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ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE



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ON THE COVER—Cyclists, runners and people of all abilities have helped make the Arkansas River Trail one of the best and most-utilized attractions in Little Rock and North Little Rock. As our executive director points out in his monthly column, building amenities like fantastic trail systems is a fine example of local control in action, as are the expansion of high-speed broadband internet or incorporating solar arrays into our utility systems, both of which are featured in this issue. They will also be discussed during next month's Winter Conference, and we can't wait to see you there. It's still not too late to register, so see page 30 for information, and check out the tentative agenda starting on page 26.—atm

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Record retention 101

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Where did I read that?

The annual five-year *City & Town* and legal articles indexes will help you locate articles, columns and legal opinions that appeared in the magazine from 2015-2019.

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Dear friends and fellow public servants,

Now that we have "recovered" from the holidays and entered a new decade, we begin 2020 filled with hope and expectation for the opportunity it brings in Arkansas' cities and towns.

It doesn't matter where you live or the size of your hometown—we all want to make positive impacts in our communities. We set the table for it by passing 2020 budgets late last year, and in Jonesboro, our city council passed a resolution supporting a continuance of Arkansas' half-cent sales tax for highway funding. If you have not yet done the same, I encourage you to join the Arkansas Municipal League in its effort to help Gov. Asa Hutchinson keep this small tax in place.

Remember, it has not only the support of the governor and AML, but is backed by the state Chamber of Commerce, the

Arkansas Trucking Association and the Poultry Federation.



This also is a time, as we enter a new decade, in which we are working to ensure every Arkansan is counted in the fast-approaching census. As this will be the first census in the social media era, we must fight misinformation both as a state and as municipalities. Letters will be mailed out in March, and by April an army of census takers will be on our streets, tasked with counting every one of our residents to help ensure we receive our share of

roughly \$880 billion in federal funding for schools, roads and public services. We also are approaching our annual Winter Conference, which is slated for Feb. 12-14 at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. Our AML staff has produced a lively and significant agenda that will update us all on the latest laws, needs and concerns in municipal government.

Day one includes not only training for city clerks, recorders and treasurers, but also the

latest hot topic regarding legalized medical marijuana—how to properly detect and report

We will also have a presentation about using GIS in the census, active shooter training, the importance of maintaining home rule in our cities and towns, and other breakout sessions

Wishing you a Happy New Year in 2020,

Harold Perrin Mayor, Jonesboro President, Arkansas Municipal League

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Happy New Year! 2020 is gonna be great!

As we head into the new year I've been thinking about a few of the things that make cities and towns healthy, happy and safe places to live. Tree-lined streets and parks are wonderful. Bike and walking paths are safe, fun and healthy choices for transportation and exercise. Knowing that buildings are being constructed in a safe manner sure helps us all sleep well at night.

Trees—Christmas trees have now come and gone. Some are put on the curb for

efficient disposal by your friendly city crew. Others will be sunk in a local pond or lake for a fishing habitat.¹ And some will be chopped and ground into mulch. Such is the life cycle of a small spruce, fir or pine from Thanksgiving to New Year's.²

Bike Paths—In my day, we called them streets! Of course, when it's car versus bicycle, bicycle will lose every time. Thus, it's not a far jump to understand the basic safety benefit of a dedicated bike or walking path. Our state has some great ones. In central Arkansas for example you can bike from the League headquarters heading west along the Arkansas River to the Big Dam Bridge. From there, make the loop back to HQ! Head east over the bridge to downtown Little Rock, then back over the river to North Little Rock once more via the Broadway or Junction bridges. That's about 15 miles and some of the most picturesque scenery in Arkansas. It's a pretty darned good cardio workout, too!

Building and Safety Codes—If you've ever remodeled or built a home in a city or town you no doubt understand the process of pulling a permit, conducting inspections and obtaining certification for occupancy. Personally, I'm glad my home and those around me had to be built "according to code." I have a sense of security knowing that the best methods for safe construction were followed when my home was built. I feel the same about my mother's residence and my brother's, too.³

Here are some other facts:

- We all know trees scrub the air by removing carbon dioxide, and it is estimated that for every 10 percent of added urban tree canopy the ozone levels are reduced between 3 and 7 percent.⁴ And how about this: Studies have proven that one mature tree can produce the same cooling effect as 10 room-sized air conditioners.
- A 2006 study found that median home values in Minneapolis rose \$510 for every quarter mile they were located closer to an off-street bikeway. According to a 2003 study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "workplace physical activity programs can reduce short-term sick leave by 6 to 32 percent, reduce health care costs by 20 to 55 percent, and increase productivity by 2 to 52 percent."⁵ Riding a bike to work is sounding pretty good!
- "The adoption and enforcement of up-to-date building codes in new construction practices mitigates the risk of life and property loss from natural hazards and their effects."⁶ Building codes help conserve energy and provide consistent economic wellbeing to the community.⁷ A National Institute of Building Sciences report found that adopting the 2018 International Codes (I-Codes) generates a national benefit of \$11 for every \$1 invested and saves lives.⁸



¹ One of my sons loves this idea and remains irritated that we went to an artificial tree several years ago.

² I'm told by my local controller, the five-foot, four-inch brunette, that it's bad luck to leave the Christmas tree up past January 1. I always listen to her so down the tree comes on December 31.

³ And yes, my mother-in-law's home, too.

⁴ www.smartcitiesdive.com/ex/sustainablecitiescollective/why-we-need-trees-our-cities/1100050. I anticipate the League will have a more in-depth white paper on trees and cities in early February.

⁵ www.smartcitiesdive.com/ex/sustainablecitiescollective/7-reasons-fund-bicycle-infrastructure/268971.

 $^{6 \}qquad www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1902-25045-0991/building_codes_toolkit_faq.pdf.$

⁷ www.ijera.com/papers/Vol5_issue6/Part%20-%205/P56059495.pdf.

⁸ www.bdcnetwork.com/hazard-mitigation-provisions-codes-save-lives-and-protect-property.

"Okay Mark, we get it. Building codes make cities safer. Trees give cities and towns better air quality. And bikes make us healthy and happy. What's your point?"⁹ My point is pretty simple, really. Some cities regulate in these areas. That's local control. They decide whether they wish to ensure a certain level of tree canopy because they think their city will be physically and financially healthier. Bike paths are laid out to make that city or town more accessible and healthier. Building codes are used in many cities and towns to ensure economic consistency and good public health. All these things are local control at its finest. Local leaders making decisions for the betterment of that locality and its citizens. The voters will act when the actions of city or town officials don't reflect the desires of the citizens. There is no need for the state to dictate in these or many other areas. City and town officials are more than capable to keeping their communities in tip-top shape in 2020 and for every other year for that matter!

Until next month, peace.

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Mark R. Hayes Executive Director Arkansas Municipal League

9 My wife's and sons' reaction after reading the first part of my comments!



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Arkansas Municipal League's Certified Municipal Official/Certified Municipal Personnel Voluntary Certification Program

All municipal officials—mayors, city administrators, city managers, city directors, council members, city clerks, recorders, and treasurers; or department heads, managers, and other key personnel—are invited to participate in the new advanced voluntary certification program.

To become a Certified Municipal Official (CMO) or Certified Municipal Personnel (CMP), a participant must complete a combination of 15 core Level 1 hours, plus 6 continuing hours. Participants pursuing any and all levels of certification must obtain six hours of continuing education on an annual basis to maintain certification status.

For the first time, advanced level training will be offered to our members. The new advanced classes will include 15 hours of Advanced Level 2 training, 20 hours of Advanced Level 3 training, and 6 hours of Continuing Education. Please examine the class schedule below for a preview of the next two years.

Voluntary Certification Program

Level 1	Continuing Education	Advan	ced Level 2	Advanced Level 3
City Government 101	Various topics of interest to		ipal Finance 201	Personnel Management Technology/Cybersecurity
Municipal Finance 101 Human Resources	municipalities		er Preparedness 101 at the Local Level	Conflict Management Leadership 201 at the Local Level
15 hours	6 hours	1	5 hours	20 hours
	Voluntary Cei	rtification	Class Schedu	le
Even Yea	r 2020	Month	Oc	ld Year 2021
Municipal Fi (5 hours of Adva		January	City Gov't	nter Conference 101 (5 hours of Level 1) of Continuing Education)
Winter Conference (3 Hours of Continuing Education)		February	Personnel Management (5 hours of Advanced Level 3)	
Disaster Pre (5 hours of Adva	▲	March		logy/Cybersecurity of Advanced Level 3)
City Government 101	(5 hours of Level 1)	April	Planning & Zoning (5 hours of Continuing Education)	
Leadersh (5 hours of Adva	· · ·	May	Conflict Management (5 hours of Advanced Level 3)	
June Conv (3 Hours of Contin		June	June Convention (3 Hours of Continuing Education)	
		July		
		August		
Municipal Finance (5 hours of	÷	September	≜	Finance 101 Workshop ours of Level 1)
Human Resources (5	5 hours of Level 1)	October	Human Reso	urces (5 hours of Level 1)
MHBP/M	ILWCP	November	Leadership 201 (5 hours of Advanced Level 3)
		December		

Municipal Notes

Entergy awards Tyronza grant to help fire department

Tyronza will receive a \$2,500 Entergy Arkansas grant to buy new turnout gear for the city's firefighters, KAIT reported Dec. 19, 2019. The Poinsett County city received damage and injuries were reported after an EF-1 tornado touched down on Oct. 21 last year.

"The needs are many, but one that stood out to us was the Tyronza Fire Department and the need for additional personal protective equipment," Matt Faries, Entergy Arkansas customer service representative, told KAIT. "So we decided to donate \$2,500 to the department for the purchase of new turnout gear to help keep firefighters safe when they are fighting fires."

The grant will help the firefighters and the city as a whole, Tyronza Mayor Charles Glover said. "We really appreciate Entergy Arkansas for offering this much-needed support to the Tyronza Fire Department. Good protective gear can make the difference between triumph and tragedy in the life of a firefighter, so this money will be put to very good use," he said.

Time to levy property taxes

City and town councils may levy general property taxes of up to five mills on the dollar (Ark. Const. art. 12 § 4; A.C.A. §§ 26-25-102 and 103). In order to implement this millage, the governing body of the city or town must certify the rate of taxation levied to the county clerk. (A.C.A. § 26-73-202).

This must be done prior to the time fixed by law for the Quorum Court to levy county taxes. Id. Arkansas Code section 14-14-904(b) establishes the November or December meeting of the Quorum Court as the time to levy those taxes.

Accordingly, municipal officials should check with the Quorum Court to determine whether its levying meeting will be in November or December. It is important also to bear in mind that the city council must levy and certify its taxes annually, as failure to levy by the required date will result in a millage of zero for the following year (See Ark. Ops. Atty. Gen. No. 91-044 and 85-5).

The bottom line: If your city or town wishes to collect property taxes for the following year, make sure that council approval and certification to the county clerk occur prior to the meeting of the Quorum Court at which county taxes are levied.

2019 Act 833 Deadline for Arkansas Fire Departments

The 2019 Act 833 application period will open Jan. 1, 2020, and will close June 30, 2020.

Act 833 of 1992, "Funding for Fire Departments," is administered by the Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board and requires all Arkansas fire departments to become certified in order to be eligible for funding. Certification requirements include possession of a NFPA 1901-compliant fire suppression apparatus, a minimum of six active members with 16 hours of certified training and personal protective equipment for all active members.

New for 2019–Online application at the Arkansas Fire Portal arfire.arkansas.gov. To request log-in credentials contact your county LEMC/Fire Coordinator or State Fire Coordinator Louis Eckelhoff at 501-683-6781 or email louis.eckelhoff@adem.arkansas.gov.

Meeting Calendar

February 12–14, 2020, Arkansas Municipal League 2020 Winter Conference, Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock, AR

March 8-11, 2020, National League of Cities Congressional City Conference 2020, Washington, D.C.

June 17-19, 2020, Arkansas Municipal League 86th Convention, Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock, AR

Obituaries

THOMAS WAYNE BROWN SR., 70, a council member for the city of Elaine from 2011 to 2016, died Dec. 28, 2019.

Summaries of Attorney General Opinions

Recent opinions that affect municipal government in Arkansas

From the Office of Attorney General Leslie Rutledge

Interlocal law enforcement agreement approved for Texarkanas

Opinion: 2019-057

Requestor: George Mattheson, city attorney, Texarkana Request for review and approval of proposed interlocal cooperation agreement for mutual assistance in law enforcement between Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas. **RESPONSE:** Approved as submitted.

Agency can't raze absent agreement with city

Opinion: 2019-060

Requestor: Trent Garner, state senator

Can an urban renewal agency raze a structure which has been condemned by the city without first acquiring the structure? **RESPONSE:** In my opinion, the answer to your question likely turns on whether the urban renewal agency is somehow acting in concert with the city, as through some type of cooperative arrangement.

City salaries subject to disclosure under FOIA

Opinion: 2019-072

Requestor: Blake E. Pennington, assistant city attorney, Fayetteville

Is the decision of the custodian of records to release records listing the annual base salaries of employees of the City of Fayetteville in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, consistent with provisions of the FOIA? **RESPONSE:** "Yes," in my opinion. This office has consistently opined that the base salaries of public employees are, absent truly extraordinary circumstances, subject to disclosure under the FOIA.

To read full Attorney General opinions online, go to www.arkansasag.gov/arkansas-lawyer/opinions-department/ opinions-search.



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Cash Receipts State Revenues

Property Taxes

Franchise Fees

Sales Taxes

Transfers In

Expenditures

Supplies

Capital Outlay Debt Service

Transfers Out

Total Expenditures

Personal Services

Other Total Receipts

Balance January 1, 2019

The suggested FORM A is for use by cities of the first class, second class, and incorporated towns to comply with 14-59-116.

Form A (Cities of the first class, second class, and incorporated towns) Financial Statement January 1, 2019-Dec. 31, 2019 GENERAL FUND \$ \$ \$ \$ Fines, Forfeitures, and Costs \$ \$ \$ \$ Total General Fund Available \$ *Administrative Department: Other services and charges \$ \$ \$ Balance General Fund Dec. 31, 2019 \$_

	STREET FUND	
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	
Cash Receipts		
State Revenues	\$	
Property Taxes	\$	
Sales Taxes	\$	
Franchise Fees	\$	
Transfers In	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Street Receipts	\$	
Total Street Fund Available	\$	
Expenditures		
Personal Services	\$	
Supplies	\$	
Other services and charges	\$	
Capital Outlay	\$	
Debt service	\$	
Transfers out	\$	
Total Expenditures	\$	
Balance Street Fund Dec. 31, 2019	\$	
The classification of expenditures sl department, parks department, etc.		t, i.e., administrative, police department, fire
	INDEBTEDNESS	
Type of Debt	Amount	Date Last Payment Due
Property Tax Bonds	\$	
Short term financing obligations	\$	
Sales & Use Tax Bonds	\$	
Revenue Bonds	\$	
Lease Purchase Agreements	\$	
		Date Free of Debt
Total	\$	
All financial records for the Ci inspection during regular busin	ty ofA	are public records and are open for A.M. to P.M., Monday through Friday

[,] public y, at City Hall in _ _, Arkansas.

If the record is in active use or in storage and, therefore, not available at the time a citizen asks to examine it, the custodian shall certify this fact in writing to the applicant and set a date and hour within three (3) days at which time the record will be available for inspection and copying.

Municipalities must publish annual financial statement

he time is rapidly arriving for the annual reporting of each city and town's financial statement. Refer to the Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials, 2019-2020 ed., section 14-59-116 and section 14-237-113.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-59-116 provides that the governing body of each municipality shall publish annually in a newspaper published in the municipality a FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY by April 1 covering the previous calendar year (January through the end of December).

The financial statement should include the receipts and expenditures for the year. In addition, it should contain "a statement of the indebtedness and financial condition of the municipality."

Section 14-237-113 provides similar publication requirements for the operating authority of the WATER and SEWER DEPARTMENTS. Water and sewer departments administered by one or two commissions must comply with the law. If the water and sewer departments are administered by the city council, then it is the responsibility of the city council to comply with the statute.

What if no newspaper is published in the city or town? In that case, the statements may be posted in two public places in the municipality.

Suggested Forms A and B appear on these facing pages. For additional information, call the League at (501) 374-3484. You can buy a copy of the Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials at www.arml.org/store.

The suggested **FORM B** is for use by water and sewer departments to comply with 14-237-113.

	Forn	n B
City or Town of		
•	ncial Statement Janua	ry 1, 2019–Dec. 31, 2019
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTME	NTS	
Balance January 1, 2019	\$	
Cash Receipts		
Water Payments	\$	
Sewer Payments	\$	
Sanitation Funds	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Receipts	\$	
Total Funds Available	\$	
Expenditures		
Personal Services	\$	
Supplies	\$	
Other services and charges	\$	
Capital Outlay	\$	
Debt Service	\$	
Transfers Out	\$	
Total Expenditures	\$	
Balance Water and Sewer Fund Dec. 31, 2019	\$	
	INDEBTEDNESS	
Type of Debt	Amount	Date Last Payment Due
Short term financing obligations	\$	
Water Revenue Bonds	\$	
Sewer Revenue Bonds	\$	
		Date Free of Debt
Total	\$	
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Workshop provides broadband expansion updates

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

rkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson in May 2019 unveiled the state's broadband plan, Arkansas Rural Connect (ARC), which aims to expand high-speed internet access across the state by 2022. As the state begins to implement the \$25 million plan, about 200 local government leaders, utility company and cooperative representatives, and internet service providers gathered for a workshop Dec. 9 at the Arkansas Association of Counties' Little Rock headquarters to hear a progress report on the state's plan and learn about federal funding programs available to help expand broadband in underserved areas.

According to Nathan Smith, research director with the Arkansas Department of Commerce, the rules for ARC are currently being prepared for legislative review and they could undergo further revision. He encouraged local leaders and other stakeholders to take advantage of the public comment period to provide feedback. "I need to get them approved and actually start funding some projects, but we do want to do it right and we certainly want to hear from you," Smith said.

So far ARC has been funded at \$5.7 million, and the governor will soon request the remaining \$19.3 million. Even with the program fully funded at \$25 million, it won't be enough to reach every Arkansan, Smith said. "We want to have an impact. We want to create launching pads for expansion to all of Arkansas and at the end of the day we do want broadband for every Arkansan."

To achieve that will take the combined efforts of the state, federal programs, private investment and creative partnerships, he said. There are numerous federal grant opportunities for broadband expansion through the USDA and FCC, many of which are aimed at helping connect rural communities, and the state broadband office can help guide interested cities and towns, utility cooperatives and businesses in the right direction, Smith said.

The numerous federal funding programs available can seem overwhelming, but each is designed to meet certain community needs, said Bill Vogt, the USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) general field representative who serves Arkansas and surrounding southern states. "They may be confusing, but we can make our path through any of the chosen programs and pick the best one," he said. "There's more than one way to skin a cat."

While applications are being accepted and reviewed for USDA loans for electric and telecommunications infrastructure, the nearly \$700 million slated for the program hasn't been appropriated for the fiscal year. There's



From left, Arkansas Rural Internet Services' Mark Lundy, Aristotle's Elizabeth Bowles and Ozark Electric Cooperative's Mitchell Johnson participate in a panel discussion and share the challenges of deploying broadband in the state's rural areas.

also \$100 million in broadband funding for rural areas under the Farm Bill awaiting appropriation, Vogt said. He illustrated his point with a cash register metaphor, saying that the money is in the drawer but we can't yet push the button.

Representatives of three internet service providers that focus on the state's rural areas were on hand to share their progress in utilizing federal funding mechanisms to expand broadband to their customers. Hampton-based Arkansas Rural Internet Services, the result of a merger between Ouachita Electrical Cooperative and South Arkansas Telephone Company, has been able to utilize a \$20 million USDA-RUS loan to begin the process of establishing broadband service in south Arkansas. They've been able to reach about 1,000 customers to date, said company president Mark Lundy. Camden is the largest city in the service area, but most customers are more rural with many homes separated by 2 miles or more, he said.

In north Arkansas, Ozark Electric Cooperative through its broadband-focused subsidiary, OzarksGo—is in the third phrase of a six-phase deployment plan, said president and CEO Mitchell Johnson. They started construction of a 100-percent fiber network in 2016 and currently reach about 17,000 of its members with "triple-play service" that includes high-speed broadband internet, video service and phone service. OzarksGo has received \$23 million through the FCC's Connect America Fund (CAF) to help subsidize its continued expansion into harder-to-reach, high-cost areas. "We kind of have a unique service territory," he said. "About 50 percent are extremely rural, and about 50 percent are more urban. That's a unique challenge, but it's also a great opportunity for us."

Connecting to state and federal funding

Arkansas State Broadband Plan governor.arkansas.gov

Passed by the Arkansas legislature in 2019, Act 198 gives municipalities new options to deploy broadband locally. Following its passage, the governor announced a \$25 million state grant program dubbed Arkansas Rural Connect with the goal of expanding broadband access in rural Arkansas by 2022. The rules for the program are being determined now, and the period for public comment is open. Read the full plan at the governor's website.

USDA Rural Development www.rd.usda.gov

The USDA's Rural Development site is a clearinghouse of info on federal loan and loan guarantee programs aimed at expanding broadband in rural America. The USDA has loan programs available for local governments, nonprofits and co-ops, internet service providers, tribes and other groups that serve rural communities. Little Rock-based Aristotle started in 1995 as a dial-up internet provider and website designer and has evolved with the technology. They now provide broadband internet in central Arkansas over fixed wireless and fiber. Aristotle was recently awarded \$12.2 million in CAF funding to cover southeast Arkansas.

"Aristotle has been focused for some time on trying to get broadband into the Arkansas Delta, because that is the hardest hit and least served area of the state," said president and CEO Elizabeth Bowles. Several factors make expanding broadband difficult in the region, she said, including the sparsity of the population and the lack of existing infrastructure to build upon.

"There are entire holes in the southeast Delta where there is no fiber and there are barely any towers to provide any kind of broadband service," she said. "We have a mission to fix that."

Rather than deploying 100-percent fiber, Aristotle will be using a hybrid delivery method that involves laying fiber to a tower and then fixed wireless to reach the home. "This is going to enable us to serve more people more rapidly than if we were to do a full fiber deployment over the 18 counties that we have in the Delta," Bowles said.





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The Mayflower City Center was constructed on property that the city purchased in 2012 and will house the city council, courts, police department, an economic development office and an education space.

New city center gives Mayflower cause for celebration

By Ben Cline, League staff

he last decade hasn't given the city of Mayflower much to celebrate. In 2013, an Exxon Mobil Corporation pipeline ruptured in a residential neighborhood, releasing over 130,000 gallons of crude oil. In 2014, an EF-4 tornado cut a 41-mile trail of destruction through the area, and record flooding followed in 2015, 2016 and 2019. "It seems like they kept coming," said Mayor Randy Holland.

In the week leading up to Thanksgiving, however, the city did have a reason to celebrate. Dozens gathered to open the Mayflower City Center, a 6,825-square-foot building that will house the police headquarters, city council, courts and an economic development office. "It's the turning of a page for Mayflower," Holland said. "We always find a way to be strong. We find a way to stand back up and we show everybody that we can do it together. This building shows the heart of Mayflower.



Congressman French Hill and former governor Mike Beebe help Mayor Holland cut the ribbon on the City Center. Mayor Holland says that cutting the ribbon was "an accomplishment where we can say that we're moving Mayflower forward."



Mayor Randy Holland addresses the crowd during the ribbon cutting ceremony on Nov. 26. Congressman French Hill and former governor Mike Beebe attended the festivities.

Now that we have the heart, we can grow from the heart, and make this a beautiful town."

The funding for the building originated from an economic development grant after the 2014 tornado. Although intended to provide infrastructure improvements to spur economic growth along Interstate Drive, the project ran into a roadblock. "We tried to get the right of way, but we could not get the right of way for Interstate Drive and the grant money had to be spent within a certain period of time," he said. "We all decided to see if we could switch that grant to this building because the possibility of making this happen within the time period would work, and they granted that." Exxon Mobil, along with a number of local businesses, pitched in to make the project come together and be completed within the grant's timeline.

The entire south side of the building will house the Mayflower Police Department, a need that the city has been trying to fulfill for more than a decade. After being housed in a small trailer the department had long outgrown, the officers now have space to work, said Chief Robert Alcon. "We were basically on top of each other," he said. "We had one room to process anybody we arrested. When people were coming in from off the street, they were coming almost directly into my office. It was very difficult to work out of that trailer. Coming here from that building was like coming into the Taj Mahal."

In addition to the civic spaces and police department, the building includes a dedicated area for developers and an education space. "One of the big things for Mayflower is economic development," Holland said. "We can run it out of this building. And when we do have developers come in, we can show them that we're serious about what we're doing. Even though we're a small town and I don't have a big staff like some of the bigger cities, we have a heart, and we can make this happen and grow this town."

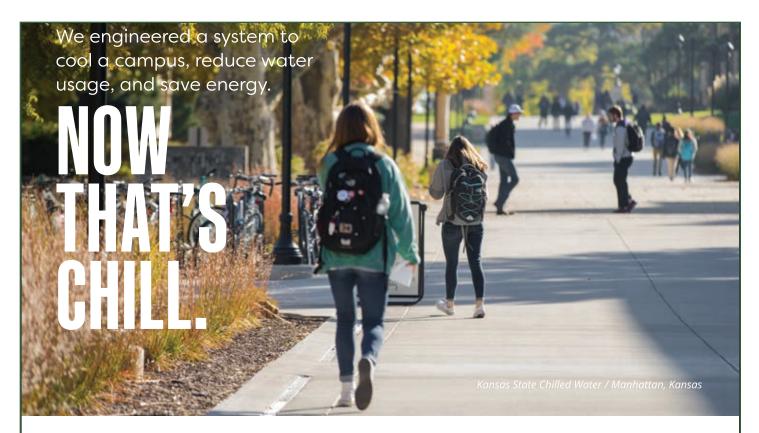
The education space will offer a variety of opportunities for community learning, he said, from teaching kids to fish to demonstrating how to recycle water. "That's one of the things that I'm really interested in."

Holland believes the city center marks the next step for Mayflower. "To cut that ribbon is kind of an accomplishment where we can say that we're moving Mayflower forward," he said. "It's not going backwards. It's going forward. And I think that's the vision that we're starting to see. If the whole town grabs ahold of that idea I think we're in great shape."



The building's north elevation features walls of windows that showcase the dual-use city council chambers and courts facility, which can also be used for special events.

Barbara Mathes, the assistant to the mayor, has served the city for 37 years. She said that the event captured what Mayflower is all about. "Mayflower is a strong community. We're made up of a lot of strong people. We wanted to rise above all the things that have happened. The flooding, the tornado, the oil spill...it's a heartfelt feeling when you see all these people turn out for something good."



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Reminder: Time to pass your budget

Most cities and towns in Arkansas are legally obligated to pass their budget on or before February 1 of each year

Budgets in Mayor-Council Municipalities

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-201. Annual submission.

On or before December 1 of each year, mayors of all cities and incorporated towns having the mayor-council form of government shall submit to the governing body of the city or town, for its approval or disapproval, a proposed budget for operation of the city or town from January 1 to December 31 of the forthcoming year.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-202. Adoption of budget. Under this subchapter, the governing body of the municipality shall, on or before February 1 of each year, adopt a budget by ordinance or resolution for operation of the city or town (AML recommends using a written resolution).

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-203. Appropriations and changes.

- (a) The approval by the municipal governing body of the budget under this subchapter shall, for the purposes of the budget from time to time amount to an appropriation of funds which are lawfully applicable to the items therein contained.
- (b) The governing body may alter or revise the budget and unpledged funds appropriated by the governing body for any purpose may be subsequently, by action of the governing body, appropriated to another purpose, subject to the following exceptions;
 - (1) Funds resulting from taxes levied under statutes or ordinances for specific purposes may not be diverted to another purpose:
 - (2) Appropriated funds may not be diverted to another purpose where any creditor of the municipality would be prejudiced thereby.

Budgets in City Administrator-Director Municipalities

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-117(6)

He or she [the city administrator] shall prepare the municipal budget annually and submit it to the board for its approval or disapproval and be responsible for its administration after adoption.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-122

- (a) The approval of the budget by the board of directors shall amount to an appropriation, for the purposes of the budget, of the funds which are lawfully applicable to the different items therein contained.
- (b) The board may alter or revise the budget from time to time, and unpledged funds appropriated by the board for any specific purpose may by subsequent action of the board be appropriated to another purpose subject to the following exceptions:
 - Funds resulting from taxes levied under statute or ordinance for a specific purpose may not be diverted to another purpose; and
 - (2) Appropriated funds may not be diverted to another purpose where any creditor of the municipality would be prejudiced thereby.

Budgets in City Manager-Director Municipalities

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-120(6)

He or she [the city manager] shall prepare the municipal budget annually and submit it to the board for its approval or disapproval and be responsible for its administration after adoption.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-140

(a)(1) Any municipality organized and operating under the city manager form of government may authorize the mayor of the municipality to have the following duties and powers if approved by the qualified electors of the municipality at an election called by the municipal board of directors by referendum or by the qualified electors of the municipality by initiative:

(E) The power to prepare and submit to the board of directors for its approval the annual municipal budget.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-125

- (a) The approval by the board of directors of the budget shall amount to an appropriation for the purposes of the budget of the funds which are lawfully applicable to the different items therein contained.
- (b) The board may alter or revise the budget from time to time, and unpledged funds appropriated by the

board for any specific purpose may be appropriated by subsequent action of the board to another purpose, subject to the following exceptions:

- Funds resulting from taxes levied under statute or ordinance for a specific purpose may not be diverted to another purpose; and
- (2) Appropriated funds may not be diverted to another purpose where any creditor of the municipality would be prejudiced thereby.

A Sample Resolution for the Adoption of the Municipal Budget can be accessed via the Legal FAQs page at www.arml.org/legal-faqs for your convenience. Please call or email the League with any questions you may have.

NOTICE: Annexation Reports Due March 1

Arkansas Code Ann. sections 14-40-2201 and 14-40-2202 provide:

(a)(1) Beginning March 1, 2014, and each successive year thereafter, the mayor or city manager of a city or incorporated town shall file annually with the city clerk or recorder, town recorder, and county clerk a written notice describing any annexation elections that have become final in the previous eight (8) years.

(2) The written notice shall include:

(A) The schedule of services to be provided to the inhabitants of the annexed portion of the city; and

(B) A statement as to whether the scheduled services have been provided to the inhabitants of the annexed portions of the city.

(b) If the scheduled services have not been provided to the new inhabitants within three (3) years after the date the annexation becomes final, the written notice reporting the status of the extension of scheduled services shall include a statement of the rights of inhabitants to seek detachment.

(c) A city or incorporated town shall not proceed with annexation elections if there are pending scheduled services that have not been provided in three (3) years as prescribed by law.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-40-2202. Inhabitants of annexed area

(a) In all annexations under § 14-40-303 and in accordance with § 14-40-606, after the territory declared annexed is considered part of a city or incorporated town, the inhabitants residing in the annexed portion shall:

(1) Have all the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the annexing city or incorporated town; and

(2) (A) Be extended the scheduled services within three (3) years after the date the annexation becomes final.

(B) The mayor of the municipality shall file a report with the city clerk or recorder, town recorder, and county clerk of the extension of scheduled services.

(b) If the scheduled services have not been extended to the area and property boundaries of the new inhabitants within three (3) years after the date annexation becomes final, the written notice reporting the status of the extension of scheduled services shall:

(1) Include a written plan for completing the extension of services and estimated date of completion; and

(2) Include a statement of the rights of inhabitants to seek detachment.

(c) A city or incorporated town shall not proceed with any additional annexation elections if there are pending scheduled services that have not been extended as required under this subchapter.

To obtain a sample *Notice Describing Annexation Elections, and Schedules of Services* access the Legal FAQs page at www.arml.org/legal-faqs.



Reminder to All City Councils Regarding First Council Meeting of 2020

Act 235 of 2015 amended A.C.A. § 14-43-501 regarding the organization at the beginning of a new year of the governing bodies of cities and towns.

A.C.A. § 14-43-501. Organization of governing body

- (a)(1) The members of a governing body elected for each city or town shall annually in January assemble and organize the governing body.
 - (2)(A) A majority of the whole number of members of a governing body constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(B)(i) The governing body shall judge the election returns and the qualifications of its own members.

(ii) These judgments are not subject to veto by the mayor.

(C)(i) The governing body shall determine the rules of its proceedings and keep a journal of its proceedings, which shall be open to the inspection and examination of any citizen.

(ii) The governing body may also compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalties as it prescribes.

(iii) The governing body may consider the passage of rules on the following subjects, including without limitation:

- (a) The agenda for meetings;
- (b) The filing of resolutions and ordinances; and
- (c) Citizen commentary.
- (b)(1)(A) In the mayor-council form of government, the mayor shall be ex-officio president of the city council and shall preside at its meetings.
 - (B) The mayor shall have a vote to establish a quorum of the city council at any regular or special meeting of the city council and when his or her vote is needed to pass any ordinance, bylaw, resolution, order, or motion.
 - (2) In the absence of the mayor, the city council shall elect a president pro tempore to preside over council meetings.
 - (3) If the mayor is unable to perform the duties of office or cannot be located, one (1) of the following individuals may perform all functions of a mayor during the disability or absence of the mayor:
 - (A) The city clerk;
 - (B) Another elected official of the city if designated by the mayor; or
 - (C) An unelected employee or resident of the city if designated by the mayor and approved by the city council.
- (c) As used in this section, "governing body" means the city council in a mayor-council form of government, the board of directors in a city manager form of government, and the board of directors in a city administrator form of government.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Highway Revenues and Severance Turnback Reporting Due

ct 747 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Arkansas Legislature requires municipalities receiving \$2 million or more in total highway revenues and highway severance turnback to submit reporting for 2019 projects to the House Committee on Public Transportation and the Senate Committee on Public Transportation, Technology, and Legislative Affairs. The reporting deadline is March 15, 2020. You can access Act 747 and the required reporting document online at: www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2019/2019R/Acts/Act747.pdf.

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 27-70-207, concerning distribution of highway revenues to cities and counties, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(f) A county or municipality that receives a distribution under this section or under § 26-58-124 of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) or more shall report annually by March 15 to the House Committee on Public Transportation and the Senate Committee on Public Transportation, Technology, and Legislative Affairs the following information regarding the use of the funds in the previous year:

(1) The use of the funds;

(2)(A)A general ledger accounting of the city street or road fund or the county street or road fund.

(B) The county street or road fund general ledger accounting shall be made using the County Financial Management System of tracking county revenues and expenditures;

(3) The percentage of the city street or road fund or county street or road fund that is comprised of state funds; and
(4) The details of each contracted project, including without limitation the type and description of the contracted project and the total amount expended on the contracted project.

Finally, you have been requested, to the extent possible, to identify the type of projects using the following categories below and the percentage comprised of state funds:

- Bicycle Paths
- Bridges
- Drainage Maintenance
- Highways
- Hot Mix, Asphalt, Gravel, Concrete, Paint, Steel
- Intelligent
- Transportation Systems
- Intermodal Facilities

- Other Surface/Water Transportation
- Parking Facilities
 - Pedestrian Ways
- Port Authorities
 - Public Transit Systems
 - Railroads
 - Roads/Streets
 - Safety Improvements
 - Sidewalks

- Lighting/Right of Way Maintenance
- Toll Facilities
- Traffic Management Systems
- Traffic Signal Systems
- Trails
- Traveler Information Systems
 - Tunnels
 - Waterways
 - Other

The report shall be submitted annually no later than March 15 for the previous year's projects. Please ensure this message is forwarded to the appropriate personnel. Direct all questions regarding this reporting requirement to:

Estella Smith, Assistant Director Research Services Division Bureau of Legislative Research One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor Little Rock, AR 72201 501-537-9192 or smithe@blr.arkansas.gov

Winter Conference continuing ed includes medical marijuana, active shooter training and fraud detection

By Mel Jones, League staff

he Arkansas Municipal League 2020 Winter Conference is slated for Feb. 12-14, 2020, and the agenda includes the opportunity to complete three of the required six annual hours of continuing education necessary for anyone pursuing or maintaining their status as a Certified Municipal Official or Certified Municipal Personnel. The sessions that qualify attendees for continuing education hours include "Medical Marijuana in the Workplace: How to Properly Detect and Report Impairment," "Active Shooter Training for Municipalities," and "Current and Emerging Fraud Schemes Related to Cities and Towns."

Medical Marijuana in the Workplace: How to Properly Detect and Report Impairment

Presented by Tracey Pew, the League's director of human resources, and Jeff Sims, president of XPert Diagnostics

In 2016, Arkansans voted in favor of Amendment 98, or the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment (AMMA), which allows "qualifying patients" and "designated caregivers" to purchase medical marijuana from a licensed dispensary. It does not permit a person to possess, smoke or otherwise engage in the use of marijuana in a public place. This includes the municipal workplace.

Generally speaking, employers, including municipalities, cannot discriminate against employees or job applicants based upon whether that person is, or was, a "qualifying patient or designated caregiver." Ark. Const. amend. XCVIII, § 3(f)(3)(B)(i) allows employers to establish and implement substance abuse or drug-free workplace policies. These policies can include drug testing programs complying with state or federal law.

But what do you do if you suspect an employee is under the influence at work? This training, presented by Tracey Pew, the League's director of human resources, and Jeff Sims, president of XPert Diagnostics, is designed to help identify key indicators of recent drug and alcohol use, and to keep pace with emerging trends in the everchanging drug market. It also offers advice on how to go about approaching someone under the influence, and how to take actions based on your investigation.

Active Shooter Training for Municipalities

Presented by David Baxter, the League's general manager of health/safety and operations, and Sgt. Larry K. Behnke, SWAT, North Little Rock Police Department training coordinator

From Columbine and Sandy Hook to Parkland and Las Vegas, mass shootings are not a new phenomenon. And while the first recorded event took place at a schoolhouse in the mid-1700s, it wasn't until August 20, 1986 when a part-time letter carrier in Edmonton, Oklahoma, shot 14 people before turning the gun on himself—that the problem truly entered public awareness.

David Baxter, the League's general manager of health/ safety and operations, and Sgt. Larry K. Behnke, SWAT, North Little Rock Police Department training coordinator, will discuss not only the psychology of the active shooter, but also the law enforcement response and how employers and employees can play a part in helping keeping the workplace safe.

The session will also focus on planning for a potential tragedy, including technology that allows an organization to remain in contact during an emergency situation, evacuation plans and ways to create a safer workplace.

Current and Emerging Fraud Schemes Related to Cities and Towns

Presented by Sean T. Sammons, senior agent, Secret Service

As the conveniences of technology continue to evolve, so too do the opportunities for electronic fraud. In this presentation, Sean T. Sammons, senior agent with the Secret Service, will discuss types of fraud and how they affect municipalities and their citizens.

One growing trend in identity theft and fraud is the account takeover. This occurs when a malicious third party gains access to a user's account credentials. By posing as the real user, cyber-criminals can change account details, steal financial information or sensitive data, reroute payments to a non-business account, or use any stolen information to access further accounts within the organization.

Sammons will also touch on counterfeiting, which is particularly prevalent in smaller towns. Whether it's check fraud or fake currency, counterfeiting is not often easily detected. Credit card skimming and old-fashioned phone scams will also be discussed.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) offered during Winter Conference

ix hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who register for the League's Winter Conference, Feb. 12-14, 2020. The Arkansas City Attorney's Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE and all ACAA officers urge its members to register for the conference as soon as possible.

Held in conjunction with the Winter Conference, all CLE classes will be located at the League's headquarters at 301 W. Second Street, North Little Rock. The six hours will be offered on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020. The class is set tentatively

to begin at 8:15 a.m. The agenda includes topics such as DUI's, social media, case law update and one hour of ethics.

You may pre-register online at www.arml.org. If you have not pre-registered, you may do so at the Statehouse Convention Center starting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020. Registered city attorneys attending Friday's class 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 Tricia Zello at 501-374-3484, ext. 285. For CLE information, contact Jamie Adams at 501-978-6124.





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ACCRTA to hold new clerk orientation at Winter Conference

he Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders and Treasurers Association (ACCRTA) will hold a new clerk orientation session on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, during the Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference at the Marriott Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock.

The orientation will cover a variety of important topics, including ethics, handling FOIA requests, setting agendas and professional certification programs. New clerk orientation offers newly elected officials the opportunity to receive the education and information necessary to begin the process of serving your citizens. It is also a wonderful way to meet other clerks and make connections so that when a problem or question arises you will have a contact who has dealt with the same or similar issues.

Winter Conference attendees can also visit the ACCRTA booth and bid on silent auction items that help fund scholarships for district workshops and the Municipal Clerks Institute. The booth will also have additional information about the ACCRTA, including membership applications, as well as information about the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), a worldwide educational organization with close to 15,000 members. New clerks can also request a mentor, who will help guide you as you become more proficient at your job.

Additional training will be available at the League's 86th Convention in June, and all of the meetings qualify toward becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk and continuing education credits.

The must-have reference for every city hall in Arkansas

The 2019-2020 edition of the *Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials* has arrived. A compilation of state laws affecting Arkansas municipalities, including the newest laws from the 2019 legislative session, this is the most complete publication on municipal law and city government in Arkansas.

New this year: In addition to 1,000 printed copies, the Handbook will also be available in an enhanced, easy-to-search PDF version, which will be delivered on a flash drive. You may order and pay for your new Handbook online via Visa or MasterCard by visiting the Publications page at www.arml.org/store, or use the order form below.



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2020 Winter Conference ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY/February 12, 2020

11:00 A.M.	STATE AID STREET MEETING	MANNING ROOM, MH	4:30 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.	BREAK	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M.	ACCRTA TRAINING This is an orientation for City Clerks, City Recorders, City Treasurers. This training session is especially helpful for individuals who are newly elected or new to their positions.	ARKANSAS BALLROOM, MH	4:45 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES AND THE 2020 CENSUS Presiding: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League Speaking: Shelby D. Johnson, State Geographic Information Officer, State of Arkansas	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC
to 7:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION VISIT WITH GOVERNMENTAL	& OSAGE ROOMS, SCC	5:30 P.M. to 5:45 P.M.	BREAK	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC
1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	AGENCIES Governmental agencies have been invited to exhibit in Halls I and II. Drop by during the breaks and exhibit hall hours to visit with them about services their agencies might offer to your municipality. MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM BOARD	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC	5:45 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.	*ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR MUNICIPALITIES Presiding: Mayor Harold Perrin, Jonesboro President, Arkansas Municipal League Speaking: David Baxter, General Manager of Health/Safety and Operations Arkansas Municipal League Sergeant Larry K. Behnke, SWAT North Little Rock Police Training Team	governor's Hall IV, Scc
2:00 P.M.	OF TRUSTEES MEETING The quarterly board meeting of the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Program will be held.	MANNING ROOM, MH	7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.	OPENING NIGHT BANQUET Presiding: Mayor Harold Perrin, Jonesboro President, Arkansas Municipal League	
3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	*MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE WORKPLACE: HOW TO PROPERLY DETECT AND REPORT IMPAIRMENT Presiding: Mayor Harold Perrin, Jonesboro President, Arkansas Municipal League Speaking: Jeff Sims, CSAPA, CSI President, Xpert Diagnostics Tracey Cline–Pew	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC		Invocation: Mayor Gary Baxter, Mulberry First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League Emceeing: Secretary Stacy Hurst Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism Presenting: Greg Phillips, Director Main Street Arkansas Department of Arkansas Heritage	WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC
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8:15 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.	CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (City Attorneys will meet for six (6) hours of CLE.)	ASSEMBLY HALL, LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS	NOON	Concluding Remarks: Mayor Harold Perrin Jonesboro, President Arkansas Municipal League *Scanning for the three (3) hours of	
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9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	Arkansas Good Roads Foundation Scott Bennett, Executive Director ArDOT Chris Villines, Executive Director Association of Arkansas Counties Mark R. Hayes, Executive Director Arkansas Municipal League	governor's Hall IV, SCC	1:00 P.M.	MUNICIPAL HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING The quarterly meeting of the Municipal Health Benefit Program's Board of Trustees will be held.	MANNING ROOM, MH
	Honorable Lance Eads, State Senator District 7 Honorable Jeff Wardlaw, State Representative District 8			MH = MARRIOTT HOTEL, SCC = STATEHOUSE CONVE	NTION CENTER
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Shining a light on solar power

By Jason Carter

uring the last session, the state legislature dramatically changed solar power in Arkansas through the adoption of Act 464 of 2019. Although the law first became effective in July, many local leaders reading this article have already been solicited by solar power vendors who promise substantial utility savings. It sounds too good to be true.

I don't know what you may have been promised, but this much is true: Solar power is affordable and Act 464 of 2019 provides flexibility and opportunity for your municipality to pursue it. In fact, if your city or town isn't carefully considering solar power options, you should be. But you need to know that there are risks. Investing in solar power means that your municipality will bear both the benefit and burden of your decision for decades. Thus, it's very important to understand and carefully consider your options.

Why is solar power suddenly affordable?

Not too many years ago, solar power was considered one of the most expensive sources of electricity. Today, it's downright cheap. The steep drop in price can primarily be attributed to innovation and legislation.

Innovation. Solar companies around the world have poured billions of dollars into innovative ideas to reduce the cost of manufacturing, building and interconnecting solar facilities. Moreover, these companies are still improving the efficiency of solar power, which means more electricity is produced for the same capital investment. According to data from the Energy Information Administration, the cost to construct solar power continues to decline. In many cases, innovative solutions are developing so quickly that substantial cost savings can be realized while a project is being built. If you decide to invest in solar power, I encourage you to negotiate terms within the construction contract that will allow your municipality to benefit from innovative ideas and cost savings that may arise between the date the contract is executed and the date the project is completed.

Federal legislation. Because solar power is a renewable energy source, it qualifies for tax benefits under federal law. Most significantly, solar facilities qualify for the investment tax credit (ITC), which awards taxable entities a 30-percent tax credit on qualifying capital expenditures incurred during the construction of a solar power facility. Although the ITC decreased to 26 percent at the end of 2019, projects that are approved and underway may still qualify for the higher rate. Because cities and towns are not taxable entities, they are unable to receive direct benefits from the ITC. However, under Act 464 of 2019, governmental entities may be able to negotiate with private solar developers to share ITC benefits through a solar service agreement.

State legislation. Like many other states, the Arkansas legislature incentivizes solar power through net metering laws. Net metering is governed by the Arkansas Renewable Energy Development Act (AREDA), which was significantly amended by Act 464 of 2019. Net metering laws give electric customers the right to interconnect solar power facilities to their local electric utility grid and describe how customers will be compensated for the electricity they produce. In most cases the electricity generated counts as a one-for-one reduction in the amount of electricity that the customer uses. Thus, if the levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) from a solar facility is less than the cost of electricity (\$/ kWh) from the local electric utility, the owner of the solar facility saves money.

Today, it's common for the LCOE from a solar facility to be less than the cost of electricity from a local utility. As part of the sales pitch for a solar service agreement, solar developers often show graphs and tables that project increases in the cost of electricity from the local utility over the next 20 or 30 years. They may use these assumptions to support annual increases—known as "escalators"—in the cost of solar power of one to two percent. If you decide to invest in solar power through a solar service agreement, you should be wary of escalators. The electric utility business model is experiencing an unprecedented level of change. A pattern of rate increases in the past does not necessarily equate to a future pattern of rate increases. By agreeing to rate escalation in a solar service agreement, you increase the possibility that the LCOE from your solar facility will exceed the cost of electricity provided by your utility in the future.

What are the risks of a solar power project?

Solar power is affordable, but there are several risks that municipalities should consider before diving into a project that citizens will enjoy (or endure) for decades.

Price risk. As previously discussed, the cost of solar power facilities has declined for years and it is likely that the price will continue to drop, albeit at a slower rate. This means that there is a risk that you will spend more money building a solar power facility today than if you simply wait for a couple of years and let the price drop some more. That's pretty important when you consider that the cost of building the solar facility will be the primary factor driving your electric utility costs for more than 20 years. Also, you should consider that utility rates might go down. Since the value that's realized from a solar project is based on comparison with utility rates, a decrease in rates would mean decreased value from a solar project. It's important to acknowledge the risk that the cost of electricity from your local utility could decline over the next 20 years and cause a solar project to become less valuable, or even result in financial losses. After all, utilities will likely take advantage of low-cost solar power, too.

Innovation risk. Fifteen years ago, solar power prices were incredibly high, natural gas prices were incredibly volatile, and most electric utility professionals assumed they would always be that way. But innovation changed both. These assumptions that were held to be fundamentally true changed quickly and without much warning. It could happen again. Before your community goes all-in on solar power, you should acknowledge that alternate power sources could be developed over the next 20 years that are more affordable and better for your community than solar power.

Legislative risk. A significant part of the value realized from solar power is based on legislation. In Arkansas, that value is found in AREDA, which just got a big boost from Act 464 of 2019. But AREDA, like all other laws, can be changed. After all, it's been amended five times since it was first adopted. When considering a solar facility, a community should consider that an

amendment to AREDA could reduce the value that you expect to receive from a solar facility.

Capacity risk. The size of a solar facility is very important. Solar developers usually want to build facilities as large as possible to reduce the cost per unit. However, when more electricity is generated than used, the value drops. At first blush, this seems like an easy problem to solve: Calculate your annual usage and build a solar facility that won't exceed it. But the problem is a little more complicated than that. When sizing a solar facility, you should worry less about how much electricity you have used in the past and worry more about how much electricity you will use in the future. For this reason, it's important for a municipality to reasonably consider the rate of growth (or decline) in electricity consumption over the next 20 years. Leaders should explore any opportunities to reduce the consumption of electricity through efficiency before, or in conjunction with, committing to a solar project.

What options are available to pursue solar power?

Prior to the 2019 legislative session, most cities and towns had limited solar power options. There are more solar options today because of Acts 464 and 612 of 2019. The only way to know which option works best for your city or town is to evaluate each one and pursue the method that affords the greatest benefits at the lowest cost and risk. Following are four straight-forward options, but other creative options are also available.

Self-build. Since 2001, cities and town have been authorized to build solar power facilities and interconnect them with the local utility provider. The self-build process is similar to the typical process used to construct any other municipal facility. Several financing authorities are available.

Design-build. During the last session, the legislature adopted Act 612 of 2019, which authorized municipalities to contract with other entities to design, build, operate and/or maintain solar power facilities. This is a simplified version of the self-build process that has often been used for the construction of water and wastewater facilities for several years. As with the self-build process, several financing authorities are available.

Lease. Under Act 464 of 2019, it is now permissible to enter a lease contract for a solar power facility. Please note that an agreement to lease a solar facility may be restricted by Amendment 78. Before entering a lease agreement for a solar facility, you must discuss your legal limitations with your attorney. While it's unlikely that many municipalities will procure solar power by leasing, municipal leaders should consider the availability of lease structures as a method to mitigate the risk of over-production.



Solar service agreement. Under Act 464 of 2019, a municipality may enter a qualifying solar service agreement (SSA) with a private entity. SSAs typically require a municipality to purchase the output of a solar facility at an agreed upon price. In order to be a qualified agreement under law, the agreement must meet four conditions: (1) the municipality does not operate the facility; (2) the municipality does not bear any significant risk of nonperformance; (3) the municipality does not receive any significant benefit from reduced operational costs; and (4) the municipality does not have an option to purchase the solar facility at a fixed and determinable price other than fair market value.

Although new to Arkansas, SSAs have been used nationally for several years. SSAs are attractive to municipal leaders because they offer immediate utility savings with little or no upfront costs. Also, a municipality can theoretically enter a solar service agreement for less than the cost of building a solar facility on its own. The private solar developer will benefit from tax incentives and, theoretically, will share those benefits with the municipality. Component pricing within an SSA often lacks transparency. Some solar providers keep all the tax benefits on top of a healthy margin. The municipality may still end up saving a little money, but they could have saved lots more. To be clear, a municipality should not sign a solar service agreement without receiving the advice of a professional engineer and an attorney hired to advise the municipality rather than the solar developer.

What other matters should be considered when exploring solar power?

While considering project risks and the best method to pursue solar power, there are also legal and practical considerations to keep in mind.

Site selection. Solar power consumes a lot of land. For planning purposes, you should estimate around six acres per 1,000 kW of capacity, although it could be a little more or less. When a municipality commits a parcel of property to a solar development, that commitment will be for a very long time. Municipal leaders need to carefully consider whether the site chosen could be better used for another purpose. The site must also comply with local land-use and zoning regulations. It is important to review these ordinances to ensure that the municipality does not undermine its own planning documents. Lastly, when siting solar facilities, local leaders should consider the nuisance of glare caused by the reflective surface of the panels.

Environmental attributes. In any solar power agreement, the ownership of environmental attributes is very important. Environmental attributes are associated with, but separate and distinguishable from, the electricity that is generated by a solar facility. If accredited, environmental attributes may be converted to a marketable form, such as a renewable energy credit or zero emission credit. Because they have value, solar developers may seek to retain environmental attributes while providing electricity to a municipality. However, this can have a significant effect on a municipality's communications about the environmental benefits of the solar power facility. With discussions of a carbon tax swirling in Congress, the value of environmental could become substantial. Municipal leaders should carefully examine contractual provisions related to the ownership of environmental attributes and seek the advice of an attorney before surrendering environmental attributes to a solar developer.

Franchises. Electric utilities operate within many municipalities pursuant to franchise ordinances or agreements. These documents are essentially contracts between the utility and municipality governing use of the public right-of-way for utility purposes, fees and related issues. Some of these documents are very old and have terms that did not contemplate the construction of solar power. Prior to undertaking a solar project, municipal leaders should have their attorney review applicable franchise documents for any restrictions on the solar project.

Governmental cooperation. In Arkansas, the Interlocal Cooperation Act serves as an excellent framework for cooperation between governmental entities. Because the cost of solar power declines as the size of a facility increases, there are opportunities for municipalities to cooperate with other governmental entities, including other municipalities, in the procurement of solar power. However, under Act 464, if more than two governmental entities are co-located at one site, the value of the electricity produced will likely be reduced.

Capacity limits. The maximum allowable size or capacity of a net metering facility was dramatically increased by Act 464 of 2019. Prior to Act 464, the maximum capacity of a nonresidential solar system was limited to 300 kW, absent approval from the Arkansas Public Service Commission. Today that limit has been raised to 1,000 kW. With proper evidence, capacity limits can be raised to 5,000 kW or even 20,000 kW. Even so, municipalities would be wise to limit the size of solar facilities according to projected electric consumption. A municipality that consistently generates more electricity than it needs will not be able to maximize the value of the solar facility.

Indemnity. I have seen many solar service agreements with broad indemnity provisions. Contracts that require the government to indemnify private entities are constitutionally questionable, may affect statutory immunity, and generally conflict with public policy. A municipality should never enter an agreement that requires the municipality to indemnify another entity without first consulting with their attorney.

Reliability. I have spoken with a few municipal leaders who see solar power as an opportunity to improve

electric reliability by relying on solar power during an outage. There are two reasons that won't work. The first and most important reason is safety. When line workers are trying to restore power to an area, they are careful to protect themselves from electricity flowing from the substation. However, they don't know whether a customer is back-feeding electricity on a line. That's why all solar facilities are designed with safety features to stop generating electricity during a power outage. The second reason relates to the way solar power operates. The output of a solar facility can spike or drop quickly based on the weather. For example, a dense cloud can dramatically reduce output until it passes. Imagine sitting in your office while the lights grow dimmer and brighter as clouds pass overhead. It would wreak havoc on your electronic equipment. If your municipality wants to improve reliability, you should talk to your local utility about dual feeds, microgrids, energy storage and other reliability solutions.

Entergy's proposed tariff. Municipalities that are located within the service territory of Entergy Arkansas may soon have an alternative to solar acquisition in the form of a specialized rate tariff. In docket 19-042-TF of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, Entergy has proposed that governmental entities could elect a solar rate that is based on the cost of solar power from their facilities. If approved, the new tariff would allow municipalities to obtain this reduced solar rate without any long-term financial commitment. Municipal leaders should consider such alternatives within the decisionmaking framework of their solar power plans.

What about those cities that provide electric utility service?

For the 14 Arkansas cities that own electric distribution systems, the analysis of solar power is much more complex. These cities must develop their own net metering rules for customers while evaluating renewable energy options to serve the entire community. Some of these cities enjoy great benefits from solar power. Some have difficulty incorporating solar power without increasing costs to consumers. Others are contractually prohibited from building solar facilities. Thus, the leaders of cities that provide electric utility service can't evaluate solar power from a one-size-fits-all approach or limit their analysis to the points raised in this article. They must craft a specialized approach to address the unique circumstances of their community.



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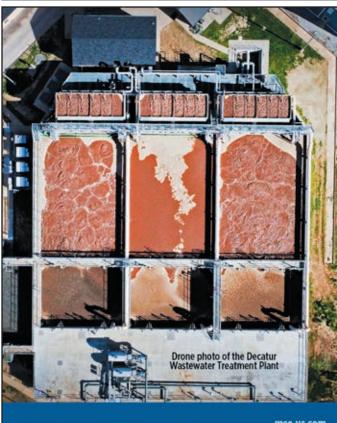
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Meet Michelle Philmon, customer service representative for the Municipal Health Benefit Program at the Arkansas Municipal League

City & Town: What are your duties and responsibilities at the Arkansas Municipal League?

Michelle Philmon: I'm a customer service representative. I take inbound calls, make outbound calls, review any



issue that the members are having with their claims, transfer calls to eligibility, and handle faxes and voicemails. Everything, you name it!

How long have you worked at the League? I've been here for three years. I started in May 2016 as a temp and I was hired permanently later that year.

How has the League changed since you've started? In the MHBP, a lot has changed. We've had new policies come into effect and we have a new director. We've grown as a department, and there is always room for more growth. The thing that's stayed the same is the atmosphere. This place is like a family to me.

What is the biggest lesson you've learned working for the cities and towns of Arkansas? The biggest lesson I've learned is that you really have to know the program and truly be an expert in what you do. We are the resource for all member cities enrolled in the health program, and they rely on us to get their questions answered.

What advice would you have for someone just getting into public service? If you don't know something, be teachable. Because if you're not willing to learn, then you will not be successful. You'll need to learn all the ins and outs of your organization—how they operate differently than where you came from, what your role is. If you're teachable and willing to learn then you will be successful.

Where did you grow up? I grew up right here in North Little Rock, and a lot has changed. Even though North Little Rock has always been a larger city, when I was growing up, it wasn't as big as it is now. There seems to have been a lot of growth not only here, but all over Arkansas.

What are some of your favorite spots in your hometown? My favorite place in North Little Rock is McCain Mall because I love to shop. Any shoppers out there can come join me anytime! Some of my other favorite spots are Argenta, Historic Park Hill, and last but not least, Simmons Arena!

What is your favorite part about working for AML and the cities and towns of Arkansas? My favorite part about working for the League is that I get to interact with new people every day. I've gone to Winter Conference and Summer Convention every year, and I just love meeting new people. I work the registration, and I love it. I'm the first thing they see. "That's Michelle, that's the lady with the smile."

Meet Kim Wilkins, Decatur city clerk and administrative assistant to the mayor

City & Town: What are your duties and responsibilities at the city of Decatur?

Kim Wilkins: I've had many job duties since I started in 2004. I'm the administrative assistant to the mayor first, so I perform a variety of administrative and secretarial functions. I oversee the operations and functions



of the city hall office, which includes budget preparation, monitoring payroll, purchasing and technical support. In 2013, I was elected city clerk, which entails running monthly city council meetings and other special meetings, as well as maintaining all the city ordinances and resolutions.

Why did you choose your profession? Did it

choose you? I was working in Decatur's public school system and the mayor had an opening for his administrative assistant position. He talked me into interviewing, and I've been here ever since.

What's your favorite aspect of your job? What's the biggest challenge? My favorite aspect of my job is that each day is different. It's never boring and it's always changing. The biggest challenge is trying to answer citizens' questions correctly. I love all of our citizens and I want to help them as best as I can.

What's your favorite spot in Decatur? Why? My favorite spot in Decatur is where I work: city hall. The building was built by the WPA in 1938 and is a beautiful two-story building. Before it was city hall it was Decatur's public school building. It has so much history, and the design is timeless.

What is the public perception of your job versus the reality of your job? The public does not realize the whole spectrum of my job and all the different duties that it entails.

What's the biggest lesson you've learned by working for a city government? When you make a decision for the city make sure that you stand true to your decision. Don't change it for anyone, be fair to all your citizens.

What advice do you have for someone who would like to follow in your footsteps? To work for a city, you need to love that city and all the citizens who live in it. Be willing to help out wherever you're needed to help your city grow and prosper.

What are three "can't miss" things that someone can do if they visit Decatur? Finally, an easy question! Crystal Lake, Veterans Park, and our Train Depot and Museum. All three of these have attractions that can't be missed like Egyptian geese, a bandstand, ball fields, walking trails, disc golf and a train.





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Record retention laws for Arkansas municipalities

Current as of September 17, 2019



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DESTRUCTION/RETENTION

(Ark. Code Ann. § 14-2-201; 14-2-203)

These statutes provide for the destruction of paper records and reproduction in another format. Review these procedures carefully before destroying any records.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-2-201. Authority–Requirements.

- (a.) The head of any county or municipal department, commission, bureau, or board may cause any or all records kept by the official, department, commission, or board to be photographed, microfilmed, photostated, or reproduced on or by film, microcard, miniature photographic recording, optical disc, digital compact disc, electronic imaging, or other process that accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for reproducing the original when provided with equipment necessary for such method of recording.
- (b.) At the time of reproduction, the agency head shall attach his or her certificate to the record certifying that it is the original record, and the certificate shall be reproduced with the original.
- (c.) The device used to reproduce the records shall be such as to accurately reproduce and perpetuate the original records in all details.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-2-203. Disposal, etc., of copied records.

(a.) Whenever reproductions of public records have been made in accordance with § 14-2-201 and have been placed in conveniently accessible files or other suitable format and provision has been made for preserving, examining, and using them, the head of a county office or department or city office or department may certify those facts to the county court or to the mayor of a municipality, respectively, who shall have the power to authorize the disposal, archival storage, or destruction of the records.

- (b.) Cities of the first class, cities of the second class, and incorporated towns may by ordinance declare a policy of record retention and disposal, provided that:
 - (1.) The city or town complies with any specific statute regarding municipal records; and
 - (2.) The following records are maintained permanently in either the original or electronic format as required by law:
 - (A) Ordinances;
 - (B) City council minutes;
 - (C) Resolutions;
 - (D) Annual financial audits; and
 - (E) Year-end financial statements.

COURT RECORDS

(Ark. Code Ann. § 13-4-201 through 204; Ark. Code Ann. § 16-46-101; Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-211)

Sections 13-4-201 through -204 permit the destruction of paper records once they have been reproduced in another format unless another statute permits destruction without requiring a copy made. Any handwritten document over 50 years old, and any document of historical value as determined by the Arkansas State Archives, may not be destroyed as well as if otherwise required to be kept by law.

Section 16-46-101 provides means by which copies of certain records are to be maintained for evidentiary purposes.

ACCOUNTING

(Ark. Code Ann. § 14-59-114)

Accounting records fall into three groups: support documents, semipermanent records and permanent records.

Support documents must be kept for at least four years and may not be destroyed before an audit for the time in question. They consist of cancelled checks, invoices, bank statements, receipts, deposit slips, bank reconciliations, check book registers or listings, receipts listings, monthly financial reports, payroll records, budget documents, and bids, quotes, and related documentation.

Semipermanent records must be kept for at least seven years with the same restriction regarding an audit. They consist of fixed assets and equipment detail records, investment and certificate of deposit records, journals, ledgers and subsidiary ledgers, and annual financial reports. For investment and certificate of deposit records, the seven years of required maintenance begins on the date of maturity.

Permanent records shall be maintained permanently. They consist of city or town council minutes, ordinances, resolutions, employee retirement documents and annual financial audits.

POLICE TICKET BOOKS

(Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-211(a)(3)(K) & (L))

Citation books and logs must be kept for at least three years and may not be destroyed before an audit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS

(Ark. Code Ann. § 14-2-204)

Maintain permanently or for at least seven years, as the municipality may determine: closed municipal police case files for felony and Class A misdemeanor offenses and expungement orders of municipal police cases.

However, after 10 years, these may be copied and maintained under Ark. Code Ann.

14-2-203. In addition, records constituting evidence of sexual offenses or violent offenses resulting in convictions must comply with Ark. Code Ann. 12-12-104 and Ark. Code Ann. 5-42-203 and must also be maintained permanently. Furthermore, all of the above records must comply with Ark. Code Ann. 14-2-203(b)(1).

Maintain for three years: accident, incident and offense reports; fine and bond records; parking meter records; radio logs and complaint cards; and employment records, payroll sheets, timecards and leave requests. After three years, they may then be copied electronically or disposed of.

WATER and SEWER (Ark. Code Ann. § 14-237-112)

These provisions are substantially the same as for accounting records (see above).

HISTORICAL

(Ark. Code Ann. § 13-3-107)

Before any records "other than ephemeral materials" are destroyed, city officials must advise the Arkansas State Archives in writing and give any records deemed to have historical value to the State Archives.

COURT RECORDS

Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-211. Record retention schedule.

- (a.) All towns, cities, and counties of the State of Arkansas shall maintain records for the district courts and are to:
 - (1.) Permanently maintain:
 - (A) Case indices for all district courts;
 - (B) Case dockets for all district courts;
 - (C) Active warrants;
 - (D) Waivers;
 - (E) Expungement and sealed records;
 - (F) Files concerning convictions under the Omnibus DWI or BWI Act, § 5-65-101 et seq.; and
 - (G) Domestic battering files;
 - (2.) Maintain for a period of at least seven (7) years and in no event dispose of before being audited:
 - (A) Complete case files and written exhibits for all district courts, not including civil or small claims division cases in which the judgment is not satisfied;
 - (B) Show cause orders;
 - (C) Case information, including arrest reports and affidavits; and
 - (D) Files concerning cases resulting in a suspended imposition of sentence; and
 - (3.) Maintain for a period of at least three (3) years and in no event dispose of before being audited:
 - (A) Bank reconciliations;
 - (B) Check book registers and check listings;
 - (C) Cancelled checks;
 - (D) Bank statements;
 - (E) Receipts;
 - (F) Deposit collection records;

- (G) Receipts listings;
- (H) Distribution reports;
- (I) Receipt and disbursement journals;
- (J) Time payment records;
- (K) Citation book logs;
- (L) Citation books from each police department and sheriff's office;
- (M) Served, recalled, or quashed arrest warrants;
- (N) Copies of citations;
- (O) Alternative service or community service timesheets;
- (P) Uniform filing fees collection remittance forms and fine reports;
- (Q) Miscellaneous fee and fine collection reports; and
- (R) Served or unexecuted search warrants.
- (b.) After a town, city, or county has maintained records for the time periods required by subdivision (a)(2) or subdivision (a)(3) of this section and after the records described in subdivision (a) (2) or subdivision (a)(3) of this section have been audited, the records may be destroyed.
- (c.) When records are destroyed under subsection(b) of this section, the town, city, or county shall document the destruction by the following procedure:
 - (1.) An affidavit is to be prepared stating:
 - (A) Which records are being destroyed and to which period of time the records apply; and
 - (B) The method of destruction; and
 - (2.) The affidavit is to be signed by the town, city, or county employee performing the destruction and one (1) employee of the governing body or, if applicable, governing bodies that contribute to the expenses of the court.
- (d.) In addition to the procedure described in subsection (c) of this section, the approval of the governing body or, if applicable, governing bodies that contribute to the expenses of the court shall be obtained before the destruction of district court records and an appropriate note of the approval indicated in the minutes of the governing body or bodies along with the destruction affidavit. (m)

OSHA's Top 10 Violations of 2019

By Bryan Lamb

roo too long, environmental health and safety professionals have depended on lagging indicators like OSHA recordables and lost-time injuries to guide their safety improvement efforts. What tragedies like the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion have taught us is that low injury rates do not necessarily equal a safe workplace.

Safety conscious companies have begun to adopt leading indicators that, if used correctly, will show how effective their safety process truly is.

One of the most valuable leading indicators is the number of most cited violations present at your facilities. OSHA's 2019 list of most-cited violations include:

- 1. Fall Protection, General Requirements (1925.501)— 7,014 Violations
- 2. Hazard Communication (1910.1200)—4,170 Violations
- 3. Scaffolding (1926.451)-3,228 Violations
- 5. Lockout/Tagout (1910.147)-2,975 Violations
- 6. Respiratory Protection (1910.134)-2,826 Violations
- 7. Ladders (1926.1053)-2,766 Violations
- 8. Powered Industrial Trucks (1910.178)—2,347 Violations
- 9. Fall Protection, Training Requirements (1926.503)— 2,059 Violations
- 10. Machine Guarding (1910.212)-1,987 Violations

11. Personal Protective Equipment, Eye and Face Protection (1926.102)—1,630 Violations

Although this list varies slightly from year to year, it is concerning that most of these violations are regularly on the list. By identifying potential hazards, reviewing safety procedures with employees and maintaining proper records, you can create a safer work environment that increases productivity by reducing the chances of accidents and injuries. So...reduced number of violations, fewer accidents and injuries, higher productivity, higher morale? Is it really possible? Yes!

In the coming months, plan to incorporate these topics in your safety orientations of new employees and monthly safety training for existing employees. Training videos on these topics are all available online at Training Network Now (trainingnetworknow.com). Please contact the loss control office if you have not already been registered.

Measuring the effectiveness of how training produces behavior change or performance improvement is challenging, but this is the first step in creating a new or better safety culture within your city or town. In time, your frequency of claims will reduce, and you will see very real cost savings with lower premiums.



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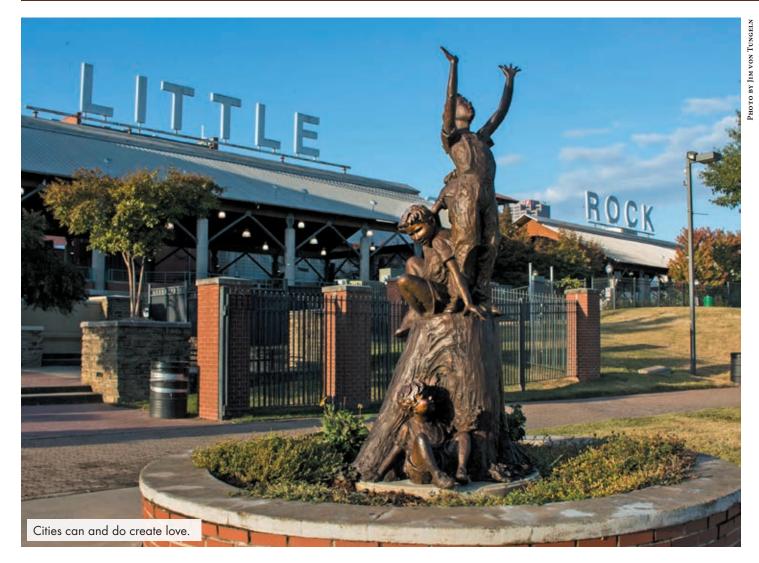
Online service for safety training videos

he League is pleased to announce that the Training Network Now (TNN) program is available at no cost to all member cities and towns. The TNN provides access to valuable resources (streaming videos) that help support your mission to protect your municipal employees. We are moving away from the DVDs of safetytraining videos and moving to this streaming video library for your convenience. No longer will you have to wait on another member city to return a DVD in order for your city to receive and watch it. TNN is an extensive online video library and it's incredibly convenient.

To become a user, you must submit a registration request to safetytraining@arml.org. You will receive a unique username and password by email that allows you to begin training immediately by clicking the link provided in the email. Please allow up to two business days to receive your login.

Why this resource?

- Designed for small group or large group training (classroom style).
- Videos have been developed in accordance with OSHA standards and industry best practices.
- Easy-to-use interface allows training anywhere you have an internet connection.
- To check out their landing page, please visit trainingnetworknow.com. Please contact the Arkansas Municipal League loss control liaison for more information at 501-374-3484 ext.122.



The past is not past

By Jim von Tungeln

ears have passed since I stood on the quarterdeck of the old USS Hunley, saluted, and asked permission to go ashore for the last time. I remember well leaving the ship berthed at Charleston, South Carolina. I intended to head west, stop in my hometown of Pine Bluff, and proceed to San Francisco, California. That's where the draft board had caught up with me four years earlier. I lived there at 1016 Masonic Street, a half-block from Haight and two blocks from Ashbury. I thought it might be fun to go back.

It didn't work out that way. My mother had a nephew. The nephew had a job with the city. A department head friend had a contract with a couple of guys in Little Rock who had just started an urban planning firm. I sailed into a safe harbor and dropped anchor. That pleased mother.

On-the-job training, a master's degree, certification as an urban planner, and maybe 1,000 planning commission/city council meetings later, I now look forward to completing my 50th year associated with the profession. More than 20 of those have been associated with the Arkansas Municipal League.

I recently took a walk from my first home at Fifth (Capitol) and State streets in Little Rock and recalled the city as I first found it. My step isn't as spry as it was then, but I found the experience pleasant. Please join me.

In those days, I walked to my job in the Hall Building at Fifth and Louisiana streets. Looking east from my apartment, I could see two new high-rise buildings named after major banks, Commercial and Worthen. Nearby was the older Tower Building, one of the first high-rises in the South. It developed from an urban renewal project wherein cities acquired property in "blighted" areas and sold the land to private developers for redevelopment. It's doubtful that such practices would go unchallenged these days. Looking west toward the state capitol, I could see one of the last boarding houses in the state. It's long been a retail shop. There's talk these days that boardinghouse-type units might re-emerge as a solution to the affordable housing crisis. Stay tuned.

My colleagues at work marveled at the fact that I walked there each morning. They had never heard of such a thing. I found it both healthy and interesting. I particularly enjoyed walking past a bakery and smelling the morning's work. On the building's wall was a patch where a window allowed a view inside. There, they say, legendary sportscaster Benny ("it doesn't cost an extra cent to be a good sport") Craig would relay baseball games through the magic of radio. He reportedly used a stick to mimic the sound of a hit, pop-up or foul. These days, we require more extravagant entertainment.

When I crossed Broadway, there was the Capitol Theater on the left, next to a synagogue. There were three first-run movie theaters downtown. They offered "happy hour" shows at 5 p.m. for a dollar. I often took my evening meal (popcorn and a Coke) with a movie before returning to work. Today's downtown entertainment venues provide more grown-up fare than soft drinks and popcorn. Things change.

Our office building offered, as did many others, a vending facility operated by a visually impaired attendant. Cruelly referred to as "blind stands," they offered fresh coffee, snacks, smokes and a great deal of local news and gossip if the manager knew your voice. I don't think the staff at modern coffee shops are as prone to social interaction. We've lost more along the way than a cheap cup of coffee, but we do use more appropriate terms to describe people and businesses within our cities.

At lunchtime, we would watch the construction on Fifth and Main streets. Little Rock, as did other cities, followed the tactic of converting downtown into a public mall, a strategy intended to retain the area as the dominant retail center. It didn't work and "the mall" disappeared. Remnants remain today, if one knows where to look.

On my present-day walk, I stopped to honor the corner where, early one morning, I encountered the legendary Arkansas statesman and U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright out taking the air. We exchanged "good mornings" and he remarked on what a nice city Little Rock had become. I've never forgotten the moment. It's the sort of thing that happens when we walk our cities. It is the sort of thing that makes us love them.

For this trip, I turned north onto Main and headed toward one of my favorite spots in our state: Little Rock's River Market and the Julius Breckling Riverfront Park. I had the pleasure of working with the park's namesake for eight years during my tenure with our City Beautiful Commission. Julius was one of a kind: the kind that makes an impact on a city. Multiply him by legions and we get the great cities that make our great state.

What can one say about the park along the river, now terminated at the east end by a presidential library? The narrow strip of land once featured a railroad line, a jail, a tannery, warehouses, thousands of empty bottles and tons of other trash. Vision and determination overcame the problems, and still can.

On the way north, I stop at the corner from where, on a Sunday morning run years ago, the late John Woodruff and I stopped to watch the implosion of the Marion and Grady Manning hotels. It was a striking scene that spelled both loss and promise—a loss of history but promise of a vibrant future.

New buildings rose from the rubble. Next month at the Municipal League's Winter Conference, we'll meet on that redeveloped spot where politicians once gathered in those legendary hotels. On a dark and foggy night, we might even catch a whiff of ghostly cigar smoke from a long-disappeared back room where political dealings once took place. Some things change for the better.

When I wasn't walking home from work back then, I was hitching rides to planning commission meetings and learning my trade. I once heard a champion bass fisherman claim that he could remember every fish he had ever caught. Sometimes I think I can remember every planning commission meeting I've attended. There are a few that I'd rather forget. I learned, though, even from those.

That was my life back then: working, attending meetings and, if time and money allowed, chasing women. I quit that, though. I found me one, or she found me. That was over 47 years ago and she's been willing to spend nights alone while work took me all over the state. She even attended some meetings with me. Dates were cheap back in the day. They had to be.

I'll keep going to planning commission meetings, still with the belief that good government can play a positive role in the lives our people and the future of our cities. My enthusiasm remains, but it's time for the young folks to take over. I'll try to help them wherever I can. After all, I've enjoyed the blessings of thousands of mentors, and I still remember a trick or two they taught me.



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Survey paints an optimistic picture

he National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)—a government study directed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—is an annual report involving interviews of roughly 70,000 people aged 12 and older. Insights are used to inform public health programs and policies. The latest report seems more hopeful than the last, with fewer people using many forms of both prescription and recreational drugs. The study also reveals an alarming connection between substance abuse and mental health.

"This year's National Survey on Drug Use and Health contains very encouraging news: The number of Americans misusing pain relievers dropped substantially, and fewer young adults are abusing heroin and other substances," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. Azar sees this not as a victory, but as an opportunity for continued improvement. "At the same time, many challenges remain, with millions of Americans not receiving treatment they need for substance abuse and mental illness." Azar adds, "Connecting Americans to evidence-based treatment, grounded in the best science we have, is and will remain a priority for President Donald Trump, for HHS and for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration under Assistant Secretary Elinore McCance-Katz."

Marijuana is still king

Marijuana continues its reign as the most widely used illicit drug, according to NSDUH. The data showed that in 2018 an estimated 43.5 million Americans aged 12 or older used marijuana in the past year, equating to 15.9 percent of the population. This year, significant increases in marijuana use disorders and use among adults over age 26 were noted. The research noted a link between frequent use of cannabis and the risk for opioid use, heavy alcohol use and major depressive episodes.

Opioids use is in decline

The survey reveals opioids—and the crisis they caused—have loosened their grip on our country as significant decreases in pain reliever misuse were observed for all ages. The NSDUH defines opioids as heroin and prescription pain relievers such as hydrocodone, oxycodone and morphine. Additionally, heroin-related opioid use disorders decreased significantly among young adults 18 to 25 years of age.

Cocaine use is down

In interviews, young adults indicated less drug misuse, including declines in the use of cocaine. The NSDUH also showed a reduction in the abuse of prescription stimulants, methamphetamines and hallucinogens.

Mental health and substance abuse are closely connected

Co-occurring issues are a significant trend. Approximately 9.2 million adults are living with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. Further, people who have any mental illness or severe mental illness are significantly more likely to use illicit drugs and marijuana, to misuse opioid pain relievers, and to engage in binge alcohol use compared with individuals without mental illness. Those who misuse drugs (regardless of the substance) are significantly more likely to experience severe mental health conditions.

How the connection affects the workplace

A drug-free workplace may help to deter drug use and encourages a safe, healthy work environment for all employees, including the 9.2 million struggling with addiction, and mental health.

FMCSA Clearinghouse-Are you ready?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse will be fully operational on January 6, 2020. Use of the Clearinghouse is mandatory for all FMCSAcovered employers, drivers and service agents. Registration is now open for employers, drivers, medical review officers, substance abuse professionals and third-party administrators.

The Clearinghouse will contain drug and alcohol information on CDL drivers including positive test results, refusals, negative return-to-duty test results, completion of the follow-up testing plan and other information as listed in FMCSA regulations. Employers are required to query the Clearinghouse prior to hiring any FMCSAcovered drivers and at least once annually for each driver. Employers, MROs and SAPs are required to report drug and alcohol violations to the Clearinghouse beginning January 6, 2020.

Visit https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov for frequently asked questions, instructional job aides and more.



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Apprenticeships: A tried and true concept reemerges

By Dylan Edgell

pprenticeships are making a comeback. These somewhat informal programs used to be the primary method of learning a technical or vocational skill but fell out of favor to more formal paths of education. As college tuition prices continue to climb, apprenticeships have been gaining in popularity as an alternative to college or technical school by allowing individuals to learn valuable skills, gain realworld experience and earn money at the same time.

I spoke with Patty Methvin, workforce administrator for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, to learn more about apprenticeship programs in that region of the state. "Programs like these are not new," she said. "We're bringing back an old model that wasn't broken." Methvin shared some insights into the types of people who enter apprenticeship programs and what these programs look like in practice.

There are many different paths to becoming an apprentice and there is no "average person" that enters an apprenticeship program. Some individuals may be coming directly out of high school and looking to establish a career for the first time. Others may be currently employed but have a desire to upskill or change their careers. Some may be dislocated workers looking to start their careers in a new field. Whichever way someone seeks out a program like this, they are likely to find an apprenticeship that fits their needs.

Apprenticeship programs can vary in structure based on the needs of the industry and the company. Apprentices may work part time or full time while receiving training for their role both on the job and outside of their working hours. While the structure of the program may vary, the end result of the program is the same, and potential apprentices should seek a program that best fits their needs.

As apprenticeship programs take hold in Arkansas, here are a few tips to ensure that an apprenticeship program is effective at attracting talent and impacting your community.

Educate your business partners

For potential apprentices, programs that enable them to receive training for a new career while still earning money during the process are a win-win. For businesses, this may be a slightly harder sell, but there are some real advantages to using this model for recruiting new employees. Programs like these allow businesses to employ individuals who are willing to educate themselves for a long-term career in their field and are able to take advantage of the approved outside partners providing valuable training outside of their normal work. This relationship-building through the apprenticeship program allows employers the unique opportunity to train an employee from scratch to ensure that the needs of the employer are wholly met. It's also important for both the apprentice and the employer to understand that during an apprenticeship program, the apprentice is still considered an employee and they are held to the same standards as traditional employees.

Utilize your business environment to design your program

Apprenticeship programs are driven by the needs of employers in your area. When designing these programs, be mindful of the business environment and include them in the process to ensure their needs are being met. It's also important to apply the apprenticeship model to new fields. Apprenticeships have historically been focused on traditional technical fields such as plumbing or welding, but new programs are starting to focus on emerging fields like information technology. Exploring these new fields expands the employment potential of future apprentices.

Seek opportunities to be inclusive

Apprenticeship programs offer a unique opportunity to include those in the workforce who may have been left out previously. Apprenticeships can be a powerful tool to remove barriers to employment, including dislocation or the special needs of an individual. One example is a program currently being implemented at a Fayetteville bakery that teaches individuals on the autism spectrum the basics of food service. The Rockin' Baker Academy program at the Rockin' Baker teaches transferable skills in the culinary industry and addresses a need for an underserved community.

Apprenticeship programs are an effective use of time for both the apprentice and the employer. Having a trained workforce is a vital part of the human infrastructure that makes a community attractive to prospective businesses. Laying the groundwork through apprenticeship programs shows that your community is ready for the future by training the next generation of the Arkansas workforce.



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Digital health gives new meaning to calling the doctor

By Curtis L. Lowery Jr., M.D.

magine going to see your doctor without ever leaving home. Or having your blood pressure, heart rate and other vital signs sent directly to your care provider from a device you wear as you go about your daily life.

The rapid pace of technological advancement has opened up countless new services and whole new industries. Who knew even 10 years ago that you would one day hail a ride by phone without calling a taxi?

Health care is no different. The internet, combined with the explosion of smartphones and connected devices, has created an entirely new way of thinking about providing health care. We call that digital health.

What is digital health?

Put simply, digital health is using technology to provide care for patients. That concept can take a lot of forms. Probably the most common image is a patient meeting with a doctor by video conference on their cell phone rather than by appointment in the doctor's office. And digital health certainly includes that type of appointment—but it includes a lot more.

For instance, conditions like congestive heart failure or diabetes require frequent doctor's appointments for disease management. Patients are required to keep track of a lot of things like weight, blood oxygen level and blood pressure between appointments. With digital health, each time you check those at home, a computer keeps track of the reading and can recognize a problem. It can then automatically alert your care provider, who can call to make sure you're feeling alright and potentially prevent a visit to the emergency room.

Or imagine being in a small hospital near your home but needing the input of a specialist only available in another part of the state. Digital health can connect that specialist to your hospital to remotely treat you and get you home sooner without the need to be transferred to that specialist's location.

These ideas have been around in medicine for a long time. In fact, going back to the 1950s doctors were looking for ways to send x-ray images to each other by telephone. But today's technology has allowed those same ideas to take newer and more accessible forms.

How digital health works

The appeal of digital health for patients is that, if you can access the internet, you can get medical care. That opens the door for creating more access and decreasing cost.

Already there are a number of private companies and health care systems, including UAMS, that have launched digital health operations. The process of using them is fairly simple. You go to a website, fill out some basic information, provide a method of payment or insurance, and the site will connect you with a care provider.

Much like a traditional doctor's appointment, digital health visits are a one-on-one interaction between patient and provider. Depending on the nature of the visit, you may be asked to use your phone's camera to give the provider a view of what's bothering you. If needed, the provider can write a prescription and send it to a pharmacy convenient to you.

Importantly, digital health can include mental and behavioral health visits, nutrition consulting, pregnancy or postpartum therapy and much more.

Revolutionizing medical care

As digital health continues to transform health care, its footprint will continue to grow. As it does, patients will benefit in ways they may not even realize.

For instance, researchers are already using digital health to help us understand how certain risk factors can turn into health problems. Through digital health we can collect data and utilize machine learning to create algorithms that will help us know when someone is at risk for certain diseases or conditions.

The ultimate goal, of course, is to prevent those conditions from developing in the first place. In that way, we see digital health not only helping traditional medicine by making it more accessible and affordable, but also contributing to preventive care.



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MUNICIPAL SIDEBAR

Any given Monday

By John L. Wilkerson

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I would like to take you to a Monday in the not too distant future. A year from now, on the second Monday morning in January 2021, rather than meet at the League, the Legislative Affairs arm of the League's legal team—Jack Critcher, Lanny Richmond, Blake Gary and myself—will meet at the state capitol for the 93rd General Session and, for the next four months, spend nearly every waking moment thinking about, planning for and helping with the laws that impact our cities and towns.

Now, it may seem early to be writing about what is going to happen 12 months away, but when it comes to advocating for better laws for Arkansas' cities and towns, there is no such thing as too early. With that in mind, our executive director came to us months ago with an important request—talk with every single legislator between now and next session. Mark's goal was very simple: Build relationships with legislators now, let them know what issues cities face, and hear from them, too.

With Mark's request in mind, Jack, Lanny, Blake and I began face-to-face meetings with legislators last month.

However, before we met, we made a few very important calls—to the mayors of the cities and towns in each legislator's district. By speaking with the mayors first, we learned valuable information we were able to use when meeting with legislators. This information helps us create even better connections. In fact, we often find ourselves pulling out a map during our meetings and interacting with legislators by pointing to cities or towns of the district and talking through important issues we have learned from that mayor. Most importantly, our conversations with mayors are a critical step in our ultimate goal of creating even better relationships between the cities and towns of Arkansas and our legislators.

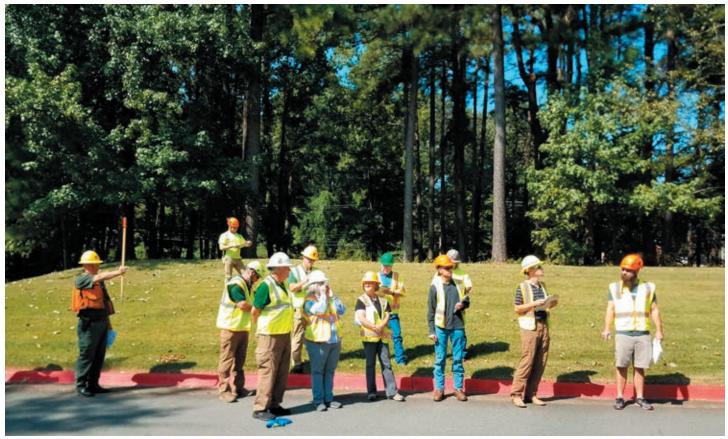
Our talks with the mayors have been the fuel for our conversations with the legislators, and we wouldn't be able to make the connections we have without them. Every meeting has been positive, and every meeting has emphasized that the Municipal League is the voice for the cities and towns of Arkansas. Of course, the work is only beginning.

As we meet with the rest of Arkansas' 135 legislators, be ready for a call from at least one of us. We'll be calling to learn what issues your city or town faces, how well you know your senator or representative, what ideas you have for the next legislative session, and generally how you're doing. Of course, you don't have to wait for us to call; you can call us anytime.

Finally, thank you for giving us the opportunity to represent you. I speak for the entire legal department when I say we are honored to work for the cities and towns of Arkansas. Thank you, and Happy New Year!



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Tree-care professionals seeking additional certification gathered in Little Rock in September for risk-assessment qualification training.

Selecting a tree-care professional: Who is right for the job?

By Krissy Thomason

onsider a time when you knew you were sick but were unsure of your diagnosis. Did you post your symptoms on social media for your friends to diagnose? Did you ask your favorite cashier at the local grocery what doctor she uses? Did you go to your own doctor to seek a referral to a qualified specialist? While each of these has merit for different afflictions, you most likely would not depend on social media for treatment options for a rare disease, and you probably wouldn't schedule an appointment with a specialist for a simple runny nose. Trees, like people, can vary in the level of specialized attention they need when it comes to assessing their health, determining their risk of mortality, and prescribing and enacting measures to promote growth and improve vitality.

Types of tree-care professionals

In the urban setting, trees must adapt to different stresses than in a forested setting. When seeking assistance with tree care, city officials should start by selecting the appropriate type of professional based on the needs of their landscape.

The title "forester" typically applies to someone who manages groups of trees. Forest management frequently occurs in a wooded setting, but foresters also manage groups of trees in populated areas, such as parks or municipalities. A forester might help private landowners manage the family forest that provides income from timber production or for the establishment of a turkey habitat. For a municipality, an urban forester might manage the city's population of trees, working to increase the overall tree canopy and to increase species' diversity and the establishment of native trees.

The title "arborist" refers to tree-care professionals who generally work with individual trees, often on private property, but also in parks, streetscapes and other public spaces. On private property, an arborist may help a homeowner care for a beloved tree with defects or other health issues. For a municipality, an arborist may provide assistance with tree trimming or the removal of trees located along a right-of-way or near power lines.



The ISA Certified Arborist designation demonstrates that an arborist is trained and knowledgeable in all aspects of arboriculture.

Licenses, certifications, registrations

Among foresters and arborists alike, various levels of education can be obtained, and increasingly specialized skill sets can be developed and refined. In Arkansas, foresters must be licensed by the state Board of Registration for Foresters and complete yearly professional development, including ethics training. The Board maintains a searchable online database at www.ark.org/foresters_rsearch/app/enter.html that can be used to verify whether a forester is licensed or to help locate all licensed foresters in a particular county.

The requirements for obtaining an arborist's license vary by state, and the state of Arkansas currently has no licensing requirements for arborists. However, many Arkansas arborists have chosen to obtain certification from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). The ISA offers certification and qualification programs at different professional levels and specialties. Another option for arborist credentialing is the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA). Both ISA (www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist) and ASCA (www.asca-consultants.org/search) provide searchable online databases where property owners and city officials can find an arborist with the desired level of qualification.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division has field staff across the state who are designated as urban forestry representatives, many of whom have obtained the ISA Certified Arborist credential and are qualified to provide technical advice and assistance in areas such as canopy growth, tree health and pruning. You can get in touch with your closest urban forestry representative by contacting the local county office of the Forestry Division.

The advantage of choosing the services of a credentialed tree-care professional is that you know the person you are hiring has met or exceeded minimum standards of the profession and has documented work experience. However, since there is no licensing requirement that

Arkansas arborists obtain certification, there are many practicing arborists who possess a significant knowledge base and skillset gained through years of experience but have chosen not to seek certification. Therefore, the lack of a credential does not indicate an arborist with lower standards of professionalism or a lack of competency.

"Growing" forward...

Selecting a tree-care professional can be an intimidating task. Remember to begin by deciding whether you need assistance with a group of trees or an individual tree. If you need a forester, be sure to verify that they are licensed. If you need an arborist, ask what type of certification and/or experience they have, and be sure to follow up by verifying references and viewing past work if possible. Additionally, seek assistance from multiple sources; it is reasonable to seek a second opinion on any tree-care recommendations. Your investment in your forest-whether large or small-is worth the effort to ensure you employ a reputable tree-care professional.



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PHOTO BY JOHN SLATEI

Arborists in training with the Ouachita Job Corps display their climbing skills.

Drone disruption: High-flying tech welcome in the survey department

By Ian Holman

rones, also known as UAVs (or unmanned aerial vehicles), typically refer to a pilotless aircraft that operates through a combination of technologies, including computer vision, artificial intelligence and object-avoidance technology. However, drones can also be remotely operated land or sea vehicles. As most of us are aware, drone technologies have been utilized by defense organizations and tech-savvy consumers for quite some time now. Yet the benefits of this technology extend well beyond these two sectors.

Other sectors where drones can be useful include: emergency response, humanitarian and disaster relief, conservation, disease control, healthcare, agriculture, weather forecasting, waste management, energy, mining, construction planning, infrastructure development, urban planning, transportation planning, telecommunications, news coverage, education and security, to name only a few. Drones are also highly beneficial in surveying.

Every few years this geospatial industry undergoes a revolution. First it was total stations, the electronic/ optical instruments that are commonly seen alongside many surveying teams. Then came GPS, laser scanners and robotics. Now, professionals are adding yet another tool, surveying drones, which boast quick data collection times, excellent positional accuracy and a safe operator experience.

Surveying drones not only complement existing terrestrial equipment, they also have the potential to help expand services offered by surveying departments. As GPS did before them, drones are disrupting the industry, and for the better.

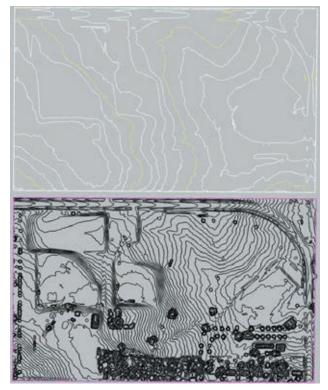
How can drones assist a surveying department? Here are a few examples.

Risk reduction: Land surveyors always work outdoors, regardless of weather and other dangers like rough terrain. Having a drone mapping solution allows autonomous, pre-programmed flights over the worksite. These pre-programmed flights can quickly be changed in the field, if needed, but otherwise it places a lot more of the work in office.

Access to potentially hazardous locations: Drones are commonly used for surveying locations inaccessible by vehicles and workers. Busy roads, flooded areas, congested city landscapes, quarries or active construction sites are perfect assignments for drone technology. They give us the ability to continue our work without disrupting the normal activity in the area or on the jobsite.

Improved data resolution: Instead of having one grainy image taken from high altitude, or relying on Google Earth's outdated images, drone technology offers the opportunity to provide your company or client with a recent, high-resolution and low-altitude image. When that image is combined with advanced software solutions and high-resolution 3D mapping solutions, any problem area is captured in higher detail. This data can then be processed to create topographic maps accurate to 0.1 feet (1.2 inches). This accuracy can be improved some with higher-end tech.

A brief drone flight can gather data and save valuable time for surveyors in the form of geo-referenced aerial images with razor sharp resolution. For example, MCE's survey department recently conducted a topographic survey of a 40-acre public park in northwest Arkansas. The city wants to install a new walking path, and MCE was able to combine traditional surveying with high-altitude LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) to reduce field time. We also flew the site with our drone to compare the results. Our survey consisted



Traditional surveying compared with high-altitude LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging)

of roughly 32 hours of field time and eight hours of processing time in office, for a total of 40 hours. Our drone mission comprised of four hours of field time (including travel) and 12 hours of office time for data processing and conversion into a usable format. This totals 16 hours. That's 60-percent less than traditional methods. If we had surveyed the entire site on foot, we estimate it would have taken at least 20 additional hours.

We flew at 288 feet in a grid pattern to increase accuracy. If we had flown in a nadir pattern, we could have reduced that field time by another 45 minutes to an hour. When compared side by side what we found was a near identical contour map. When checking accuracies, we were well within the range stated in the previous paragraph and many points were exactly the same as traditional methods. The accompanying image shows the comparison of the two.

Some common questions about using drones for surveying have been answered by *Point of Being*, a national surveying publication.

1. What types of data can be gathered with a drone being used for surveying?

Drone technology today is capable of getting enormous amounts of topographic and planimetric data using off-the-shelf drone hardware.

2. I need high accuracy. Will a drone work?

One of the significant criticisms of drone surveying is that they aren't accurate enough for very high accuracy points, and this is true. Even the best drones are not going to be as accurate as a good, well-operated total station. The drone should be used/viewed as just another tool in the truck. A drone is not a magic bullet, nor is it a standalone data collection device. The surveyor, with years of experience and technical expertise, needs to determine the right tool for the job. Preferably, the drone is a great tool for jobs where 0.1-foot accuracy is good enough, but it is not going to defeat a total station in terms of accuracy to the hundredth.

3. What data still needs to be surveyed on the ground?

Even the best drone technology still needs to be augmented by surveying on the ground. Whether it is for technical, legal or verification reasons, a good drone survey will always be complimented by at least some groundwork.

- 4. What are some of the major items that still need to be surveyed from the ground?
 - Ground control points—These tie every project to the rest of the fieldwork and are a critical component of drone surveying.
 - Check points—Anywhere the drone is incapable of getting the accuracy required by the survey. Depending on the requirements of each project, this can include things like building corners, ADA-compliant ramps and monuments.
 - Areas that can't be seen from the air also need to be surveyed on the ground. Whether obscured by trees, building eaves or underground utilities, the drone can't map what it can't see.
 - Some points are legally required to be shot on the ground. While every jurisdiction is slightly different, in almost every state, property boundaries are required to be surveyed from the ground.

The most critical question that businesses should be asking when using drones for surveying is, "Is the drone program saving me time and money?" A well-managed drone program should save both time and money, relative to ground-based surveying needs. If it isn't saving time and money, then it isn't working.

The good news is that tools exist that can be utilized to have a simple, reliable, accurate and profitable drone surveying program; you just need to ask the right questions. Additionally, this is a rapidly advancing technology and better equipment is constantly coming to market.

Drones also offer new approaches to construction progress, observation and monitoring; traffic studies; aerial photogrammetry; 3D site modeling; photo comparisons; aerial video; stockpile or basin area/volumes; and infrastructure inspections.

While drones will not eliminate the need for surveyors on the ground or traditional survey methods, they're designed to enhance current surveying methods by offering higher detail and better coverage of the information gathered.



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2019 State Turnback Funds

Actual Totals Per Capita									
	STR	EET	SEVERA	ICE TAX	GENERAL				
MONTH	2018	2018 2019		2019	2018	2019			
January	\$5.3807	\$5.662	\$0.2314	\$0.246	\$2.1460	\$2.145			
February	\$5.7121	\$5.675	\$0.2181	\$0.096	\$1.0867	\$1.087			
March	\$4.9583	\$5.085	\$0.2452	\$0.438	\$1.0870	\$1.087			
April	\$5.3609	\$5.401	\$0.2342	\$0.338	\$1.0854	\$1.085			
May	\$5.6871	\$5.811	\$0.2369	\$0.227	\$1.0859	\$1.086			
June	\$5.6422	\$6.017	\$0.1786	\$0.209	\$1.0872	\$1.088			
July	\$5.9048	\$5.801	\$0.1625	\$0.182	\$2.9589	\$2.959			
August	\$5.5464	\$5.990	\$0.1504	\$0.114	\$0.9368	\$0.924			
September	\$5.5992	\$5.899	\$0.1999	\$0.155	\$1.0873	\$1.087			
October	\$5.7310	\$5.654	\$0.1746	\$0.124	\$1.0871	\$1.087			
November	\$5.2853	\$5.652	\$0.2317	\$0.064	\$1.0869	\$1.087			
December	\$5.4642	\$5.775	\$0.2511	\$0.069	\$1.0871	\$1.087			
Total Year	\$66.2722	\$68.422	\$2.5145	\$2.261	\$15.8224	\$15.810			

Actual Totals Per Month

	STR	EET	SEVERAM	ICE TAX	GENERAL					
MONTH	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019				
January	\$10,171,403.10	\$10,702,464.91	\$437,461.72	\$464,101.95	*\$4,056,771.18	*\$4,054,867.57				
February	\$10,797,904.69	\$10,728,532.32	\$412,277.48	\$181,468.75	\$2,054,332.65	\$2,055,501.82				
March	\$9,372,912.56	\$9,611,591.51	\$463,496.06	\$828,851.20	\$2,054,888.05	\$2,055,055.19				
April	\$10,133,933.55	\$10,209,400.74	\$442,746.74	\$638,095.99	\$2,051,743.46	\$2,051,915.02				
Мау	\$10,750,634.53	\$10,985,547.22	\$447,755.63	\$428,651.27	\$2,052,679.36	\$2,052,767.40				
June	\$10,665,832.80	\$11,374,227.00	\$337,582.28	\$395,730.25	\$2,055,168.34	\$2,056,915.45				
July	\$11,162,170.00	\$10,966,523.76	\$307,247.09	\$343,609.83	** \$5,593,456.00	*** \$5,592,768.93				
August	\$10,484,657.00	\$11,322,293.50	\$284,348.41	\$214,617.36	\$1,770,842.80	\$1,746,588.81				
September	\$10,584,484.30	\$11,150,912.22	\$377,800.40	\$292,391.02	\$2,055,387.11	\$2,055,099.92				
October	\$10,833,617.52	\$10,687,834.00	\$330,015.80	\$235,240.93	\$2,054,971.77	\$2,055,035.24				
November	\$9,991,022.76	\$10,684,885.09	\$438,040.74	\$121,344.58	\$2,054,702.54	\$2,055,035.24				
December	\$10,329,322.67	\$10,916,904.58	\$474,599.17	\$130,060.08	\$2,054,975.16	\$2,054,709.31				
Total Year	\$125,277,895.48	\$129,341,116.85	\$4,753,371.52	\$4,274,163.21	\$29,909,918.42	\$29,886,259.90				

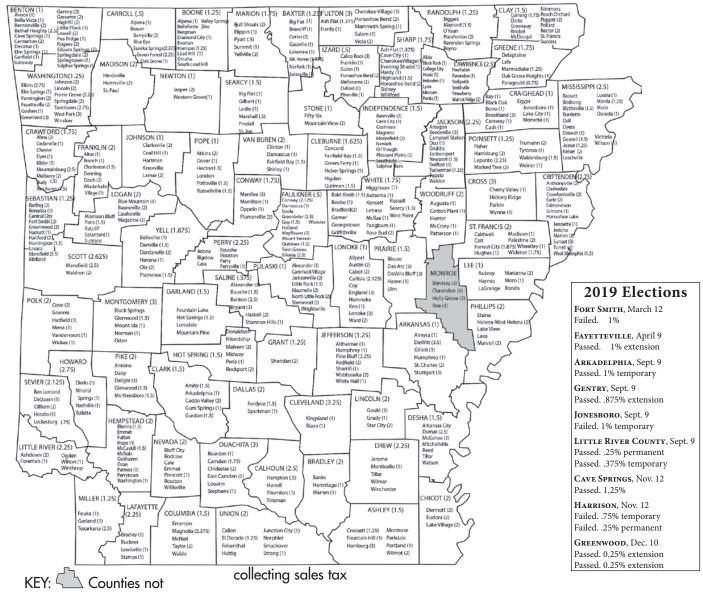
* Includes \$2 million appropriation from the Property Tax Relief Fund

supplemental for July 2018

**Includes \$3,514,066.32

***Includes \$3,513,475.89 supplemental for July 2019

Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



Source: Rachel Garrett, Office of State Treasurer

See also: www.dfa.arkansas.gov

Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2019 with 2018 Comparison (shaded gray)											
Month	Municipal Tax		Count	ty Tax	Tota	l Tax	Interest				
January	\$59,187,540	\$59,272,899	\$49,660,885	\$50,925,990	\$108,848,426	\$110,198,889	\$188,294	\$68,417			
February	\$66,363,635	\$63,961,892	\$55,082,773	\$56,034,012	\$121,446,409	\$119,995,904	\$265,350	\$76,180			
March	\$55,016,953	\$51,260,662	\$49,926,480	\$44,932,987	\$104,943,433	\$96,193,649	\$241,046	\$79,235			
April	\$53,915,385	\$51,354,831	\$45,679,915	\$45,689,403	\$99,595,300	\$97,044,234	\$239,875	\$79,564			
Мау	\$61,136,496	\$60,844,519	\$51,962,167	\$53,613,192	\$113,098,664	\$114,457,712	\$233,250	\$75,253			
June	\$63,455,242	\$56,373,987	\$53,477,656	\$48,955,855	\$116,932,898	\$105,329,842	\$199,380	\$71,501			
July	\$62,196,778	\$59,973,977	\$52,242,794	\$52,379,093	\$114,439,573	\$112,353,069	\$239,855	\$84,551			
August	\$63,103,397	\$60,174,400	\$53,989,906	\$52,922,077	\$117,093,303	\$113,096,478	\$229,107	\$79,558			
September	\$63,071,625	\$58,128,177	\$54,693,037	\$51,260,076	\$117,764,662	\$109,388,253	\$213,728	\$111,033			
October	\$64,934,499	\$60,197,608	\$55,729,333	\$52,310,178	\$120,663,833	\$112,507,786	\$214,922	\$174,353			
November	\$62,765,968	\$57,456,746	\$54,501,529	\$50,423,804	\$117,267,498	\$107,880,551	\$182,403	\$202,659			
December	\$62,102,384	\$59,269,564	\$54,327,357	\$50,277,652	\$116,429,741	\$109,547,217	\$184,380	\$208,901			
Total	\$737,249,904	\$698,269,262	\$631,273,834	\$609,724,320	\$1,368,523,738	\$1,307,993,584	\$2,631,590	\$1,311,205			
Averages	\$61,437,492	\$58,189,105	\$52,606,153	\$50,810,360	\$114,043,645	\$108,999,465	\$219,299	\$109,267			

December 2019 Municina	l I evv Recei	nts and December 2019 M	unicinal/Cour	nty Levy Receipts with 2018 Co	mnarison (shaded grav)	
CITY SALES AND USE AMOUNT	LAST YEAR	Garfield	•		554,762.57	COUNTY SALES AND USE AMOUN	IT ISE TOTAL
Alexander	116,936.65	Garland			180,400.80	Arkansas County 328,483.6	
Alma	219,911.65	Gassville			11,425.29	Ashley County	3 248,045.94
Almyra	2,408.52 5,294.56	Gentry			23,594.16 33,264.94	Crossett 63,229. Fountain Hill 2,009.2	1 60,363.20 28 1,918.21
Altheimer	2,641.80	Gillett	.44 8,342.40	Nashville	125,180.28	Hamburg	31,316.08
Altus	5,840.99	Gillham			186,566.03	Montrose	8 3,880.26
Amity	11,213.21 1,019.05	Gilmore		Norfork	5,763.11 5,861.77	Parkdale	
Arkadelphia 187,517.86	171,458.18	Goshen 16,056	56 6,063.73	North Little Rock 2,905,652.53		Wilmot 6,314.8	6,028.63
Ash Flat	89,149.56	Gosnell		Oak Grove	1,101.21	Baxter County 506,343.8	
Ashdown	138,553.92 56,083.44	Gould			6,002.65 18,139.00	Big Flat	
Augusta	22,719.00	Gravette	.05 81,287.46	Oppelo	3,606.94	Cotter 14,297.	5 13,692.69
Austin	30,511.21 7,119.27	Green Forest 107,532 Greenbrier		0000014111111111111111111111	98,695.60	Gassville	
Bald Knob	50,470.07	Greenland			1,527.21 168,294.36	Mountain Home 183,475.	
Barling	48,465.78	Greenwood 219,468	.90 209,612.18	Palestine	26,441.64	Norfork	30 7,213.37
Batesville	669,615.34 13,566.24	Greers Ferry		1 anyburn	7,911.75	Salesville	
Bay	8,901.76	Gum Springs			317,023.98 78,745.87	Avoca	
Bearden	9,321.45	Gurdon		Patmos 601 74	148.72	Bella Vista	
Beebe	125,961.02 152.83	Guy		1 alle13011	1,373.41	Bentonville	
Bella Vista	171,967.03	Hamburg			62,541.02 2,118.02	Cave Springs	38,310.97
Belleville	1,950.65	Hampton		Perroville 24 301 11	21,400.07	Centerton	1 188,777.24
Benton	1,489,766.48 2,801,152.54	Hardy		Piggott	33,985.88	Decatur	
Berryville	259,408.34	Harrison 513,795	65 482,711.08	Pineville 1 904 93	1,329,764.72 1,866.41	Garfield 9,908.9	9,959.66
Bethel Heights 60,350.55 Big Flat	88,533.58	Hartford 4,196 Haskell		Plainview / 502.00	4,218.57	Gateway	
Black Rock	416.00 8,951.89	Hatfield		Pleasant Plains 9,743.99	9,174.98	Gravette	
Blevins 3,837.53	3,794.28	Havana	87 3,544.78	Picebontee 288 063 02	10,109.63 247,605.19	Highfill	11,566.70
Blue Mountain	210.31 360,556.72	Hazen	.58 61,362.83 .97 143,992.99	Dortio (1010.00	3,225.64	Little Flock	
Blytheville	2,593.90	Hector		Portland	7,206.91	Pea Ridge	
Bono	16,692.25	Helena-West Helena 264,502	77 255,059.80		29,283.78 98,172.16	Rogers	5 1,110,323.63
Booneville	109,946.08 15,091.30	Hermitage 5,255 Higginson 1,756		Droppett 71 200 07	67,355.34	Siloam Springs 296,855.0 Springdale 129,330.0	
Bradley	3,183.15	Highfill		Pyatt	1,164.83	Springtown	
Branch2,262.84	1,828.14	Highland	16 19,741.07		20,701.78 2,556.92	Sulphur Springs 10,086.0	57 10,138.22
Briarcliff 1,624.14 Brinkley	943.42 151,470.15	Holly Grove 10,352 Hope		Destar 00 700 00	27,555.94	Boone County	
Brookland 73,850.19	61,666.00	Horatio 6,224	.86 6,775.50	Redfield	16,235.54	Bellefonte 6,630.3	6,149.62
Bryant	1,093,012.75	Horseshoe Bend 22,633			14,954.09 67,390.32	Bergman	5,946.44
Bull Shoals	27,790.75 792,645.88	Hot Springs			667.43	Diamond City	
Caddo Valley	54,345.29	Hughes 5,836	.31 5,103.81	Rogers	3,119,102.93	Harrison	175,318.47
Calico Rock	36,837.34	Humphrey 2,410			19,723.31 7,697.33	Lead Hill	
Camden	289,135.34 6,801.78	Huntington			1,069,212.93	Omaha	
Carlisle 61,134.22	58,271.21	Imboden	11 7,242.78	Salem 21,499.19	19,501.88	Valley Springs2,672.	2,478.81
Cash	2,472.61 19,880.32	Jacksonville			3,805.31 NA	Zinc	25 1,395.20 27 132,758.76
Cave Springs	32,779.72	Jennette			807,021.51	Banks	
Cedarville	4,573.20	Johnson 61,265			9,357.53	Hermitage	
Centerton	235,099.38 24,562.08	Joiner			221,082.41 1,013.82	Warren	06 49,626.43 0 88,492.02
Cherokee Village 20,560.43	15,981.40	Judsonia	14 10,313.29	Sherwood	870,269.16	Hampton	25,083.16
Cherry Valley	4,809.47	Junction City 6,576			2,182.53	Harrell	
Chidester	2,778.69 45,056.68	Keiser 4,653 Keo 1,526			644,795.10 3,154.50	Thornton	
Clarksville	352,463.65	Kibler	.00 3,379.93	Springdale		Carroll County 199,168.4	18 194,411.79
Clinton	90,612.84 4,095.47	Kingsland 1,953 Lake City			75.39	Beaver	
Conway	2,542,501.02	Lake Village			2,756.65 12,688.80	Chicot County	
Corning	64,632.29	Lakeview	.33 3,470.61	Star City	66,046.19	Dermott	24,205.23
Cotter	15,856.97 3,620.63	Lamar	.29 30,133.42 .62 6,250.28		5,496.02	Eudora	07 19,010.62 78 21,574.42
Cove	12,515.80	Lepanto			9,857.86 581,012.97	Clark County	
Crawfordsville	5,296.58	Leslie	.01 5,587.99	Sulphur Springs1,964.00	1,569.22	Clay County	82,311.25
Crossett	191,208.12 9,214.91	Lewisville	.28 7,693.50 .83 51,646.02	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	4,661.63 4.521.49	Corning	69 22,217.66 71 986.87
Danville 40,622.96	40,749.09	Little Flock 10,831	15 12,568.67	Swifton 4 788 47	3,527.09	Greenway	2,062.55
Dardanelle	147,180.11 26,384.58	Little Rock		Taylor	9,555.79	Knobel	
Delight	4,347.09	Lockesburg			403,835.68 181.116.40	Nimmons	680.94
DeQueen 136,196.04	120,933.41	Lowell	.76 349,474.18	Thornton 1 117 61	1,041.03	Peach Orchard 1,799.	6 1,332.27
Dermott	27,688.63 64,312.20	Luxora		Tontitown 256,348.12	208,293.08	Piggott	
DeValls Bluff 13,964.00	12,568.07	Magazine	.53 9,273.45	Tuckerman 11 / 35 37	149,907.36 9,250.28	Rector 17,565.0	13,006.90
DeWitt	160,573.88 2,098.02	Magnolia		Turrell	4,262.92	St. Francis	
Diaz	8,051.20	Mammoth Spring 7,656		Tyronza	3,291.30	Cleburne County 400,737.0	
Dierks 15,165.59	16,194.74	Manila	.94 34,889.09	Vall Dulell	626,447.01 426.04	Concord 2,975.0	2,752.77
Dover	22,626.65 131,653.77	Mansfield		Vilonia 08.467.60	112,865.52	Fairfield Bay 2,231.3 Greers Ferry 10,863.9	
Dyer	1,943.10	Marion	33 259,397.27	VIOIa	7,349.08	Heber Springs	
Earle	16,365.08	Marked Tree			785.92 7,056.17	Higden	
East Camden	7,384.91 801,926.24	Marmaduke 19,415 Marshall 14,628		Waldron	80,747.28	Quitman	26 8,258.33 56 112,032.71
Elkins	99,299.23	Marvell	41 18,391.34	Wainut Ridge 162,811.78	154,170.77	Kingsland 2,189.3	1,893.46
Elm Springs	8,517.92	Maumelle			45,548.30 72,963.89	Rison	
England	63,994.10 814.64	Mayflower 67,928 Maynard 5,531		Washington 2,286.44	888.67	Columbia County 466,146.3 Emerson	
Eudora	44,944.37	McCaskill	.54 716.70	Weiner	15,285.89	Magnolia	78 23,309.19
Eureka Springs 290,328.01 Evening Shade 4,096.45	291,695.05 4,285.10	McCrory	.28 22,229.29 .81 176,064.48		59,857.37 545,546.00	McNeil	
Fairfield Bay	4,285.10 37,582.71	McGenee		Western Grove 4,939.57	4,136.75	Waldo 3 096 (2 762 39
Farmington 159,043.26	143,116.07	Melbourne	.51 70,488.56	Wheatley	4,014.83	Conway County 363,490.8	336,856.78
Fayetteville	3,670,621.66 41,030.59	Mena			73,434.08 5,359.12	Menifee	
Fordyce	75,110.97	Mineral Springs 6,143	.90 7,208.99	Widener	4,287.86	Oppelo	9,214.33
Foreman 11,191.07	12,214.18	Monette	.07 19,992.52	Wiederkehr Village2,584.79	2,201.43	Plumerville 10,515.	9,745.24
Forrest City	316,994.58 3,477,458.65	Monticello			1,492.64 8,016.51	Craighead County 329,701. Bay	27 309,739.18 37 31,514.62
Fouke 9,530.75	9,399.63	Moro	.13 2,918.62	Wilton	593.04	Black Oak 4,880.0)5 4,584.58
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Caraway	23,822.83	22,380.45	Cave City	2,313.84	2,196.77	Birdsong	500.32	Waldron	26,592.72
Cash		5,984.45	Cushman		6,129.25	Blytheville	190,610.30	Searcy County	67,543.60
Egypt		1,959.82	Magness		2,739.18	Burdette 2,658.78	2,330.77	Big Flat7.14	6.61
Jonesboro		1,176,994.90	Moorefield		1,857.76	Dell	2,721.26	Gilbert	184.99
Lake City		36,431.67	Newark		15,946.90	Dyess	5,003.22	Leslie	2,913.55
Monette		26,265.11	Oil Trough		3,525.68	Etowah 4,886.02	4,283.24	Marshall	8,952.08
Crawford County		687,568.70	Pleasant Plains		4,732.54	Gosnell 49,389.18	43,296.12	Pindall	739.95
Alma		50,038.07	Southside		52,898.70	Joiner 8,018.09	7,028.91	St. Joe	872.08
Cedarville		12,871.94	Sulphur Rock		6,183.50	Keiser 10,565.50	9,262.05	Sebastian County	811,997.44
Chester		1,468.18	Izard County		46,640.62	Leachville	24,320.51	Barling	74,212.67
Dyer		8,088.83	Jackson County		278,873.58	Luxora 16,398.10	14,375.09	Bonanza	9,178.81
Kibler		8,873.70	Amagon		1,000.23	Manila 46,521.60	40,782.31	Central City	8,013.50
Mountainburg		5,826.54	Beedeville		1,092.09	Marie 1,169.30	1,025.05	Fort Smith 1,423,429.19	
Mulberry		15,281.97	Campbell Station		2,602.65	Osceola 107,979.68	94,658.39		1,376,167.02
Rudy		563.26	Diaz		13,452.11	Victoria	451.51	Greenwood	142,902.10
Van Buren		210,447.99	Grubbs		3,939.69	Wilson 12,570.03	11,019.25	Hackett	12,962.08
Crittenden County		1.258.302.93	Jacksonport		2,163.77	Monroe CountyNA	NA	Hartford	10,248.34
Anthonyville		1,021.53	Newport	70.267.65	80,416.67	Montgomery County 182,958.88	156,881.98	Huntington 10,484.72	10,136.60
Clarkedale		2,353.96	Swifton		8,144.75	Black Springs	583.14	Lavaca	36,539.65
Crawfordsville		3,039.21	Tuckerman		19,004.42	Glenwood	247.39	Mansfield 11,937.72	11,541.36
Earle		15,316.60	Tupelo	1.605.30	1,837.16	Mount Ida 7,391.45	6,337.95	Midland	5,188.02
Edmondson		2,709.27	Weldon		765.49	Norman	2,226.53	Sevier County	261,705.67
Gilmore		1,501.84	Jefferson County		417,645.62	Oden 1,593.69	1,366.55	Ben Lomond 1,495.84	1,376.59
Horseshoe Lake		1,852.71	Altheimer		10,468.60	Nevada County 141,103.22	128,770.20	De Queen 68,024.84	62,601.45
Jennette		656.69	Humphrey		3,276.76	Bluff City 1,299.04	1,185.50	Gillham1,650.59	1,518.99
Jericho		755.04	Pine Bluff		522,185.35	Bodcaw 1,445.71	1,319.35	Horatio 10,770.08	9,911.42
Marion		78,327.84	Redfield		13,798.55	Cale	755.28	Lockesburg7,623.65	7,015.84
Sunset		1,130.66	Sherrill		893.66	Emmet 4,976.17	4,541.23	Sharp County	76,165.68
Turrell		3,511.91	Wabbaseka		2,712.90	Prescott	31,511.36	Ash Flat 10,456.08	9,110.50
West Memphis		166,522.01	White Hall		58,790.14	Rosston	2,495.29	Cave City 18,586.22	16,194.39
Cross County		257,022.47	Johnson County		117,581.92	Willisville 1,592.38	1,453.19	Cherokee Village 41,376.22	36,051.57
Cherry Valley		6,601.76	Clarksville		86,367.89	Newton County	43,233.46	Evening Shade 4,609.21	4,016.06
Hickory Ridge		2,758.34	Coal Hill		9,523.24	Jasper 2,326.85	2,693.42	Hardy 7,788.72	6,786.40
Parkin		11,205.75	Hartman		4,883.95	Western Grove 1,917.41	2,219.47	Highland	9,714.77
Wynne	95,991.02	84,849.36	Knoxville		6,878.94	Ouachita County 648,879.57	571,303.04	Horseshoe Bend	74.37
Dallas County	129,759.69	141,536.99	Lamar		15,103.57	Bearden	8,768.47	Sidney 1,931.17	1,682.65
Desha County	115,672.08	103,115.12	Lafayette County	90,021.07	73,501.87	Camden 125,602.56	110,586.20	Williford	697.23
Arkansas City		3,990.71	Bradley		3,464.04	Chidester	2,623.28	St. Francis County 142,178.62	147,329.94
Dumas		51,312.23	Buckner		1,516.90	East Camden	8,450.77	Caldwell 9,354.96	9,693.90
McGehee		46,002.19	Lewisville		7,060.46	Louann 1,690.78	1,488.64	Colt	6,602.34
Mitchellville		3,925.29	Stamps		9,338.56	Stephens	8,087.70	Forrest City	268,477.60
Reed		1,875.42	Lawrence County		304,361.67	Perry County 115,570.52	126,353.08	Hughes	25,169.22
Tillar		228.98	Alicia		821.24	Adona1,158.96	1,126.01	Madison	13,431.74
Watson		2,300.65	Black Rock		4,384.36	Bigelow 1,746.76	1,697.10	Palestine	11,894.68
Drew County	417,806.47	397,398.40	Hoxie		18,411.64	Casa	921.28	Wheatley	6,200.60
Jerome		495.84	Imboden	4,775.13	4,483.70	Fourche	334.03	Widener	4,768.38
Monticello	126,542.61	120,361.54	Lynn		1,907.39	Houston	932.06	Stone County	92,643.34
Tillar	2,726.81	2,593.62	Minturn		721.90	Perry 1,497.23	1,454.66	Fifty Six	1,691.89
Wilmar	6,830.39	6,496.75	Portia		2,894.20	Perryville 8,096.11	7,865.92	Mountain View	26,874.69
Winchester		2,123.20	Powhatan		476.85	Phillips County	112,538.47	Union County	626,111.60
Faulkner County		762,448.89	Ravenden		3,112.76	Elaine 14,124.10	12,597.77	Calion	18,253.17
Enola		2,321.65	Sedgwick		1,006.68	Helena-West Helena 223,810.48	199,624.15	El Dorado	777,198.82
Holland		3,825.91	Smithville		516.59	Lake View	8,774.87	Felsenthal	4,472.62
Mount Vernon		995.97	Strawberry		2,000.11	Lexa 6,351.40	5,665.03		
Twin Groves	2,359.60	2,301.04	Walnut Ridge	37,650.92	35,353.00	Marvell	23,492.06	Huttig	25,018.03
Wooster		5,907.16	Lee County		34,946.18	Pike County 147,767.75	162,436.56	Junction City 19,996.76 Norphlet	22,316.25
Franklin County	253,244.00	267,198.91	Aubrey	1,155.36	1,082.91	Antoine	1,041.72		28,157.06
Altus	7,867.28	8,300.80	Haynes	1,019.43	955.51	Daisy	1,023.91	Smackover	74,077.87
Branch	3,809.09	4,018.98	LaGrange		566.94	Delight 2,259.77	2,484.09		21,076.93
Charleston	26,175.82	27,618.23	Marianna	27,966.49	26,212.82	Glenwood 17,705.56	19,463.18	Van Buren County 297,785.69	331,061.75
Denning		4,966.85	Moro	1,467.99	1,375.93	Murfreesboro 13,291.32	14,610.74	Clinton	29,408.12
Ozark		40,343.21	Rondo		1,261.27	Poinsett County 133,691.65	135,761.42	Damascus	2,825.53
Wiederkehr Village .		416.14	Lincoln County		118,284.29	Fisher 1,999.58	2,030.54	Fairfield Bay 21,907.97	24,356.07
Fulton County	180,866.95	108,742.80	Gould	4,514.42	4,006.96	Harrisburg 20,641.40	20,960.97	Shirley	3,288.92
Ash Flat		430.22	Grady	2,421.72	2,149.49	Lepanto 16,974.01	17,236.80	Washington County1,584,368.75	1,513,468.45
Cherokee Village		3,344.72	Star City		10,886.29	Marked Tree 23,008.62	23,364.83	Elkins	45,481.56
Hardy		177.15	Little River County		222,349.54	Trumann	66,434.07	Elm Springs 31,573.65	30,160.73
Horseshoe Bend		71.70	Ashdown		45,353.84	Tyronza 6,832.65	6,938.43	Farmington 107,415.14	102,608.32
Mammoth Spring		4,120.80	Foreman		9,708.39	Waldenburg	555.44	Fayetteville 1,323,000.62	1,263,796.50
Salem		6,896.11	Ogden		1,728.50	Weiner 6,420.18	6,519.57	Goshen 19,257.05	18,395.30
Viola	1,500.39	1,421.39	Wilton		3,591.43	Polk County	231,465.44	Greenland 23,266.69	22,225.51
Garland County		2,018,545.79	Winthrop		1,843.73	Cove	6,943.06	Johnson 60,306.39	57,607.68
Fountain Lake		6,907.49	Logan County	304,334.85	290,184.58	Grannis	10,069.24	Lincoln 40,438.00	38,628.41
Hot Springs		223,238.97	Blue Mountain		1,029.91	Hatfield	7,506.50	Prairie Grove	76,020.16
Lonsdale		1,290.87	Booneville		33,139.75	Mena 120,847.92	104,273.04	Springdale1,154,254.21	1,102,601.47
Mountain Pine		10,574.10	Caulksville		1,769.11	Vandervoort	1,581.28	Tontitown	42,252.51
Grant County		212,326.02	Magazine		7,034.93	Wickes	13,704.35	West Fork 41,660.67	39,796.36
Greene County		521,114.84	Morrison Bluff		531.56	Pope County	345,341.31	Winslow	6,715.74
Delaplaine		1,344.20	Paris		29,335.74	Atkins	41,474.51 18,949.56	White County1,175,650.35	1,114,396.65
Lafe		5,307.27	Ratcliff		1,677.75	Dover		Bald Knob	34,450.31
Marmaduke		12,874.19 10,301.67	Scranton		1,860.48 4,750.86	Hector	6,188.17 14,287.80	Beebe	86,987.91
Paragould			Lonoke County		4,750.86 285,881.68	Pottsville	39,026.74	Bradford 9,521.92	9,025.81
Hempstead County		302,595.51 363,995.54	Allport		1,155.99	Russellville	39,026.74 383,941.77	Garner	3,377.25
Blevins					20,486.18			Georgetown	1,474.57
Emmet		3,398.70 463.95	Austin		20,486.18 238,998.69	Prairie County	58,707.63 2,439.57	Griffithville 2,822.70	2,675.64
								Higginson	7,384.76
Fulton		2,168.70	Carlisle		22,255.35	Des Arc	11,539.24	Judsonia	24,009.38
Hope McCaskill		108,920.29 1,035.79	Coy England		965.00 28,397.18	Hazen	4,160.04 9,865.81	Kensett	19,597.55
McNab		733.69	Humnoke		28,397.18 2,854.80	Ulm	1,142.50	Letona	3,032.39
Oakhaven		679.74	Кео		2,854.80 2,573.34	Pulaski County		McRae 8,555.93	8,110.15
Ozan						Alexander 4,621.02	885,057.07 4,284.41	Pangburn 7,539.76	7,146.92
Patmos		917.11 690.53	Lonoke		42,671.16 40,881.86	Cammack Village 15,037.89	4,284.41	Rose Bud 6,046.86	5,731.81
								Russell	2,568.61
Perrytown		2,934.75	Madison County		227,489.39 479.94	Jacksonville	514,927.77	Searcy	271,820.88
Washington	252 065 02	1,942.12	Hindsville			Little Rock	3,513,287.32	West Point 2,320.89	2,199.97
		295,258.11	Huntsville		18,457.84	Maumelle	311,581.77	Woodruff County 85,887.72	84,695.84
Donaldson		2,388.76	St. Paul		889.06 185 914 12	North Little Rock1,219,948.77 Sherwood 578.077.61	1,131,083.76	Augusta	19,842.97
Friendship		1,396.75 81 884 53	Marion County		185,914.12	Sherwood	535,968.57 38 378 13	Cotton Plant	5,856.34
Malvern		81,884.53	Bull Shoals		15,226.86	Wrightsville	38,378.13	Hunter	947.48
Midway		3,087.14	Flippin	1 0/1 15	10,580.72	Randolph County 173,777.69	149,032.82	McCrory	15,601.86
		1,912.60			1,725.71	Biggers	3,613.30	Patterson	4,078.68
Rockport		5,991.74	Summit		4,716.42	Maynard	4,435.92	Yell County	232,951.22
Howard County		382,152.86	Yellville		9,401.61	0'Kean	2,020.11	Belleville	2,726.40
Dierks		18,721.16	Miller County		321,318.68	Pocahontas	68,808.81	Danville	14,893.19
Mineral Springs Nashville		19,960.42	Fouke		8,455.75	Ravenden Springs 1,432.74	1,228.73	Dardanelle	29,335.06
Nashville		76,454.36	Garland		8,455.75	Reyno	4,748.31 NA	Havana	29,335.06
Tollette		3,965.66 510,239.93	Texarkana		190,254.49 964,204.99	Saline County	NA 141,273.83	Ola	2,318.37 7,919.54
Batesville		138,965.88	Mississippi County Bassett		2,111.11	Scott County	6,648.18	Plainview	3,758.84
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AHPP sets historic tour schedule for 2020

he Arkansas Historic Preservation Program's Walks through History and Sandwiching in History tours will visit historic properties across the state during 2020. All tours are free and open to the public.

In the Walks through History program, AHPP historians provide guided walking tours of historic structures and districts across Arkansas. Most tours begin at 11 a.m. and last until about 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

The 2020 schedule includes:

- March 21—Lockesburg, Sevier County
- May 23—Van Buren, Crawford County
- Sept. 19-Paragould, Greene County
- Nov. 14—Star City, Lincoln County

The Sandwiching in History tour series targets central Arkansas structures and sites. The noontime series includes a brief lecture and tour of the subject property. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches with them. Sandwiching in History tours will be held in 2020 at the following locations:

- Jan. 10—Barton Coliseum, Little Rock
- Feb. 7—Quaker Meeting House, Little Rock
- March 6—The Baker, North Little Rock (pictured)
- April 3—The Old Mill, North Little Rock
- May 1—Gann Museum and Gann House, Benton
- June 5—Junction Bridge, Little Rock **Riverfront Park**
- July 10—Winchester Auto Store, Little Rock
- Aug. 7—Sappington Reinman House, Little Rock

- Sept. 4—Boyle Park Pavilion #1 and #2, Little Rock
- Oct. 2—St. Joseph's Orphanage, North Little Rock
- Nov. 6—Old State House, Little Rock
- Dec. 4—St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. Little Rock

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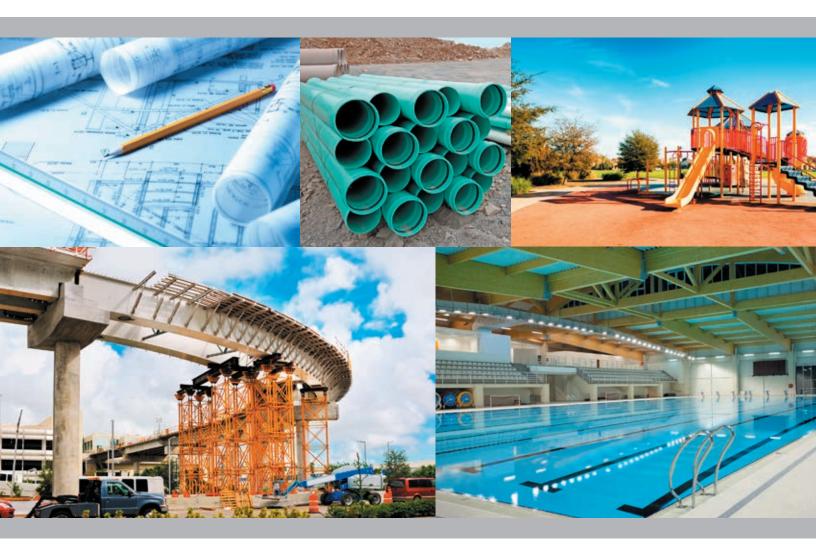
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