They also recently planted many new trees to ensure that there will be plenty of shade in Wilson Park for many years to come.

"One element that makes Wilson Park special is the large trees," says John Scott, an urban forester with the Parks and Recreation Department. "We know that some of our mature trees will start to die and fail in the coming years and we want to make sure that we always have a nice tree canopy in the park."

Keeping trees healthy

Even though some of the older trees in the park are beginning to decline, the Parks and Recreation staff do everything they can to keep the trees alive as long as possible. They monitor the condition of the trees regularly to make sure they are not posing safety issues in the park. When a problem is found, they prefer to remove individual branches using proper pruning methods, rather than removing whole trees.

"We call it our geriatric tree program," Scott says. "It takes so long for a young tree to provide the benefits that these older trees provide, so we do what we can to keep the older trees healthy."

Proper tree trimming is one of the methods Scott's team uses to extend the life of trees while keeping the public safe. Another strategy employed by the city to keep older trees healthy is mulching. They apply a thin, two to four-inch deep layer of mulch under the entire canopy of some of their more fragile trees. Scott says that people are hesitant to walk on the mulch so it reduces



From left, Fayetteville Urban Forester John Scott and Mayor Lioneld Jordan plant a native Bur Oak in Wilson Park as part of their Arbor Day celebration this spring.

compaction in the root zone of the trees. The mulch also maintains a more consistent soil moisture level under the trees, which is particularly valuable during dry summer months. In addition, mulch decomposes over time providing a natural supply of minerals and nutrients that the trees can use for growth, maintenance, and defense. Scott cautions that applying mulch too close to a tree's trunk can lead to decay in the tree, so keeping mulch at least six inches away from tree trunks is best.



Goats help remove invasive plants on a hillside in Wilson Park, which will help encourage the natural regeneration of native species.

When a tree becomes completely unsafe or dies, Scott's team will have the tree removed. However, they do something a little unusual with the stump.

"We like to leave a high stump, maybe around 6 ft. or higher," Scott says. "It's part of the ecosystem and offers habitat for insects and wildlife. If insects are feeding on the dead stumps, they're less likely to feed on living trees."

Planting new trees

While keeping mature trees alive and healthy is a priority, the Parks and Recreation Department also planted over 50 new trees in Wilson Park early this spring to ensure that there are younger trees ready to replace older trees that will inevitably die. A variety of native tree species was selected, including several oaks, hickories, persimmon, pine, pawpaw, sycamore, walnut, and hackberry. Native species tend to be hardier and provide food and habitat for wildlife. Having a diverse planting makes it less likely that a pest or disease outbreak will harm all of the trees in the park at the same time since most pests and diseases are specific to a few types of trees.

Scott recommends planting new trees in the fall or early spring to allow their roots to become established before the heat of summer sets in. The Parks and Recreation staff digs wide holes for the trees at least two or three times the width of the root ball, but they are careful to not plant the trees too deep, which can cause trees to die. They also like to mulch newly planted trees with a thin layer of mulch that does not touch the tree trunks. The mulch prevents weed growth around the trees and reduces the need to use string trimmers near them, which can severely damage young trees.

Removing invasive species

The Parks and Recreation Department has also been working to remove invasive plants from Wilson Park for several years. Invasive plants, such as privet, Japanese honeysuckle, and Callery pear, create a dense understory in natural areas that chokes out other native plants. Native trees cannot naturally regenerate when these invasive species are present and the invasive plants do not provide as many environmental and wildlife benefits as native plants.

The City of Fayetteville has had success using goats to remove invasive plants on a hillside in the park. The goats handle the steep grade and dense plant growth better than people and eat any vegetation they can reach. They even eat poison ivy without having any negative effects. Clearing brush and vines is usually miserable work, but having the help of goats makes it much easier.

By working to keep mature trees healthy, planting a variety of young trees, and removing invasive plants that choke out natives, Fayetteville is creating a sustainable urban forest in Wilson Park that will provide many benefits well into the future. With any luck, Wilson Park will continue to serve as a community gathering place for many more decades.



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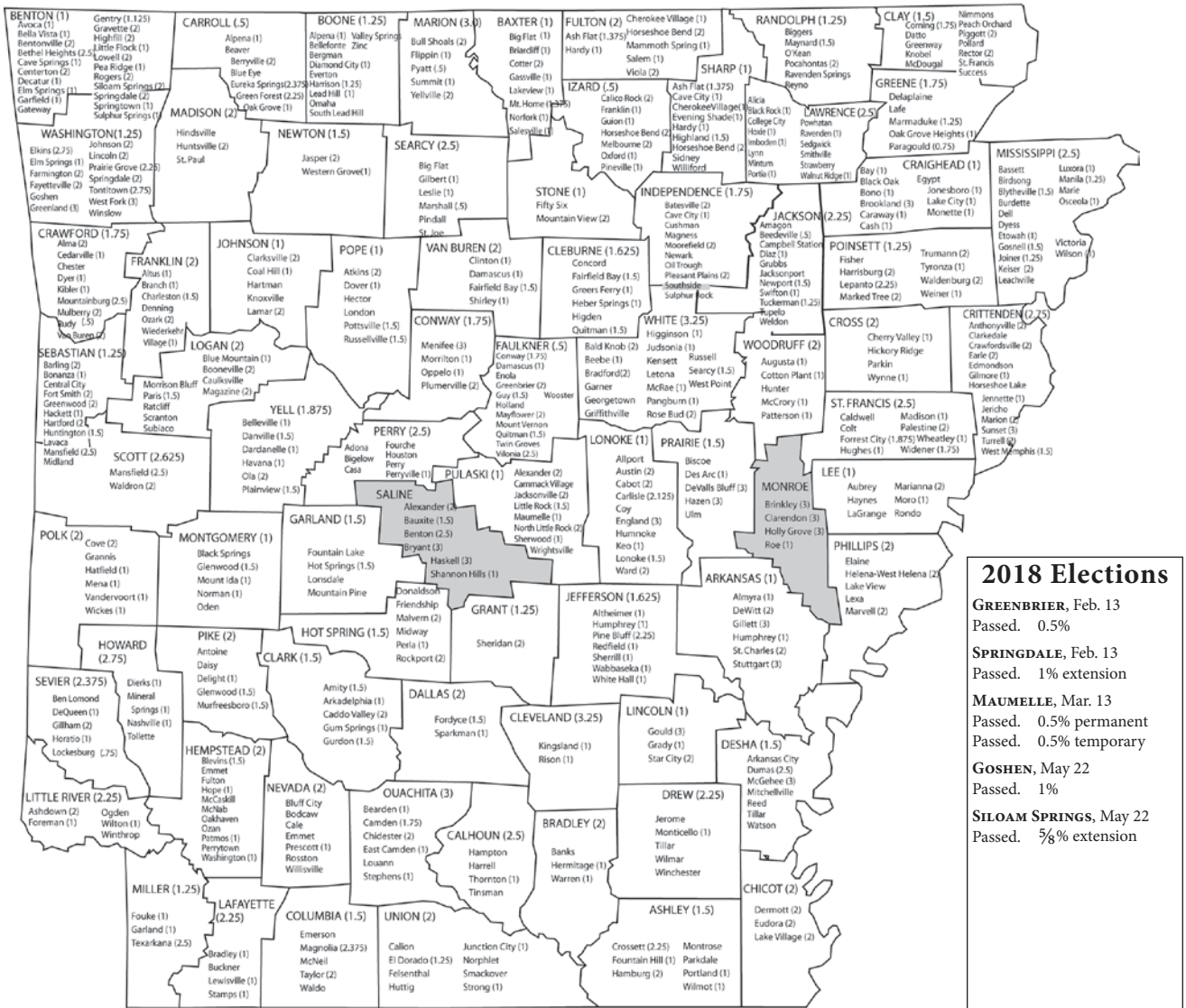
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January	\$5.3276	\$5.3807	\$0.3041	\$0.2314	\$2.1473	\$2.1460
February	\$5.5378	\$5.7121	\$0.1894	\$0.2181	\$1.0884	\$1.0867
March	\$4.7222	\$4.9583	\$0.3450	\$0.2452	\$1.0886	\$1.0870
April	\$5.3517	\$5.3609	\$0.3611	\$0.2342	\$1.0886	\$1.0854
May	\$5.4824	\$5.6871	\$0.2602	\$0.2369	\$1.0864	\$1.0859
June	\$5.5686		\$0.1858		\$1.0881	
July	\$5.5610		\$0.2628		\$2.9480	
August	\$5.5557		\$0.2711		\$0.9499	
September	\$5.4801		\$0.2230		\$1.0881	
October	\$5.5047		\$0.2508		\$1.0888	
November	\$5.1475		\$0.2377		\$1.0875	
December	\$5.1764		\$0.1561		\$1.0882	
Total Year	\$64.4157	\$27.0991	\$3.0472	\$1.1658	\$15.8379	\$6.4911

Actual Totals Per Month						
MONTH	STREET		SEVERANCE TAX		GENERAL	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
January	\$10,065,525.00	\$10,171,403.10	\$574,575.98	\$437,461.72	*\$4,056,819.92	*\$4,056,771.18
February	\$10,462,690.50	\$10,797,904.69	\$357,751.63	\$412,277.48	\$2,056,417.62	\$2,054,332.65
March	\$8,921,686.11	\$9,372,912.56	\$651,783.55	\$463,496.06	\$2,056,718.50	\$2,054,888.05
April	\$10,110,987.00	\$10,133,933.55	\$682,243.26	\$442,746.74	\$2,056,718.50	\$2,051,743.46
May	\$10,363,642.30	\$10,750,634.53	\$491,893.79	\$447,755.63	\$2,053,761.87	\$2,052,679.36
June	\$10,526,632.40		\$351,199.83		2,056,937.75	
July	\$10,512,280.90		\$496,864.92		** \$5,572,710.46	
August	\$10,502,217.40		\$512,555.17		\$1,795,649.71	
September	\$10,359,333.50		\$421,562.72		\$2,056,885.50	
October	\$10,405,765.80		\$474,027.01		\$2,058,156.39	
November	\$9,730,523.28		\$449,423.80		\$2,055,750.30	
December	\$9,785,275.08		\$295,172.64		\$2,056,989.97	
Total Year	\$121,746,559.27	\$51,226,788.43	\$5,759,054.30	\$1,313,235.26	\$29,933,516.49	\$12,270,414.70

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** Includes \$3,515,747.46 supplemental for July 2017

Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



KEY: Counties not collecting sales tax

Source: Rachel Garrett, Office of State Treasurer

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Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2018 with 2017 Comparison (shaded gray)								
Month	Municipal Tax		County Tax		Total Tax		Interest	
January	\$59,272,899	\$51,749,675	\$50,925,990	\$46,139,133	\$110,198,889	\$97,888,807	\$68,417	\$15,903
February	\$63,961,892	\$51,749,675	\$56,034,012	\$52,583,090	\$119,995,904	\$104,332,765	\$76,180	\$17,386
March	\$51,260,662	\$51,749,675	\$44,932,987	\$42,723,485	\$96,193,649	\$94,473,160	\$79,235	\$18,863
April	\$51,354,831	\$51,749,675	\$45,689,403	\$44,591,728	\$97,044,234	\$96,341,403	\$79,564	\$15,747
May	\$60,844,519	\$51,749,675	\$53,613,192	\$48,861,910	\$114,457,712	\$100,611,585	\$75,253	\$17,059
June		\$51,749,675		\$45,261,893		\$97,011,568		\$17,534
July		\$51,749,675		\$49,248,601		\$100,998,276		\$18,995
August		\$51,749,675		\$49,357,901		\$101,107,576		\$15,982
September		\$51,749,675		\$48,991,616		\$100,741,291		\$45,866
October		\$51,749,675		\$49,299,660		\$101,049,335		\$79,279
November		\$51,749,675		\$49,290,527		\$101,040,201		\$78,491
December		\$51,749,675		\$48,086,258		\$99,835,933		\$72,999
Total	\$286,694,804	\$51,749,675	\$251,195,584	\$574,435,802	\$537,890,388	\$1,195,431,899	\$378,649	\$414,105
Averages	\$57,338,961	\$51,749,675	\$50,239,117	\$47,869,650	\$107,578,078	\$99,619,325	\$75,730	\$34,509

May 2018 Municipal Levy Receipts and May 2018 Municipal/County Levy Receipts with 2017 Comparison (shaded gray)

CITY SALES AND USE	AMOUNT	LAST YEAR	Franklin	2,530.04	Mountainburg	14,015.18	12,374.08	Crossett	58,085.85	55,052.66
Alexander	79,823.97	80,061.96	Garfield	13,680.60	Mulberry	26,960.46	28,526.82	Fountain Hill	1,845.84	1,749.45
Alma	226,899.76	229,649.96	Garland	3,264.38	Murfreesboro	36,543.96	34,502.60	Hamburg	30,134.61	28,561.00
Almyra	3,426.88	4,195.37	Gassville	18,567.70	Nashville	127,368.04	132,188.00	Montrose	3,733.86	3,538.89
Alpena	5,417.05	6,008.90	Gentry	63,958.24	Newport	183,241.36	159,343.51	Parkdale	2,921.70	2,769.13
Altheimer	2,537.37	2,465.56	Gilbert	154.35	Norfolk	5,135.14	4,096.00	Portland	4,535.48	4,298.65
Altus	6,467.36	6,871.81	Gillett	12,043.06	Norman	4,482.06	2,165.36	Wilmot	5,801.20	5,498.26
Amity	13,466.17	10,664.39	Gillham	4,372.74	North Little Rock	2,958,468.64	1,501,385.68	Baxter County	355,866.20	330,761.95
Anthonyville	1,078.89	176.60	Gilmore	380.94	Oak Grove	1,150.76	1,456.18	Big Flat	1,543.69	1,434.80
Arkadelphia	189,142.90	169,318.45	Glenwood	72,081.89	Oak Grove Heights	6,408.67	5,493.50	Briarcliff	3,503.00	3,255.88
Ash Flat	99,958.02	90,824.94	Gosnell	14,656.06	Ola	17,667.48	15,619.91	Cotter	14,397.92	13,382.24
Ashdown	149,296.63	144,142.57	Gould	13,220.01	Oppelo	4,304.42	3,683.92	Gassville	30,844.21	28,668.34
Atkins	65,178.34	58,625.37	Grady	3,891.93	Osceola	93,676.85	92,634.85	Lakeview	10,998.83	10,222.92
Augusta	27,551.85	28,258.27	Gravette	86,363.88	Oxford	1,693.88	1,583.48	Mountain Home	184,768.40	171,734.09
Austin	37,017.76	34,214.59	Green Forest	100,247.75	Ozark	174,778.34	175,049.42	Norfork	7,584.89	7,049.82
Avoca	6,811.35	7,953.04	Greenbrier	189,208.61	Palestine	25,954.87	23,895.37	Salesville	6,679.45	6,208.25
Bald Knob	55,864.36	19,422.47	Greenland	30,467.80	Pangburn	8,535.78	7,980.70	Benton County	846,937.95	755,063.30
Barling	52,231.69	47,586.83	Greenwood	222,321.03	Paragould	354,596.15	305,590.70	Avoca	9,728.73	8,673.37
Batesville	664,891.32	624,930.03	Greers Ferry	20,069.05	Paris	81,855.80	72,070.85	Bella Vista	528,820.37	471,454.68
Bauxite	13,118.92	13,598.33	Guion	6,349.51	Patmos	612.56	91.19	Bentonville	703,758.12	627,415.43
Bay	9,724.05	10,600.23	Gum Springs	222.46	Patterson	1,025.62	1,257.66	Bethel Heights	47,288.02	42,158.28
Bearden	13,620.83	11,914.85	Gurdon	23,479.88	Pea Ridge	58,219.27	55,295.26	Cave Springs	38,496.27	34,320.25
Beebe	137,777.29	125,423.78	Guy	6,686.88	Perla	3,437.56	4,841.48	Centerton	189,690.34	169,112.99
Beedeville	177.46	125.80	Hackett	5,860.73	Perryville	22,645.09	21,921.35	Decatur	33,871.14	30,196.84
Bella Vista	202,301.06	176,586.41	Hamburg	58,307.61	Piggott	69,641.56	69,371.50	Elm Springs	2,731.22	2,434.94
Belleville	2,443.72	2,053.04	Hardy	20,763.85	Pine Bluff	1,469,128.33	1,024,471.57	Garfield	10,007.83	8,922.20
Benton	1,577,637.50	1,435,857.77	Harrisburg	65,937.31	Pineville	1,829.08	1,829.78	Gateway	8,074.05	7,198.19
Bentonville	2,599,834.43	2,206,667.19	Harrison	505,560.47	Plainview	5,253.54	3,826.22	Gentry	68,250.55	60,873.57
Berryville	258,028.18	254,554.85	Hartford	4,141.89	Pleasant Plains	9,931.37	NA	Gravette	62,060.54	55,328.30
Bethel Heights	109,930.83	100,386.86	Haskell	41,838.61	Plumerville	11,732.69	12,789.85	Highfill	11,622.64	10,361.84
Big Flat	407.05	319.67	Hatfield	4,320.27	Pocahontas	272,009.65	247,026.54	Little Flock	51,554.37	45,943.99
Black Rock	14,811.35	8,265.25	Haven	3,710.31	Portia	2,575.84	2,551.61	Lowell	146,070.53	130,225.00
Blains	3,751.66	1,918.11	Hazen	59,516.41	Portland	6,394.65	5,743.74	Pea Ridge	95,572.83	85,205.22
Blue Mountain	131.52	194.14	Heber Springs	153,145.84	Portsville	28,138.72	25,439.17	Rogers	1,115,694.19	994,665.22
Blytheville	399,781.48	257,202.62	Helena-West Helena	256,619.19	Prairie Grove	104,387.98	88,000.98	Siloam Springs	299,816.39	267,292.73
Bonanza	8,873.09	2,239.95	Hermitage	6,115.43	Prescott	64,873.00	57,064.72	Springdale	130,620.19	116,450.69
Bono	17,101.96	15,195.13	Higginson	1,615.39	Pyatt	928.13	553.95	Springtown	1,734.43	1,546.28
Booneville	122,374.02	109,912.88	Highfill	65,591.35	Quitman	22,617.33	22,438.93	Sulphur Springs	10,187.26	9,082.18
Bradford	13,343.22	13,026.69	Highland	29,128.17	Ravenden	3,179.28	2,749.10	Boone County	453,200.81	401,878.87
Bradley	2,700.33	2,299.36	Holly Grove	7,411.58	Rector	26,678.51	29,136.30	Alpena	4,782.25	4,240.69
Branch	2,143.44	1,953.52	Hope	198,845.18	Redfield	29,237.58	18,072.12	Bellefonte	6,806.09	6,035.34
Briarcliff	1,314.95	1,861.94	Horatio	6,705.88	Rison	15,397.10	15,426.78	Bergman	6,581.22	5,835.94
Brinkley	168,331.48	109,291.39	Horseshoe Bend	24,539.12	Rockport	13,976.13	10,738.27	Diamond City	11,723.26	10,395.68
Brookland	50,301.51	63,157.16	Hot Springs	1,947,312.06	Roe	542.75	564.16	Everton	1,993.85	1,768.06
Bryant	1,245,251.86	1,129,225.04	Hoxie	19,289.98	Rogers	3,300,275.95	3,065,906.36	Harrison	194,033.49	172,060.51
Bull Shoals	30,997.67	14,530.95	Hughes	7,124.37	Rose Bud	22,462.40	23,448.92	Lead Hill	4,062.67	3,602.60
Cabot	827,472.68	754,288.31	Humphrey	2,150.45	Rudy	10,302.78	10,545.36	Omaha	2,533.54	2,246.64
Caddo Valley	54,683.78	53,311.46	Huntington	3,502.60	Russellville	1,158,181.53	1,107,726.48	South Lead Hill	1,529.12	1,355.96
Calico Rock	30,893.02	24,438.52	Huntsville	129,785.87	Salem	25,321.83	21,875.29	Valley Springs	2,743.42	2,432.75
Camden	335,793.45	318,816.48	Imboden	9,458.53	Salesville	4,294.81	3,836.82	Zinc	1,544.12	1,369.25
Caraway	6,259.82	4,949.84	Jacksonville	697,804.20	Searcy	885,020.90	813,844.87	Bradley County	145,407.41	134,282.80
Carlisle	59,456.96	50,551.53	Jasper	29,587.02	Shannon Hills	13,578.13	11,628.77	Banks	1,122.77	1,036.86
Cash	2,451.08	2,086.63	Jennette	169.92	Sheridan	221,952.79	189,517.61	Hermitage	7,515.30	6,940.33
Cave City	19,657.79	18,972.03	Johnson	60,791.69	Sherrill	897.78	995.69	Warren	54,354.60	50,196.12
Cave Springs	37,427.74	27,517.59	Joiner	4,445.05	Sherwood	461,184.62	433,906.93	Calhoun County	134,679.03	101,912.58
Cedarville	9,016.56	NA	Jonesboro	1,556,904.69	Shirley	2,414.49	2,862.79	Hampton	38,174.92	28,887.22
Centerton	221,029.78	198,512.61	Judsonia	11,200.55	Siloam Springs	686,516.23	673,013.52	Harrell	7,323.58	5,541.80
Charleston	29,338.92	30,367.04	Junction City	6,479.18	Sparkman	4,138.01	2,853.26	Thornton	11,735.04	8,879.98
Cherokee Village	18,011.68	15,854.36	Keiser	6,070.68	Springdale	2,583,781.88	2,449,717.17	Tinsman	1,556.99	1,178.20
Cherry Valley	4,507.72	4,666.28	Keo	3,024.73	Springtown	249.46	564.70	Carroll County	178,127.05	171,626.97
Chidester	2,958.18	2,592.58	Kibler	3,057.11	St. Charles	1,480.30	1,153.65	Beaver	625.10	628.30
Clarendon	43,240.63	44,228.03	Kingsland	2,239.06	Stamps	15,029.93	13,778.06	Blue Eye	195.63	188.49
Clarksville	392,276.14	382,529.41	Lake City	12,169.67	Star City	80,215.95	78,545.59	Chicot County	114,947.36	118,507.24
Clinton	89,127.11	88,864.61	Lake Village	70,766.57	Stephens	6,743.49	5,113.93	Dermott	20,929.16	21,577.33
Coal Hill	4,899.60	4,442.32	Lakeview	4,067.02	Strong	10,899.81	9,931.25	Eudora	16,437.61	16,946.68
Conway	2,096,098.83	2,093,808.83	Lamar	22,676.63	Stuttgart	613,692.46	517,669.48	Lake Village	18,654.40	19,232.12
Corning	85,190.40	80,519.13	Lead Hill	6,169.60	Sulphur Springs	2,593.36	1,362.42	Clark County	438,891.70	407,174.77
Cotter	14,171.03	12,891.37	Lepanto	27,784.60	Summit	2,718.23	4,184.14	Clay County	99,727.75	91,738.12
Cotton Plant	1,681.03	1,453.44	Leslie	4,537.07	Sunset	3,484.99	2,363.96	Corning	26,917.76	24,762.18
Cove	13,375.72	12,885.28	Lewisville	8,470.03	Swifton	4,821.96	3,542.40	Datto	1,195.68	1,099.89
Crawfordsville	13,890.85	8,956.65	Lincoln	43,679.40	Taylor	8,628.89	9,611.93	Greenway	2,498.97	2,298.77
Crossett	319,834.00	296,038.25	Little Rock	3,295.57	Texarkana	402,110.88	385,096.46	Knobel	3,431.61	3,156.69
Damascus	8,347.41	6,138.59	Little Flock	6,685,647.47	Texarkana Special	203,522.33	189,683.65	McDougal	2,223.96	2,045.79
Darville	44,156.95	39,335.73	Lockesburg	5,432.27	Thornton	1,222.86	985.84	Nimmons	825.02	758.92
Dardanelle	162,503.28	164,270.48	Lonoke	123,585.12	Tontitown	205,330.09	136,422.86	Peach Orchard	1,614.17	1,484.85
Decatur	23,152.29	22,122.10	Lowell	328,599.04	Trumann	175,260.12	155,473.47	Piggott	30,681.17	28,223.17
Delight	5,709.44	4,497.52	Luxora	2,577.07	Tuckerman	11,598.23	12,590.56	Pollard	2,654.41	2,441.76
De Queen	123,845.38	114,758.52	Madison	1,448.89	Turrell	4,307.72	3,881.19	Rector	15,579.07	14,496.54
Dermott	24,199.80	24,568.94	Magazine	10,696.34	Tyrone	3,398.36	2,994.03	St. Francis	2,989.20	2,749.72
Des Arc	21,398.92	18,975.38	Magnolia	518,485.50	Van Buren	703,826.90	653,559.11	Success	1,781.57	1,638.84
DeValls Bluff	13,073.80	14,913.23	Malvern	349,112.54	Vandervoort	886.77	445.14	Cleburne County	404,412.91	356,419.70
DeWitt	115,055.23	177,897.73	Mammoth Spring	8,855.93	Vilonia	100,498.38	86,388.23	Concord	3,002.37	2,646.07
Diamond City	2,634.74	2,603.20	Manila	35,202.44	Viola	7,254.70	5,783.31	Fairfield Bay	2,251.78	1,984.55
Diaz	23,874.35	2,755.05	Mansfield	39,755.06	Wabbaseka	1,059.12	737.19	Greers Ferry	10,963.58	9,662.49
Dierks	16,920.01	20,537.28	Marianna	76,326.56	Waldenburn	7,467.91	7,575.27	Heber Springs	88,163.95	77,701.20
Dover	23,314.53	20,375.24	Marion	266,484.16	Waldron	84,404.12	98,539.16	Higden	1,476.58	

Egypt	1,917.98	1,946.16	Cushman	6,311.19	5,903.42	Birdsong	522.19	489.85	Mansfield	6,890.42	7,423.24
Jonesboro	1,151,865.93	1,168,792.65	Magness	2,820.49	2,638.25	Blytheville	198,939.96	186,619.57	Waldron	27,561.70	29,692.97
Lake City	35,653.85	36,177.78	Moorefield	1,912.91	1,789.31	Burdette	2,432.62	2,281.97	Searcy County	66,174.58	41,811.83
Monette	25,704.33	26,082.37	Newark	16,420.27	15,359.35	Dell	2,840.18	2,664.29	Big Flat	6.47	6.83
Crawford County	757,513.83	729,277.46	Oil Trough	3,630.33	3,395.77	Dyess	5,221.86	4,898.47	Gilbert	181.24	191.11
Alma	55,128.35	53,073.44	Pleasant Plains	4,873.02	4,558.17	Etowah	4,192.42	4,193.56	Leslie	2,854.50	3,009.96
Cedarville	14,181.38	13,652.77	Southside	54,468.95	50,949.67	Gosnell	45,188.15	42,389.64	Marshall	8,770.63	9,248.29
Chester	1,617.53	1,557.24	Sulphur Rock	5,637.05	5,955.67	Joiner	7,336.07	6,881.75	Pindall	724.95	764.43
Dyer	8,911.69	8,579.50	Izard County	50,157.94	46,238.91	Keiser	9,666.80	9,068.13	St. Joe	854.41	900.94
Kibler	9,776.41	9,411.99	Jackson County	313,959.33	263,878.90	Leachville	25,383.31	23,811.32	Sebastian County	869,677.52	860,968.68
Mountaintop	6,419.26	6,179.99	Amagon	1,126.07	946.45	Luxora	15,003.28	14,074.13	Barling	79,484.36	78,688.41
Mulberry	16,836.58	16,209.00	Beedeville	1,229.49	1,033.37	Manila	42,564.49	39,928.46	Bonanza	9,830.82	9,732.38
Rudy	620.56	597.43	Campbell Station	2,930.09	2,462.71	Marie	1,069.84	1,003.59	Central City	8,582.74	8,496.79
Van Buren	231,856.49	223,214.02	Diaz	15,144.55	12,728.81	Osceola	98,794.96	92,675.96	Fort Smith	1,473,922.75	1,459,163.08
Crittenden County	1,460,930.23	1,338,331.56	Grubbs	4,435.35	3,727.86	Victoria	471.24	442.06	Greenwood	153,053.12	151,520.47
Anthonyville	1,186.03	1,086.50	Jacksonport	2,436.00	2,047.43	Wilson	11,500.82	10,788.57	Hackett	13,882.83	13,743.81
Clarkedale	2,733.02	2,503.67	Newport	90,534.09	76,092.77	Monroe County	NA	NA	Hartford	10,976.33	10,866.41
Crawfordsville	3,528.62	3,232.50	Swifton	9,169.46	7,706.82	Montgomery County	47,208.01	43,294.52	Huntington	10,856.65	10,747.93
Earle	17,783.06	16,290.74	Tuckerman	21,395.41	17,982.58	Black Springs	610.13	559.55	Lavaca	39,135.23	38,743.34
Edmondson	3,145.55	2,881.59	White Hall	2,068.30	1,738.38	Tupelo	258.84	237.39	Mansfield	12,361.19	12,327.41
Gilmore	1,743.69	1,597.36	Weldon	861.81	724.31	Mount Ida	6,631.31	6,081.58	Midland	5,556.55	5,500.91
Horseshoe Lake	2,151.06	1,970.55	Jefferson County	789,686.63	736,505.17	Norman	2,329.59	2,136.47	Sevier County	313,612.10	288,794.27
Jennette	762.44	698.46	Alzheimer	11,377.89	10,611.65	Oden	1,429.80	1,311.26	Ben Lomond	1,428.61	1,315.56
Jericho	876.63	803.06	Humphrey	3,561.37	3,321.53	Nevada County	122,220.09	110,313.48	De Queen	64,967.31	59,826.10
Marion	90,941.14	83,309.53	Pine Bluff	567,541.69	529,320.59	Bluff City	1,125.20	1,015.58	Gilham	1,576.40	1,451.65
Sunset	1,312.73	1,202.57	Redfield	14,997.08	13,987.10	Bodcaw	1,252.24	1,130.24	Horatio	10,286.00	9,472.01
Turrell	4,077.43	3,735.26	Sherrill	971.28	905.87	Cale	716.86	647.02	Lockesburg	7,280.99	6,704.81
West Memphis	193,337.42	177,112.88	Wabbaseka	2,948.54	2,749.97	Emmet	4,310.23	3,890.33	Sharp County	85,639.98	76,482.31
Cross County	285,365.08	262,894.77	White Hall	63,896.58	59,593.45	Prescott	29,908.49	26,994.82	Ash Flat	10,243.77	9,148.38
Cherry Valley	7,329.76	6,752.59	Johnson County	127,242.72	124,018.32	Rosston	2,368.36	2,137.64	Cave City	18,208.82	16,261.71
Hickory Ridge	3,062.51	2,821.36	Clarksville	93,464.08	91,095.65	Willisville	1,379.27	1,244.91	Cherokee Village	40,536.05	36,201.44
Parkin	12,441.44	11,461.78	Coal Hill	10,305.69	10,044.54	Newton County	64,941.08	55,274.91	Evening Shade	4,515.62	4,032.75
Wynne	94,205.95	86,787.95	Hartman	5,285.23	5,151.30	Jasper	2,598.76	2,211.95	Hardy	7,630.56	6,814.61
Dallas County	146,849.21	142,778.43	Knoxville	7,444.13	7,255.49	Western Grove	2,141.46	1,822.72	Highland	10,923.20	9,755.16
Desha County	111,261.95	110,212.70	Lamar	16,344.50	15,930.33	Ouachita County	650,339.27	620,187.93	Horseshoe Bend	83.62	74.68
Arkansas City	4,306.00	4,265.40	Lafayette County	76,156.65	74,956.07	Bearden	9,981.53	9,518.76	Sidney	1,891.96	1,689.65
Dumas	55,366.26	54,844.14	Bradley	3,589.15	3,532.53	Camden	125,885.11	120,048.77	Williford	783.95	700.13
McGehee	49,636.69	48,149.67	Buckner	1,571.68	1,546.89	Chidester	2,986.19	2,847.75	St. Francis County	283,211.67	159,585.46
Mitchellville	4,235.41	4,195.47	Lewisville	7,315.47	7,200.05	East Camden	9,619.88	9,173.88	Caldwell	10,141.14	10,500.28
Reed	2,023.59	2,004.50	Stamps	9,675.86	9,523.18	Louann	1,694.59	1,616.02	Cott	6,906.94	7,151.54
Tillar	247.07	244.74	Lawrence County	315,587.29	295,367.53	Stephens	9,206.58	8,779.74	Forrest City	280,863.68	290,810.70
Watson	2,482.43	2,459.00	Alicia	851.53	796.97	Perry County	123,180.14	107,938.41	Hughes	26,330.40	27,262.92
Drew County	430,385.93	402,781.91	Black Rock	4,546.06	4,254.79	Adona	1,097.74	961.91	Madison	14,051.40	14,549.04
Jerome	537.00	502.56	Hoxie	19,090.71	17,867.56	Bigelow	1,654.48	1,449.76	Palestine	12,443.44	12,884.14
Monticello	130,352.60	121,992.06	Imboden	4,649.07	4,351.20	Casa	898.15	787.02	Wheatley	6,486.68	6,716.40
Tillar	2,808.91	2,628.75	Lynn	1,977.74	1,851.03	Fourche	325.64	285.35	Whener	4,988.32	5,165.02
Wilmar	7,036.04	6,584.76	Minturn	748.52	700.56	Houston	908.65	796.22	Stone County	87,827.97	84,659.13
Winchester	2,299.44	2,151.97	Portia	3,000.95	2,808.68	Perry	1,418.13	1,242.66	Fifty Six	1,603.95	1,546.08
Faulkner County	763,781.43	754,214.64	Powhatan	494.44	462.76	Perryville	7,668.39	6,719.54	Mountain View	25,477.81	24,558.57
Enola	2,325.71	2,296.58	Ravenden	3,227.57	3,020.77	Phillips County	111,204.08	113,977.47	Union County	571,273.57	513,136.86
Holland	3,832.60	3,784.59	Sedgwick	1,043.81	976.93	Elaine	12,448.39	12,758.84	Calion	16,654.47	14,959.59
Mount Vernon	997.71	985.22	Smithville	535.64	501.32	Helena-West Helena	197,257.14	202,176.68	El Dorado	709,127.80	636,962.08
Twin Groves	2,305.06	2,276.19	Strawberry	2,073.88	1,941.01	Lake View	8,670.80	8,887.06	Felsenthal	4,080.89	3,665.59
Wooster	5,917.49	5,843.36	Walnut Ridge	3,676.91	3,430.30	Lexa	5,597.86	5,737.47	Huttig	22,826.82	20,503.81
Franklin County	234,156.60	252,055.61	Lee County	33,725.70	30,884.33	Marvell	23,213.50	23,792.45	Junction City	20,361.68	18,289.53
Altus	7,274.31	9,875.08	Aubrey	1,045.09	957.04	Pike County	171,134.76	164,344.26	Norphlet	25,690.93	23,076.44
Branch	3,521.99	4,781.21	Haynes	922.14	844.45	Antoine	1,097.50	1,053.95	Smackover	67,589.75	60,711.36
Charleston	24,202.91	32,856.14	LaGrange	547.14	501.04	Daisy	1,078.71	1,035.93	Strong	19,230.90	17,273.83
Denning	4,352.64	6,136.10	Marianna	25,297.35	23,166.06	Delight	2,617.11	2,513.27	Van Buren County	283,527.42	296,646.63
Ozark	35,354.29	47,994.46	Moro	1,327.88	1,216.01	Glenwood	20,505.41	19,691.76	Clinton	25,185.66	26,351.04
Wiederkehr Village	364.67	495.07	Rondo	2,127.22	1,114.67	Murfreesboro	15,393.13	14,782.33	Damascus	2,419.84	2,531.81
Fulton County	115,346.79	99,083.28	Lincoln County	56,879.94	51,769.01	Poinsett County	137,774.22	117,466.89	Fairfield Bay	20,858.99	21,824.17
Ash Flat	456.34	392.00	Gould	4,502.41	4,097.85	Fisher	2,060.64	1,756.91	Shirley	2,816.69	2,947.02
Cherokee Village	3,547.85	3,047.61	Grady	2,415.27	2,198.25	Harrisburg	21,271.74	18,136.37	Washington County	1,576,675.50	1,464,030.54
Hardy	187.91	161.41	Star City	12,232.36	11,133.23	Lepanto	17,492.35	14,914.05	Elkins	47,381.01	43,995.89
Horseshoe Bend	76.06	65.33	Little River County	235,131.30	173,923.51	Marked Tree	23,711.24	20,216.30	Elm Springs	31,420.34	29,175.52
Mammoth Spring	4,371.05	3,754.75	Ashdown	47,961.01	35,476.12	Trumann	67,412.02	57,481.74	Farmington	106,893.56	99,256.59
Salem	7,314.91	6,283.53	Foreman	10,266.48	7,593.98	Tyrone	7,041.30	6,003.44	Fayetteville	1,316,576.50	1,222,514.20
Viola	1,507.72	1,295.15	Ogden	1,827.86	1,352.04	Waldenburg	563.67	480.59	Goshen	19,163.54	17,794.41
Garland County	2,393,235.71	1,194,301.40	Wilton	3,797.89	2,809.25	Weiner	6,616.24	5,641.04	Greenland	23,153.71	21,499.50
Fountain Lake	8,124.83	7,549.34	Winthrop	1,949.71	1,442.18	Polk County	265,198.14	249,164.19	Johnson	60,013.56	55,725.91
Hot Springs	243,627.12	226,370.95	Logan County	318,708.91	281,440.70	Cove	7,954.90	7,473.94	Lincoln	40,241.65	37,366.60
Lonsdale	1,518.35	1,410.81	Blue Mountain	1,131.14	998.87	Grannis	11,536.70	10,839.18	Prairie Grove	79,194.99	73,536.94
Mountain Pine	12,437.62	11,556.66	Booneville	36,397.29	32,141.18	Hatfield	8,600.46	8,080.48	Springdale	1,148,649.47	1,066,584.66
Grant County	212,679.38	179,535.02	Caulksville	1,943.01	1,715.81	Metta	119,469.32	112,246.17	Tontitown	44,017.10	40,872.32
Greene County	646,679.34	506,580.65	Magazine	7,726.44	6,822.95	Vandervoort	1,811.72	1,702.18	West Fork	41,458.38	38,496.40
Delaplaine	1,668.09	1,306.71	Morrison Bluff	583.82	515.55	Wickes	15,701.56	14,752.25	Winslow	6,996.21	6,496.38
Lafe	6,586.08	5,159.25	Paris	32,219.36	28,451.79	Pope County	391,484.10	374,762.85	White County	1,200,539.35	887,210.99
Marmaduke	15,976.27	12,515.12	Ratcliff	1,842.67	1,627.20	Atkins	47,016.13	45,007.95	Bald Knob	37,113.31	34,526.42
Oak Grove Heights	12,783.89	10,014.35	Scranton	2,043.36	1,804.42	Dover	21,481.51	20,563.98	Beebe	93,712.07	87,180.10
Paragould	735,506.99	294,155.94	Subiaco	5,217.86	4,607.69	Hector	7,015.01	6,715.38	Bradford	9,723.51	9,045.76
Hempstead County	391,907.42	378,185.25	Lonoke County	296,505.24	267,940.17	London	16,196.87	15,505.06	Garner	3,638.31	3,384.71
Blevins	3,659.32	3,531.19	Allport	1,198.95	1,083.44	Pottsville	44,241.30	42,351.65	Georgetown	1,588.56	1,477.83
Emmet	499.53	482.04	Austin	21,247.46	19,200.49	Russellville	435,242.15	416,651.88	Griffithville	2,882.46	2,681.55
Fulton	2,335.00	2,253.24	Cabot	247,880.05	223,999.49	Prairie County	65,736.10	106,613.83	Higginson	7,955.60	7,401.07
Hope	117,272.51	113,166.36	Carlisle	23,082.37	20,858.63	Biscoe	2,731.64	4,430.29	Judsonia	25,865.30	24,062.42
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U.S. Treasury OKs Opportunity Zones for Arkansas

The U.S. Treasury Department has approved the nominations for Arkansas's 85 Opportunity Zones, a program that Congress established in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced the news May 18.

"Treasury's approval means that some of our communities that are struggling economically will have the chance to enjoy the new opportunities that come with fresh thinking and new investment," Hutchinson said. "This money is a down-payment on a better quality of life for many Arkansans."

Opportunity Zones is an incentive program that allows private investors to defer payment of taxes on capital gains on profits they earn on investments in the certified zones. They must invest the money through a corporation or partnership that was organized for the specific purpose of investing in Opportunity Zones.

The investor's fund must hold at least 90 percent of its assets in qualifying property. The eligible zones are based on U.S. Census tracts, and governors of each state were allowed to nominate up to 25 percent of eligible tracts.

Arkansas has 337 qualified tracts, and Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) officials said the nominations were based on the potential to attract investment and the likelihood of economic success.

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission will work closely with communities to find the right investment opportunities, AEDC Executive Director Mike Preston said. The next step in the process is for the IRS to issue the rules and regulations.


Forestry Commission offers new grant

The Arkansas Forestry Commission has announced a new sub-grant program for urban forest projects in Arkansas cities and towns.

The grant application period is May 18–July 20, 2018. The project completion and reimbursement documentation deadline is April 30, 2019.

Example project types:


- Parking lot improvements for stormwater runoff.
- Tree friendly streets.
- Park improvements.
- Improving tree health.
- Greenway development and planning/urban stream restoration.
- Supplies such as tree planting/pruning tools, watering tanks, or software.
- Publications and communication.
- Training and education.

For more information about this new grant opportunity, contact Krista Quinn, Arkansas Forestry Commission urban forestry partnership coordinator, at (479) 228-7929, or email krista.quinn@arkansas.gov. 

Obituaries

GENE EDWIN DEAREN, Sr., 78, who served as mayor of Imboden from 1986 to 2014, died March 22.

RAY JACKS, 90, who joined the Pine Bluff Fire Department in 1949 and served as its chief from 1972 until his retirement in 1999, died May 15.

LARRY WAYNE MYRICK, 71, mayor of Delaplaine, died April 10. 

Changes to the Directory, Arkansas Municipal Officials

Submit changes to Whitnee Bullerwell, wvb@arml.org.

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Delete M Jordan Sullivan
Add /A/M Thomas O'Dell

Banks

Delete M Terry Adams
Add /A/M Keeton Hudson
Delete CM Keeton Hudson
Add CM (Vacant)

Cale

Delete CM (Vacant)
Add CM Patti Roberts
Delete CM (Vacant)
Add CM Donna Burr

Delaplaine

Delete M Larry Myrick
Add /A/M Eli Murray
Delete R/T (Vacant)
Add /A/R/T Chuck Murray

Gosnell

Delete CEO Darryl Grissom
Add CEO Keith Hill

Hartford

Delete M Roy Shankle
Add /A/M Judy Adair
Delete R/T Judy Adair
Add R/T (Vacant)

Highfill

Delete CM Roger Hill
Add CM David Williamson
Delete CM (Vacant)
Add CM Chris Holland

Jacksonville

Delete PC (Vacant)
Add PC John Franklin

Mansfield

Delete CM Buddy Black
Add CM Jan Carlton

McCroary

Delete PC Paul Hatch
Add PC Brad Bevills
Delete CM Stephen Hilsdon
Add CM Don Lupton
Delete CM Bob Briley
Add CM Shawn Peebles

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Crabtree wraps term as SMC chair



Pea Ridge Mayor Jackie Crabtree recently completed a yearlong term as chair of the Southern Municipal Conference (SMC), a network of the state municipal leagues of 13 southern states. He concluded his term at the SMC's annual Leadership Summit, held this year April 25-27 in Oxford, Miss.

SMC member leagues include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Most of the work he was involved in as chair this past year was administrative in nature, Crabtree said, as the SMC has moved its home base from the Virginia Municipal League in Richmond, Va., to the Kentucky League of Cities in Lexington, Ky. The leadership also amended its bylaws during the annual meeting.

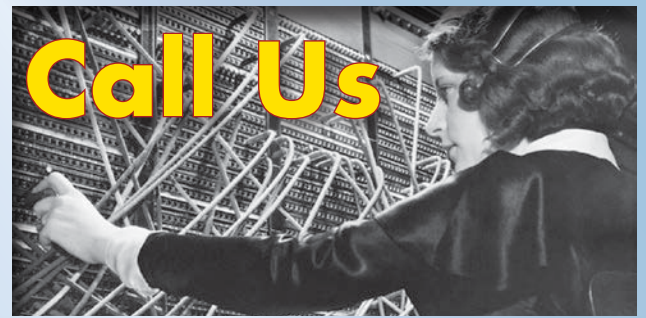
The SMC's move to Kentucky was brought on initially by some personnel changes at the Virginia league, but that led the organization's leadership to consider a new strategy moving forward, Crabtree said.

"What we're going to be doing is, every few years take a look at which league is doing the administrative work and then spread that around so we don't burden one league with that for so long," he said.

Crabtree plans to continue his work with the SMC as the immediate past chair and member of the executive committee.

Moving forward, one of the key priorities of the SMC is to keep good working relationships with state legislatures.

"That's been something that we've all dealt with over the past few years," Crabtree said. "It seems like more of our focus is going that way, keeping those relationships good and building on that." 🍷



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ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER—The City of Odessa, Texas, seeks an innovative and visionary assistant city manager to guide the city on the path to sustainable growth while preserving its unique heritage. It is crucial that the incoming assistant city manager has a thorough understanding of the regional economy and its impact on the city. Advanced financial and budget forecasting skills are required to ensure the city meets its fiduciary responsibilities, develops sustainable finance practices, and experiences the growth it desires. The selected candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Admin., Public Admin., Accounting, or a related field and have seven years of professional program and staff management experience in the public sector. Three to five years of experience as a city manager or assistant city manager and a Master's degree are preferred. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered. The City of Odessa offers a competitive salary depending on qualifications and experience. View complete position profile and apply online: <http://bit.ly/SGRCurrentSearches>. For more information: LarryGilley@GovernmentResource.com.

CERTIFIED POLICE OFFICER—The City Of Cotton Plant is accepting applications for F/T police officer. Contact the Cotton Plant Police Department or City Hall at (870) 459-2121 or wrylandcpmayor@gmail.com for application and job description. Applications for this position may also be picked up at the police station, 226 West Main Street, or City Hall 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F. Mail applications to the attention of Mayor Willard C. Ryland, P.O. Box 220, Cotton Plant, AR 72036. Open until filled. EOE.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR—Columbus, Kan., is seeking the services of a city administrator. The City of Columbus (www.columbuscityhall.com) has an annual budget of just over \$4.6 million, with 30 employees, and water, sewer and refuse utilities. The city administrator position has a salary range of \$80,000-\$90,000. A degree in Business or Government is required, with a Master's degree and experience in city government desired. A full benefit package will be included in the contract. Deadline for submission of resume is noon Friday, June 29. Resumes and cover letters must be submitted via email (PDF or Word attachment) to City Clerk Cheri Chancellor, at cityclerk@columbuscityhall.com.

CITY ENGINEER—The City of Jacksonville is accepting applications for a city engineer. Qualified candidates must be a PE. Responsible for, but not limited to, the following: Oversees the duties of the engineering department, including building permits, ensure compliance with federal, state and local regulations, analyzes and design drainage, streets and subdivisions, oversee compliance with ADEQ on municipal storm-water, handles floodplain administration, oversees the contracts for streets, drainage and city-owned buildings. A minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible experience in managing a professional engineering function is desired. Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing, with employees, consultants, other governmental agency representatives, city officials and the general public. Any equivalent combination of knowledge, skills, education and experience may be considered. Please submit a City of Jacksonville Application along with your resume or CV to: Jill Ross, Director of Human Resources; email jross@cityofjacksonville.net; fax- 501-982-4670; mail/hand deliver #1 Municipal Drive, Jacksonville, AR 72076. EOE.

CITY MANAGER—Coffeyville, Kan., seeks a city manager. Coffeyville is a city of the first class operating under a commission/city manager form of government. The commission is made up of five at-large members and a mayor selected from among the commissioners. A professional city manager administers the day-to-day operations of the city. The city seeks a forward thinking, innovative, and proactive municipal management professional with strong leadership skills to be its new city manager. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in economic development and the ability to forge strategic partnerships that promote sustainable growth. The selected candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree in Public Admin., Business Admin., or a closely related field and have seven years of experience in city government, with at least two years of city management experience. A Master's degree is preferred. The city manager is required to live within the city limits. The salary range for this position is \$120,000 to \$140,000 depending on qualifications and experience. Please apply online at: <http://bit.ly/SGRCurrentSearches>. For more information on this position contact GaryHolland@governmentresource.com, (405) 269-3445.

FIRE CHIEF—Heber Springs is accepting applications for the position of fire chief. Under the general direction of the mayor and the city council, the fire chief is responsible for managing and directing the day-to-day operations of the Fire Department and Planning and Zoning. The fire chief makes policy recommendations; prepares an annual budget; plans, directs, and reviews personnel activities; prepares reports for city officials and state and national organizations; initiates and advises on the development of ordinances and regulations pertaining to fire prevention and suppression; responds on call to emergency situations either as an observer or to command the situation. This is just a sample of the many things the fire chief is responsible for. Salary depends on experience and qualifications. Benefits include vacation, sick leave, paid holidays, LOPFI retirement, health insurance as well as dental, vision and life insurance. Apply in person at the City of Heber Springs Human Resource office, submit resume and cover letter to City of Heber

Spring, Attn: Human Resources, 1001 W. Main St., Heber Springs, AR 72543; or e-mail marthagarrett@suddenlinkmail.org.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR—The City of Helena-West Helena is accepting applications for landfill heavy equipment operators, a 40 hour per week position. Duties include but are not limited to the following: Operate and perform routine maintenance of heavy equipment (off-road dump truck, dozer, track hoe and compactor); perform basic to advanced tasks relating to individual projects in conjunction with the operation of a landfill; maintain accurate job-site records; perform other duties as may be assigned. Knowledge and skills required include but are not limited to the following: Operation and maintenance of heavy equipment (off-road dump truck, dozer, track hoe and compactor); familiar with landfill operation; possess good verbal and written communication skills; ability to maintain job-site records as required. The starting rate of pay is \$13 to \$15 per hour depending on experience and qualifications. Applications may be obtained and resumes submitted to the Human Resources Office, 226 Perry Street, Helena, AR 72342; email hr@helena-westhelena.us; phone (870) 817-7403; fax (870) 817-7474. EOE.

POLICE CHIEF—The City of Taylor is accepting applications for a full-time police chief. Salary range is from \$25,000 - \$38,000 DOQ. Apply in person or call Taylor City Hall at (870) 694-2051.

POLICE OFFICER—The City of Green Forest will be accepting applications for one full-time police officer/SRO. Arkansas Certification with 2 years or more experience preferred. Applications/resumes will be accepted through July 12. Applications can be picked up at the Green Forest City Hall, 203 S. Springfield, or GF Police Dept., 210 Tommy Ratzlaff Ave, Green Forest, AR; or mail resumes and references to City of Green Forest, ATTN: Sandra, PO Box 1510, Green Forest, AR 72638. If you have any questions please call (870) 438-5568/5517 or email sandra@greenforestar.net. EOE.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT—The City of Bryant is accepting applications for a Street Superintendent. The Street Superintendent is responsible for ensuring the safety and quality of the City's transportation roadways through asset management planning and by managing the construction, repair, maintenance, and replacement of street systems. The ideal candidate must be experienced in roadway heavy construction from the planning stages to construction completion. Minimum of 5 years related experience. For detailed position descriptions or to complete an application visit our website, www.cityofbryant.com. EOE.

UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT—Rogers Water Utilities seeks applicants for the position of utilities superintendent. This executive management position reports directly to a five-member Waterworks and Sewer Commission. Commissioners are appointed by the other members of the Commission with the approval of City Council. The Superintendent is responsible for the effective management and administration of all aspects of the Water delivery, Wastewater and Business operations. Administrative and management assignments include personnel, budgeting, planning, report writing, public relations, implementing and enforcing utility policies and procedures, regulatory compliance and other duties as assigned. In addition, the Utility Superintendent is responsible for continually evaluating the Utilities operation and making appropriate reports and recommendations to the Waterworks and Sewer Commission in order to ensure the entire organization operates at the highest practical level of efficiency. Salary: \$100,605 to \$113,180, DOQ. A City of Rogers employment application and a detailed resume must be submitted for consideration. Internal candidates may apply by resume only. Applications and the job description for this position are available on-line at www.rogersar.gov. Open until filled. EOE.

WATER/WASTEWATER PROFESSIONAL—The City of Humphrey is accepting applications for the position of a full-time water and wastewater professional. Class 2 license. Must have at least 3 years of related and responsible work experience. Applicant must successfully complete background investigation and pre-employment substance abuse testing. Interested applicants should submit city application and / or resume to Humphreycityhall15@yahoo.com or fax to (870) 873-4657. If you have any questions, please call City of Humphrey at (870) 873-4615.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT—The City of Hartman Water Department seeks a Water Superintendent. Must have Distribution 2 license, high school diploma or GED, at least 3 year water distribution experience, CDL Class A license, able to operate heavy equipment. Salary based on experience. Resume must be sent in by July 1. For more information call (479) 497-2070.

FOR SALE—The City of Rison is offering for sale a 2012 Chevrolet Impala police car. Photos available by email if desired, or visit cityofrison.com and click on for sale page. Asking \$4,500. Car is black in color with no damage and runs good. Vehicle can be viewed at Rison City Hall daily from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.



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