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Dear Colleagues,

It's hard to believe there are only two months left in my term as president of the Arkansas Municipal League. It seems like it was yesterday that I was given this great responsibility by my fellow municipal officials. I am grateful for the opportunity and I can truly say the position has been very rewarding. I have had the great pleasure to get to know civic leaders from around the state as I have learned first hand about how all the diverse municipalities in Arkansas come together to speak with one, unified voice. I am proud of our Arkansas Municipal League and all they do for us.



Cities are in the forefront in tackling some of our nation's most important issues, including the timely issues of environmental stewardship and sustainability. Recently, the City of Little Rock held its Sixth Annual Little Rock Sustainability Summit. This event is a yearly opportunity to discuss with our citizens the steps the city has taken to reduce its impact on the environment to become more sustainable. At this year's summit, we presented our Roadmap to 2020, which outlines our goals for sustainability over the next five years. You can view the Roadmap to 2020 by visiting [www.LRecycles.com](http://www.LRecycles.com). I encourage all of you to engage your citizens on this issue and develop a long-range sustainability plan so we can all be thoughtful about how our cities progress environmentally into the future.

I hope you will be able to join me at the 81st Convention of the Arkansas Municipal League, which will be held June 24-26 in Little Rock. This meeting will be important for both veteran municipal officials and newly elected officials, because it will be a great time to learn about how bills passed during the legislative session will impact our cities. You can also consult the legislative summary by League Executive Director Don Zimmerman in this issue of *City & Town*.

You can register online and view a tentative agenda by going to [www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org) or you can register by using the registration materials included in this issue of *City & Town*. When you go to [www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org), you will also notice that the redesigned website is easy to use and contains a wealth of information. It is a great resource for all of our state's municipal officials. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

All Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Stodola". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark Stodola  
Mayor, Little Rock  
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A photograph of the Arkansas State Capitol dome, a large white structure with a gold-tipped top, set against a clear sky. The dome is framed by green tree branches in the foreground. The building's facade features classical architectural elements like columns and a balustrade.

# General Assembly wrap-up

by Don Zimmerman, Executive Director

PHOTO BY ANDREW MORGAN

**T**he 90th General Assembly of the Arkansas Legislature adjourned sine die April 22. It was an historic session with both the Governor and a majority of both Houses from the Republican Party. The session operated in an efficient, business-like fashion and concluded its work several weeks earlier than in recent sessions. Gov. Asa Hutchinson was most effective in getting his high-priority issues enacted, including over \$100 million in tax cuts and a temporary extension of the private option Medicaid expansion. He also effectively managed to reach compromise on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) thereby avoiding negative economic implications for our state.

Senate President Pro Tempore Jonathan Dismang and Speaker of the House Jeremy Gillam were both outstanding in their management of the business of the Senate and House of Representatives.

As for the League's proposals, most of the high-priority items from our *2014-2015 Policies and Goals* were enacted. They included:

- Act 339 pertaining to elections by Rep. Mark Lowery;
- Acts 235 and 233 pertaining to organizational meetings and elimination of obsolete election procedures by Sen. Missy Irvin and Rep. Betty Overbey;

- Act 109 by Sen. Jake Files and Rep. Justin Boyd pertaining to annexation;
- Act 991 by Sen. John Cooper and Rep. Dave Wallace pertaining to annexation by 100 percent petition;
- Acts 587 and 1031 by Rep. Matthew Shepherd pertaining to District Courts;
- Act 582 by Rep. Ken Ferguson pertaining to financial administration options;
- Act 384 by Sen. Bart Hester and Rep. Boyd pertaining to filling vacancies in City Administrator cities; and
- Act 1059 by Rep. Charles Blake authorizing city bid preferences.

Several Acts that have the possibility of generating substantial litigation were enacted. Act 1002, the Private Property Protection Act, was such an enactment. Sen. Jim Hendren, who has advocated similar bills in the past, was receptive to addressing some of the concerns of the League even though the stars were probably aligned for him to have a pretty good chance to pass his bill without concessions. We think his acceptance of some language from a Texas law that had proven to be fairly workable in that state enabled us to join states with regulatory takings bills in a manner that hopefully will not be problematic.

Act 975 by Sen. Hutchinson and Rep. Bob Ballinger, the RFRA bill was modified, as previously mentioned, to mirror a federal RFRA law enacted in 1993 and signed by then President Clinton. It remains to be seen how much litigation will result there and how much modification to local ordinances will be necessary.

Act 137 by Sen. Bart Hester and Rep. Ballinger, which was allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, attempts to prevent local anti-discrimination ordinances. It will become effective 90 days after the April 22nd adjournment and will very likely result in litigation.

Act 896 by Sen. Bill Sample was submitted to improve the fairness of tax administration. The effect on cities, towns, and counties will be to allow an additional six months for businesses to claim a rebate on local sales taxes if more than \$25 is paid on a single transaction.

Current law provides a six-month period to claim the rebate as of August it will extend to one year. As introduced, the claim period was to have been three years, but the change to one year was made in the Senate and then passed in the House. The State Chamber of Commerce, who requested the bill, has reported that our state's business friendliness rating will now dramatically improve.

Copies of the new *Acts* pertaining to municipalities, along with additional explanation, will be provided at the 81st League Convention in June.

On behalf of the League staff, we would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Legislature who always gave our positions courteous consideration. We believe Arkansas cities will utilize the new laws effectively in helping Arkansas become an even greater state. Please thank the Governor and members of the General Assembly when you have the opportunity.

## New Acts of 2015 of Municipal Interest

|                    |                                  |   |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>HB<br/>1002</b> | Sabin, Warwick (D)<br>Woods, Jon | Authorizes the Ethics Commission to issue advisory opinions and guidelines on the requirements of Amendment 94 (Article 19, Sections 28, 29 and 30) of the Arkansas Constitution.<br><br>Bill History: 02-17-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 47 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1004</b> | Meeks, Stephen (R)               | Requires utility companies to carry-over any net excess generation credits from net-metering customers. Allows customer to elect to purchase credits that are at least 24 months old. Authorizes PSC to allow net-metering facilities that exceed 300 kW.<br><br>Bill History: 04-01-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 827 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1005</b> | McElroy, Mark (D)                | Authorizes county property transfers to municipalities, other counties, community colleges or higher education institutions in exchange for services, money or other consideration.<br><br>Bill History: 02-19-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 98 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1007</b> | Linck, Kelley (R)                | Requires a state income tax rate reductions for those in the 4.5 percent bracket, in any amount above \$70 million in a given month that is attributable to any new sales taxes levied on out-of-state sellers in the future.<br><br>Bill History: 03-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 709 )                              |
| <b>HB<br/>1008</b> | Murdock, Reginald (D)            | Authorizes an agency that is holding five percent of the payment to a construction contractor to release funds if the design consultant and agency approve that the project is 50 percent complete; requires contractors release moneys to subcontractors.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 866 ) |
| <b>HB<br/>1067</b> | Collins, Charlie (R)             | Allows the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to establish a nutrient water quality trading system which may involve credits, offsets, and exchanges; creates a nutrient water quality trading advisory panel.<br><br>Bill History: 03-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 335 )                              |
| <b>HB<br/>1082</b> | Davis, Andy (R)<br>Woods, Jon    | Requires a sewer utility to post notice of customer delinquency and provide a signed statement to its' corresponding water utility before termination of the customer's water service when the sewer utility does not own the water utility.<br><br>Bill History: 03-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 336 )               |

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# Municipal Health Benefit Fund Board waives mid-year rate changes

The Municipal Health Benefit Fund (MHBF) Board agreed to waive mid-year rate changes because of the program's stability when it met May 1 at League headquarters for its second quarter meeting.

The Board received the auditor's report of 2014, discussed program enhancements, reviewed current finances, discussed next month's Business Meeting at the Convention, and had one claim appeal. The audit report was very good, as was the current financial report. The possible program enhancements will be presented next month at the Annual Convention for possible additions to the program at the next quarterly meeting.

Because of the growth and stability the program has been experiencing the past few years, the Board decided to forego any mid-year rate adjustments this year. Advancing the review by a month for first of the year changes was also discussed. It was felt finalizing those first of the year changes in October would assist participants with their budget preparations.



The Annual Business meeting of the MHBF will be held on Friday, June 26, along with other League Business meetings, beginning at 8:45 a.m. at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. Audits will be presented along with possible benefit changes and election of trustees.

## County equalization boards to meet in August


County equalization boards will meet Aug. 1 through Oct. 1 to equalize the assessed value for all acreage lands, city and town lots, other real property and personal property. "Equalization" means to adjust the valuation of property in order to bring about a uniform tax rate (ACA § 26-27-315; *Black's Law Dictionary*). The boards will meet as often as necessary during this time to complete their work (ACA § 26-27-309). If a county's ratio of assessed-to-market value is out of compliance, the equalization board may meet after Oct. 1, but no later than the third Monday in November (ACA § 26-27-311).

County equalization boards have two responsibilities: (1) to review and equalize overall county assessments as assessed by the assessor, and (2) to hear assessment appeals by property owners. The board begins the review of assessments on Aug. 1, when the county assessor delivers the completed assessment records to the county clerk, who serves as the secretary for the board. Assessment appeals from landowners begin no later than the second Monday in August (ACA § 26-27-317).

Cities and incorporated towns have a part to play in deciding who sits as a member of the county equalization board. Cities and incorporated towns

select one member of a five-member board (counties with a population less than 79,000) and two members of a nine-member board (counties with a population greater than 79,000) (ACA § 26-27-303 and 304).

To select county equalization board members, city and incorporated town representatives within the county shall hold a meeting during the month of May of each year in which the terms of any of the members of the county equalization board shall expire (ACA § 26-27-304(b)(2)(A)). The mayor of the city or town or his or her designee shall serve as the representative of his or her city or town (*Id.*). The mayor of the county seat shall be the chair of the meeting, and if there are dual county seats, the mayor of the larger of the two seats shall be the chair of the meeting (*Id.*). Those at the meeting shall select the member of the board via majority vote, and each city or town shall be entitled to one vote (*Id.*). No action shall be taken unless a quorum is present. A majority of all of the representatives of all cities and incorporated towns in the county shall constitute a quorum (*Id.*).

Information for this article comes from "Arkansas Property Tax Equalization and Appeal System," a publication of the Assessment Coordination Department. For more information, contact the Department at 501-324-9240, or visit [www.arkansas.gov/acd](http://www.arkansas.gov/acd). 



# Marion remembers Sultana tragedy

Marion marked the 150th anniversary of the Sultana steamboat disaster with the dedication of a new memorial and museum opening Sept. 23. Several hundred people attended the commemorative events, which also included historical lectures, a musical performance, and tours.

The Sultana was heading north on the Mississippi River near Marion in the early morning hours of April 27, 1865, straining against a strong current, when a

boiler exploded. The ship was blown apart. Nearly 1,800 of the almost 2,400 passengers on the ship died, making it the nation's greatest maritime disaster. Many of the passengers were former Union soldiers making their way home following the end of the Civil War. The remains of the ship are believed to still be buried deep beneath a soybean field in northeast Arkansas.

The Sultana didn't get the media attention it deserved at the time of the disaster," Marion Mayor Frank Fogleman said.

"It is our hope that with this museum we are able to better educate and further the story of the Sultana and, hopefully, afford it its rightful place in history," Fogleman said.



Marion Mayor Frank Fogleman recognizes several descendants of the victims of the disaster who were able to attend the dedication ceremony.



With the monument and museum, Marion helps honor the memory of the Sultana disaster.



Several artists' depictions of the Sultana disaster are displayed in the new museum in Marion.

# Tourism a priority for Walnut Ridge mayor

By Andrew Morgan, League staff



PHOTO COURTESY CAPTURING THE MOMENT PHOTOGRAPHY, WALNUT RIDGE.

Walnut Ridge's Beatles connection has brought thousands of visitors to the city's museum and park in recent years, says Mayor Charles Snapp.

**T**his may be Walnut Ridge Mayor Charles Snapp's first term in that office, but his public service stretches back a lifetime, both in elected office and as a volunteer focused on tourism in his city and Lawrence County. He previously served on the city council about 20 years ago, and he unsuccessfully ran for mayor twice during that period. He then left local politics for a time and focused on his business.

"I had an overdose of the entrepreneurial spirit," Snapp says. "I was one of those that believed if you could dream it, build it, and make it a reality that it would work."

That spirit runs in his family, who in 1932 moved over from Independence County and bought a Ford dealership. That dealership marked the establishment of his family in the area, and it coincided with the growth of tourism in the state, which depended on the automobile, Snapp says. His family capitalized, building a restaurant and hotel and getting into the tourism business.

Following that family tradition, Snapp and some friends opened a waterfowl hunting service in 1978. He also filmed local outdoor TV shows in the area, on and off for about 15 years, he says.

Along with the entrepreneurial spirit is a real community spirit, and Snapp has volunteered his time and expertise on several projects. He took a prison work crew and built a fishing pier at Lake Charles State Park (which is named for his uncle, Charles C. Snapp, a former Arkansas Game and Fish Commissioner), and helped construct one on the city park pond.

He retired from the outdoor and hunting business about six years ago but had a desire to stay involved in his city's development. An opportunity presented itself when the president of the Walnut Ridge Chamber of Commerce asked him to be a part of a new tourism-focused committee.

"One thing led to another and for the next four years I was a full-time volunteer as tourism director, and then the last year and a half I also volunteered with industrial recruitment and commercial development."

All cities have to find what makes them unique and utilize that aspect, Snapp says, and for Walnut Ridge, the Beatles are that unique connection. The Fab Four's plane landed in Walnut Ridge on a quiet night in September 1964 when the group was on its way to a ranch in Missouri for some weekend relaxation before heading to New York. The brief stopover may be a footnote in the Beatles' history, but it's a lasting memory and tourism attraction for Walnut Ridge, which has developed a museum dedicated to the group and their visit, and a Beatles park featuring a sculpture depicting the famous Abbey Road image of the group crossing the street. The city's Guitar Walk also taps into the area's musical heritage along Hwy. 67, aka the Rock 'n Roll Highway.



PHOTO COURTESY ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM.

From left, Snapp, 2014 Miss Arkansas, and Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Director Richard Davies at the 41st Arkansas Governor's Conference, where Snapp received a Henry Award for his volunteer efforts.

His numerous volunteer experiences led Snapp to consider another run for mayor, more than 20 years after his previous attempts.

"I got to thinking, you know, if I can help lead in this manner and provide this much as a volunteer on the outside, I think I can do more from the inside. That's when I decided to go ahead and make another attempt and run for mayor."

Now as mayor, Snapp has received broad recognition for his volunteer efforts. He received the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award at the 2015 Henry Awards, presented in March at the 41st Arkansas Governor's Conference. He is quick to share that honor.

"I know how the quarterback feels," Snapp says. "The award was given to me, but there was a whole line of people who helped develop those efforts."

# Little Rock hosts women's soccer team from Newcastle, England



The women's soccer team from Northumbria University, Newcastle, England, pose for a group shot after a friendly match against the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in early April. Newcastle upon Tyne has been a Little Rock Friendship City since 1999.

**T**he women's soccer team from Northumbria University from Newcastle, England, visited Arkansas in April for matchups with University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Hendrix University, and Ouachita Baptist University. The Little Rock Sister Cities Commission hosted the visit.

"Newcastle and Little Rock share much in common, such as our underlying economic base and being hubs of activity for our regions," said Bryan Barnhouse, co-liaison to Newcastle and commissioner for the Little Rock Sister Cities Commission. "We also both love sports. The Commission and our partners are happy to bring the British passion for soccer to central Arkansas."

In addition to the games played with the three universities, the trip included a meeting with Gov. Asa Hutchison, a tour of the Capitol, and a visit to the Clinton Presidential Center.

Little Rock has a longtime Friendship City relationship with Newcastle upon Tyne. While the Northumbria team came to compete, they also taught at local youth

clinics and experienced Little Rock and the region. The women made lasting friendships along the way. Not only were the soccer/football matches fun for spectators, the team was also able to tap into the roots of what makes Arkansas such a special place. Consequently, they want to come back for more next year and at least one of our universities wants to send a team to England.

Newcastle has been a Friendship City with Little Rock since 1999 and has exchanged youth leadership groups, cultural organizations, and business and economic development missions. The Little Rock Sister Cities Commission serves to foster relationships between the City of Little Rock and its Sister City partners across the globe by promoting mutual cross-cultural understanding, providing regular interaction and informational exchange, and creating economic development opportunities. Learn more and get involved at [www.lrsistercities.org](http://www.lrsistercities.org) and follow us on Twitter @LRSisterCities.

# League's Finkbeiner, Young retire

The League bids farewell to two employees this spring. Debbie Finkbeiner, contracting specialist with the Municipal Health Benefit Fund, retired April 15, and Paul Young, League finance director, retired at the end of March. Join us in thanking Debbie and Paul for their years of service to Arkansas's cities and towns.

PHOTOS BY ANDREW MORGAN.



From left, Debbie Finkbeiner and League Executive Director Don Zimmerman.



From left, Debbie, Pat Planek, Zimmerman, Sara Jansen, and Krystal Berline.



From left, Matt Parker, Chris Hartley, Amber Kidd, Tammie Williams, Lori Sander, Paul Young, Zimmerman, Cindy Frizzell, and Darrin Clanton.

## Fairs & Festivals

May 15-16, **DERMOTT**, 3rd Dermott Community Fest, 870-329-3378;  
**HARRISON**, 25th Crowdad Days Festival, 870-741-2659, [www.crowdaddys.org](http://www.crowdaddys.org); **MAGNOLIA**, 26th Magnolia Blossom Festival and World Championship Steak Cook-off, [www.blossomfestival.org](http://www.blossomfestival.org)

May 16, **NORFORK**, Norfolk Pioneer Days Heritage Festival, 870-499-5225, [cityofnorfork.org/pioneer-days](http://cityofnorfork.org/pioneer-days);  
**TEXARKANA**, 5th RailFest, 903-244-7784, [Arkansas.txkusa.org](http://Arkansas.txkusa.org)

May 21-24, **AUGUSTA**, 18th Augusta Days, 870-347-6457, [augustaar.org](http://augustaar.org)

June 4-6, **DES ARC**, 30th Steamboat Days, 870-256-5289, [www.steamboatdays.net](http://www.steamboatdays.net);  
**MENA**, 38th Lum & Abner Festival, 479-394-8355, [visitmena.com](http://visitmena.com)

June 5-6, **NEWPORT**, 34th Portfest, 870-523-3618, [www.portfest.org](http://www.portfest.org)

June 6, **GASSVILLE**, 13th Gassville in the Park Festival, 870-435-6439, [www.cityofgassville.org](http://www.cityofgassville.org)

June 12-14, **CHEROKEE VILLAGE**, 60th Anniversary Celebration, [www.discovercherokeevillage.com](http://www.discovercherokeevillage.com)



# National Town Builders Association meets in Arkansas



Participants, which included several Arkansas municipal officials, in the National Townbuilders Association spring roundtable kicked off the event in Bentonville before visiting Conway, Little Rock, and North Little Rock to tour examples of sustainable urban development in Arkansas.

**T**he National Town Builders Association (NTBA) held its Spring Roundtable March 20-22 in Arkansas to focus on “Making and Remaking America’s Downtowns.” The group, a collection of urban and new urban real estate development professionals from across the country visited The Village at Hendrix in Conway, the River Market and Argenta in Little Rock and North Little Rock, retirement haven Hot Springs Village, and burgeoning downtown Bentonville.

The NTBA focuses on successful smart growth policies that are economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable.

The event started in Bentonville, where attendees learned about the burgeoning food scene with a dinner at the Tusk & Trotter prepared by Executive Chef Rob Nelson and a reception hosted by Rob Coleman, CEO/President of ERC, a development firm with a number of projects underway. The next morning after a welcoming cup of coffee from The Pressroom, NTBA members learned how the City of Bentonville, Downtown Bentonville, Inc., and a variety of far-sighted town organizations, civic leaders, and businesses came together to fulfill the vision of Bentonville as it evolved into a vibrant downtown and national destination, starting with its 1,765-acre master plan. After a warm welcome by Mayor Bob McCaslin, Director of Community Planning Troy Galloway and Daniel Hintz, Founder/Chief Experience Architect of Cultural Velocity and former Director of Downtown Bentonville, Inc. led a tour and provided insight to the city’s success, including the hosting of weekly

meetings to foster essential brain-storming, teambuilding and communication. 21c Museum Hotel and Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art were also on the tour and have contributed to the success of the community.

The Roundtable then headed to Conway to visit The Village at Hendrix, a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented neighborhood under development by Hendrix College. With its first phase completed, all residences are sold or rented and its commercial Market Square is filled with a mix of businesses. CEO Ward Davis explained the success of The Village began with a new urban plan by one of the top urban planning firms in the nation, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company and the commitment by forward-thinking college administrators to build a college-oriented Main Street neighborhood where people could live, work, learn, and play.

In Little Rock, pillars of the development community provided the back story of the success of Little Rock and North Little Rock, starting with the downtown revitalization efforts of River Market and the Central Library system. Local leaders stressed the willingness to work toward a common goal, to find solutions—even in the midst of one of the most challenging recessions, and the value of relationships as key components in achieving results. Danny Bradley, John Gaudin, and Greg Nabholz introduced the Argenta Arts District and explained how its mix of housing, businesses, and walkable streets work hand-in-hand to complement both the region’s historic urbanism and community building efforts, including Imagine Central Arkansas, a comprehensive community planning process.

# ACMA explores ways to fight anti-government attitudes

By Andrew Morgan, League staff



PHOTO BY ANDREW MORGAN.

**T**he Arkansas City Managers Association (ACMA) discussed strategies for combating anti-government sentiment at the local level as part of its annual spring conference, held April 29-May 1 in Conway. The ACMA welcomed Dr. Peter Gess, an assistant professor of Politics at Hendrix College in Conway, who shared the results of numerous studies focused on the matter and facilitated discussion about the issue.

When it comes to gauging the public's trust in government, the studies conducted are almost all done at the national level, he said.

"There's very little research, unfortunately, done at the local level," Gess said.

The national trend lines may still be helpful in understanding the big picture, he said.

Gess shared several graphs compiled by the Pew Research Center charting the public's responses to issues such as trust in the federal government, both in general and broken down by political party; levels of frustration with government by age, party affiliation, etc.; general satisfaction with the state of the nation; consumer confidence; and other related questions. There have been some fluctuations over the past few decades depending on which president has been in office, but overall the trend has been downward since the 1960s.

Trust in government tends to dip during a recession and when consumer confidence is low, which can be frustrating for leaders at the local level, Gess said.

"Many of you have very little control over the national economy, right?" he asked.

While anti-government sentiment may be strong at the national level, isolated studies suggest a more positive view of state and local governments, those closest to the people, Gess said.

Building trust, even on the local level, is difficult without a spirit of moderation, Hot Springs City Manager and ACMA President David Watkins said.

"The value of moderation is evaporating," Watkins said. "So everything is win-lose."

Gess explored some of the potential causes of distrust at the local level, which could include negative feelings about taxes or fines, not feeling a part of government, ineffective services and policies, corruption and scandals, or just waiting in line for too long at a local office. Even seemingly small negative interactions with government can foster an "us vs. them" mentality, he said.

Gess pointed out several strategies local officials can use to combat cynicism and distrust, such as informing citizens about what services local government provides, and providing information about service performance and any changes in services; holding open meetings and discussions, especially about controversial issues; utilizing PR to portray a positive image, and responding to negative comments in the media; and informing the public about your high ethical standards and then demonstrate that commitment.

# Russellville named Welcome to Arkansas Community of the Year

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From left, Russellville Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jeff Pipkin, Miss Arkansas Ashton Campbell, ADPT Director Richard Davies, Russellville Area Chamber of Commerce Communications Director Misty Lumpkins, and ADPT's Jessica Ledbetter.

**R**ussellville was named Welcome to Arkansas Community of the Year at the 41st Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism, held in March in Texarkana. The Welcome to Arkansas program began in 2009 to increase visitors' satisfaction with vacationing in Arkansas and improve customer service by arming front-line personnel with messages about their local community, region, and state.

Russellville joined the Welcome to Arkansas program in 2012. Since then, the city has hosted six First Impressions Guest Service Workshops, which are tourism-focused customer service trainings offered to communities across the state by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. Russellville has also shown initiative in expanding the reach of the Welcome to Arkansas program by facilitating its own workshops to train even more members of the community.

"In the past two years, more than 70 people from the hospitality industry, retail, nonprofit, and other local businesses have taken advantage of this program," said Misty Lumpkins, communications director of the Russellville Area Chamber of Commerce. "Our chamber has embraced this wonderful program and offers it to the whole community quarterly. Our goal is to roll out the welcome mat because without people coming into our local businesses, there would be no local businesses."

Russellville's participation in the Welcome to Arkansas program has helped front-line workers see the broader role that guest relations has in promoting tourism to Russellville, the surrounding communities and the entire state.

For more information on this statewide program, contact program coordinator Jessica Ledbetter at 501-682-5240 or by emailing [WelcomeToArkansas@arkansas.gov](mailto:WelcomeToArkansas@arkansas.gov).



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# Ghana-Arkansas collaboration grows

By Sherman Banks

**G**hana, a country on the West Coast of Africa, is one of the most thriving democracies on the continent. It has been referred to as an “island of peace” in one of the most chaotic regions. It shares boundaries with Togo to the east, la Cote d’Ivoire to the west, Burkina Faso to the north, and the Gulf of Guinea to the south. A recent discovery of oil in the Gulf of Guinea could make Ghana an important oil producer and exporter in the next few years.

The country’s economy is dominated by agriculture, which employs about 40 percent of the working population. Ghana is one of the leading exporters of cocoa in the world. It is also a significant exporter of commodities such as gold and lumber. Ghana has hundreds of ethnic groups, each with its own unique language. English, however, is the official language, which is a direct product of being a former British Colony.

In August of 2014 the Arkansas Municipal League helped to host a Symposium on Sustainable Agriculture

and Economic Partnership between Arkansas’s Delta region, and the Volta Region of Ghana. The event offered municipal and district leaders the opportunity to promote agricultural and tourism offers to their respective jurisdictions to potential investors and symposium participants. During the symposium, we also explored how municipalities and communities from the two regions could work together to build strong mutually beneficial and long lasting relationships.

The Volta Region is the most easterly region of Ghana that borders on Togo. It is an area of incredible scenic beauty. The festivals and ceremonies showcase the rich diversity of the history and culture of the tribal life. Ho is the capital city and is an important center of herbal medicine, which seems to be growing in the western world today. The main economic activities of the Volta Region are farming, fishing, livestock, small commerce, and tourism.



Arkansas Secretary of State Mark Martin, right, greets a local mayor in Ghana’s Volta region.

During the delegation's visit from Ghana last August they made inquiries about the development of a memorandum of understanding between the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG) and the Arkansas Municipal League.

An Arkansas delegation made a follow-up visit to the Volta Region in March led by Secretary of State Mark Martin. Delegates included Deputy Secretary of State Joseph Wood, UAMS Director of Global Health Don Simpson, the World Trade Center of Arkansas's Denise Thomas, Aristotle Inc.'s Jason Shivers, and myself. We also hand carried two letters of collaboration from the city of Jacksonville and Shorter College in North Little Rock.

We traveled throughout the Volta Region meeting with local, district, state, national, and traditional leaders to explore educational, cultural, economic, and sister city possibilities between our two regions. We made successful tours of selected educational institutions, farming communities, acquainted ourselves with the role of traditional rulers, women's groups, and key places of tourism led by Helen Adjoa Ntoso, regional minister of the Volta Region.

At the end of this most successful trip, we agreed to collaborate in areas such as agriculture, telecommunications, education, and tourism. We agreed to prioritize improving access to broadband internet in the region, facilitated by Aristotle, Inc., in order to improve communications among government and educational institutions, agricultural and traditional leaders and health authorities throughout the Volta Region.

NALAG has proposed the following objectives for the development of collaboration with the League:

- Promote the development of local government through training of municipal officials and through municipal officials exchanges.
- Examine the differences in the processes of how laws are made.
- Examine the differences in how our organizations work with rural and urban cities.
- Examine the organizational differences between the League and NALAG.
- Learn how each group collaborates among local, county, and national governments and with non-governmental organizations.



A traditional ruler in the city of Ho addresses the conference in March.

To further the commitment of Ghana's Volta Region and Delta region of Arkansas, a proposed list of 50 delegates will be joining us at our 81st Convention this June in Little Rock. The delegation will be led by the Minister Ntoso and two traditional rulers, Prince Kwame Kludjeson, president and CEO of the Africa Global Sister Cities Foundation, and Prince Kofi Kludjeson, chair of Alltel Technologies Ltd. The delegation will participate in the Convention and will have a booth located in our exhibit hall. To learn more about how your city or town can develop a sister city relationship with the Volta Region please contact me.



Contact Sherman Banks at 501-374-8493, email [sbanks@aristotle.net](mailto:sbanks@aristotle.net), or write to P.O. Box 165920, Little Rock, AR 72216.



## 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention

Marriott Hotel/Statehouse Convention Center, June 24-26, 2015

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MINUTES

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**Countdown to Convention.**

June 24-26—Little Rock, Ark.

See next page for more information.

Register online at [www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org).

Contact Whitnee Bullerwell  
at 501-978-6105.

Cost for 10' x 10' exhibit space is \$550.  
Cost for Large Equipment Space is \$1,100.

## RESOLUTIONS

Suggested Convention Resolutions for consideration at the 81st Annual Convention should be mailed to:

81st Convention Resolutions  
Arkansas Municipal League  
P.O. Box 38  
North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038

**The deadline for Resolution submission is Friday, May 15.**

Resolutions may be drafted by an official of any member city or town and can relate to any matter of municipal concern. See your **2014-2015 Policies and Goals** for resolutions adopted at the 80th Convention.

## WANTED: Elected City officials with 25 years of service

Did you begin serving your city or town in 1990? The League would like to know!

The League will give special recognition to **elected city and town officials** who are in their 25th year of municipal service at the 81st League Convention, June 24-26, in Little Rock.

**Names must be submitted to the League by May 22.**

Call Ken Wasson at 501-374-3484, ext. 211; Sheila Boyd, ext. 218; or write to P.O. Box 38, North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038.

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

At the 81st Convention, a special Exhibit Hall is available for businesses, companies and manufacturers to display their products and services that are available to Arkansas municipalities.

To guarantee your firm's exhibit area, contact the League immediately to reserve space for your display. Your name will be added to the list of exhibitors, and we will reserve a space for your exhibit when you arrive.

The cost this year is \$550 for a regular exhibit space or \$1,100 for a large exhibit space. We cannot guarantee space for companies that do not register before June 8.

Call Whitnee Bullerwell at 501-978-6105, or write to Arkansas Municipal League, P.O. Box 38, North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038.

ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE



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## CLE Offered at League Convention

Twelve (12) hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who attend the 81st Arkansas Municipal League Convention, June 24-26, at the Little Rock Convention Center. The Arkansas City Attorney's Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE.

Joe Summerford, Bethel Heights city attorney and the current ACAA president, urges members to register for the Convention as soon as possible. A registration form is in this issue of City & Town and copies are also being mailed to city attorneys.

The 12 hours are offered June 25 and 26, and the tentative CLE agenda includes topics such as RFRA, the FOIA, and the recent legislation on takings, as well as Act 137, among other topics. Additionally, the program will include one (1) hour of ethics. **This summer's CLE will be held at the League's headquarters in North Little Rock.**

To attend the CLE program, registration is required at the League Convention. For registration information, call Whitnee Bullerwell at 501-374-3484, Ext. 206. For CLE information, call Mark Hayes, ACAA secretary/treasurer and League general counsel at 501-978-6102 or Jamie Adams at 501-978-6124.



# 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention

Marriott Hotel / Statehouse Convention Center, June 24-26, 2015

REGISTRATION

**Registration and payment must be received in League office by Monday, June 8, 2015, to qualify for Pre-registration rates.**

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| Pre-registration for municipal officials . . . . .  | \$150 |
| Registration fee after <b>June 8, 2015</b> , and on-site registration for municipal officials . . . . . | \$175 |
| Pre-registration for guests . . . . .   | \$75  |
| Registration fee after <b>June 8, 2015</b> , and on-site registration for guests . . . . .              | \$100 |
| Other registrants . . . . .   | \$200 |

- Registration will be processed **ONLY** with accompanying payment in full. Make checks payable to the Arkansas Municipal League.
- Registration includes meals, activities and a copy of **2015 General Acts Affecting Arkansas Municipalities**.
- No daily registration is available.
- Registration must come through the League office. No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- **No refunds after June 8, 2015.**
- Cancellation letters must be postmarked by **June 8, 2015**.
- **Marriott guests:** In order to avoid a cancellation penalty of one night's room and tax, reservations must be cancelled at least seven (7) days prior to arrival.

HOTEL RESERVATION

## Hotel Room Rates

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| <b>Marriott Hotel</b> (headquarters hotel) <i>formerly the Peabody Hotel</i> |                  |                           |
| Single/Double. <b>SOLD OUT</b> . . . . .                                     | <del>\$129</del> | Check-in . . . . . 3 p.m. |
| <b>Capital Hotel</b>   |                  |                           |
| Single/Double. <b>SOLD OUT</b> . . . . .                                     | <del>\$174</del> | Check-in . . . . . 3 p.m. |
| <b>Doubletree Hotel</b>  |                  |                           |
| Single/Double. <b>SOLD OUT</b> . . . . .                                     | <del>\$136</del> | Check-in . . . . . 3 p.m. |
| <b>Wyndham Hotel</b>   |                  |                           |
| Single/Double. <b>SOLD OUT</b> . . . . .                                     | <del>\$104</del> | Check-in . . . . . 3 p.m. |

- Cut-off date for hotel reservations is **June 8, 2015**.
- Rooms in Little Rock are subject to an 13 percent tax.
- Rooms will be held until 6 p.m. and then released unless guaranteed by credit card.
- Contact the hotel directly to make changes or cancellations in hotel accommodations.
- Hotel confirmation number will come directly from the hotel.
- Please check on cancellation policy for your hotel.



**81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE JUNE 24 - 26, 2015**

**WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2015**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

ARKANSAS CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS, AND  
TREASURERS ASSOCIATION ..... Conway Room, Marriott

**1:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

REGISTRATION ..... Osage & Caddo Rooms, SCC

**1:30 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.**

MEET YOUR EXHIBITORS/  
RENEW ACQUAINTANCES ..... Governor's Halls I - III, SCC

*Use this time to meet the exhibitors and see what products and services they have that could benefit your city. Popcorn and beverages will be served throughout the afternoon. Also, take the time to renew acquaintances with fellow municipal officials while relaxing in the Exhibit Hall.*

**1:30 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.**

SOCIAL MEDIA LAB ..... Quapaw Room, SCC

*Do you want to build a social media presence to promote your municipality? Do Friends, Fans and Followers confuse you? Let League staffers walk you through the process of creating a social media presence using our lab.*

**3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

CITY PRIDE: WAYS TO PROMOTE  
AND ENHANCE YOUR CITY ..... Governor's Hall IV, SCC

*Good Planning makes good economic sense. How can you go about promoting your city? Are there steps you can take to revitalize Main Street? A variety of speakers share their ideas on ways to promote your city. (Attendees will receive 2 hours of Certified Continuing Education credit.)*

Presiding: Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock  
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: TBA

**3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

INTERIM JOINT CITY, COUNTY,  
LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ..... Fulton Room, SCC

*The Interim Committee welcomes all city officials to attend this committee meeting.*

**5:30 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.**

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ..... Governor's Hall IV, SCC

*Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.*

Presiding: Mayor Rick Elumbaugh, Batesville  
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

**7:00 P.M.**

OPENING NIGHT BANQUET ..... Wally Allen Ballroom, SCC

*Welcome to the 81st Annual Convention's Opening Night Banquet. Enjoy a delicious meal and visit with fellow delegates. At the conclusion of the banquet we will recognize various municipalities and individuals who have made significant contributions to the AML this past year.*

Presiding: Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock  
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Invocating: TBA

Speaker: Governor Asa Hutchinson  
State of Arkansas

**8:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.**

PRESIDENT'S DESSERT RECEPTION ..... Capital Hotel

*After the opening night banquet, walk across the street to the Capital Hotel and enjoy delicious desserts.*

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015**

**6:30 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.**

PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOG ..... Marriott Lobby  
*Meet in the Grand Lobby of the Marriott Hotel.*

**7:15 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.**

VOLUNTARY PRAYER SESSION ..... Fulton Room, SCC

*This is a brief time set aside for those who wish to gather to pray for our national, state and local leaders.*

**7:15 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

REGISTRATION ..... Osage & Caddo Rooms, SCC

**7:15 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

EXHIBITS OPEN ..... Governor's Halls I - III, SCC

**7:15 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.**

HOST CITY BREAKFAST BUFFET ..... Governor's Halls I - III, SCC

*Country-style breakfast buffet will be served, courtesy of our Host City of Little Rock.*

**8:30 A.M. to NOON**

CITY ATTORNEYS ..... TBA

*City attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for participating in two days of meetings.*

**8:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.**

OPENING GENERAL SESSION ..... Governor's Hall IV, SCC

*The 81st Annual Convention begins with the posting of the colors and the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a Host City Welcome from Mayor Mark Stodola of Little Rock. This morning we are honored to have NLC 2nd Vice President Matt Zone and the leadership of the House and Senate address our Opening General Session.*

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Color Guard by: TBA

Singing the National Anthem: TBA

Host City Welcome Address: Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock

Presiding: Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock  
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Alderman Matt Zone, Cleveland  
Second Vice President, National League of Cities

State Senator Jonathan Dismang, District 28  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

State Representative Jeremy Gillam, District 45  
Speaker of the House

State Senator Jim Hendren, District 2  
Majority Leader of the Senate



## CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

### 10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

BREAK .....Governor's Halls I - III, SCC

### 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION 2, THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

WHAT HAPPENED.....Governor's Hall IV, SCC

*This past legislative session brought several significant changes to laws that affect Arkansas municipalities. Bring your Acts book and listen as Executive Director Don Zimmerman explains some of the new Acts. (Attendees will receive 1 hour of Certified Continuing Education credit or 1 hour of Continuing Legal Education credit.)*

Presiding: Mayor Rick Elumbaugh, Batesville  
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Don Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Arkansas Municipal League

### 11:30 A.M. to Noon

GENERAL SESSION 3, SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL:

THE GHANA EXPERIENCE.....Governor's Hall IV, SCC

Presiding: Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock  
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Sherman Banks, Past President  
Sister Cities International

Prince Kwame Kludjesson, President  
Africa Global Sister Cities Foundation

Honorable Helen Adjoa Ntoso (MP)  
Governor, Volta Region of Ghana

### Noon to 1:15 P.M.

LUNCHEON BUFFET .....Governor's Halls I - III, SCC

### 1:00 P.M. to 5:15 P.M.

CITY ATTORNEYS.....TBA

### 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

SOCIAL MEDIA LAB..... Quapaw Room, SCC

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### 1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.

1. PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL CHALLENGES.....
2. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CITIZENS: RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING.....
3. IMPROVING DOWNTOWN: WAYS TO IMPROVE MAIN STREET .....
4. AVOIDING LAWSUITS.....
5. SISTER CITY: DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL CITIES.....
6. STATE AID CITY STREET GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES .....

### 2:45 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

BREAK ..... Governor's Exhibit Halls I - III, SCC  
Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.

### 3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.

1. MAYOR/COUNCIL - MANAGER/BOARD HOW IT IS SUPPOSED TO WORK.....
2. ANIMAL CONTROL: DEALING WITH VICIOUS DOGS.....
3. MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND LAND USE CHALLENGES
4. EMPLOYEE WELLNESS AND WORKPLACE SAFETY.....
5. FINANCING CAPITAL PROJECTS
6. PENSION PROGRAMS/LEGISLATIVE AUDITS/ THE ARKANSAS DIAMOND PLAN

### 4:15 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

BREAK ..... Governor's Exhibit Halls I - III, SCC  
Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.

### 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

1. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS .....
2. TRENDS OR FADS: UBER, FOOD TRUCKS AND THE FARMERS MARKET .....
3. THE BENEFITS OF A WELL-ROUNDED PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM.....
4. COMMON WORKPLACE CHALLENGES
5. HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND UNDERSTANDING THE NEW SEX OFFENDER LAWS
6. COMMON I.T. ISSUES AND THE SHARING OF IDEAS

### 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.....Governor's Hall IV, SCC

*Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.*

Presiding: Mayor Rick Elumbaugh, Batesville  
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

### 5:30 P.M.

The exhibit hall will close for the day.

### 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

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## **6:30 A.M.**

PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOG.....Marriott Lobby  
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## **7:15 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.**

SOCIAL MEDIA LAB..... Quapaw Room, SCC  
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## **7:15 A.M. to NOON**

REGISTRATION OPENS..... Osage Room, SCC

## **7:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.**

EXHIBITS OPEN.....Governor's Halls I - III, SCC  
*(Exhibit Hall will close at 10:30 A.M. for the remainder of the Convention.)*

## **7:15 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.**

BUFFET BREAKFAST.....Governor's Halls I - III, SCC

## **8:30 A.M. to 3:15 P.M.**

CITY ATTORNEYS.....TBA

## **8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.**

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING..... Governor's Hall IV, SCC  
*President Stodola will give his Presidential Address. Executive Director Don Zimmerman will give his annual report followed by the Annual Business Meeting. During the business meeting, the League's Policies and Goals are presented and voted on. The nominating committee presents their recommended slate of new officers for the upcoming year, which will be followed by the annual business meetings for Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust, Municipal Health Benefit Fund, Municipal Vehicle Program, and Municipal Property Program.*

## **10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.**

BREAK.....Governor's Halls I - III, SCC  
*Governor's Halls I - III will close at the conclusion of the 10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. break.*

## **10:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.**

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF  
THE AML LEGAL DEPARTMENT..... Marriott Grand Ballroom III  
*Listen to some phone conversations between Mark and "Mayor Jones" of Midtown, Arkansas. This session proves to be full of information and humor.*

Presiding: Mayor Rick Elumbaugh, Batesville  
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Mark Hayes, Director of Legal Services  
Arkansas Municipal League

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Arkansas Municipal League

## **NOON to 1:30 P.M.**

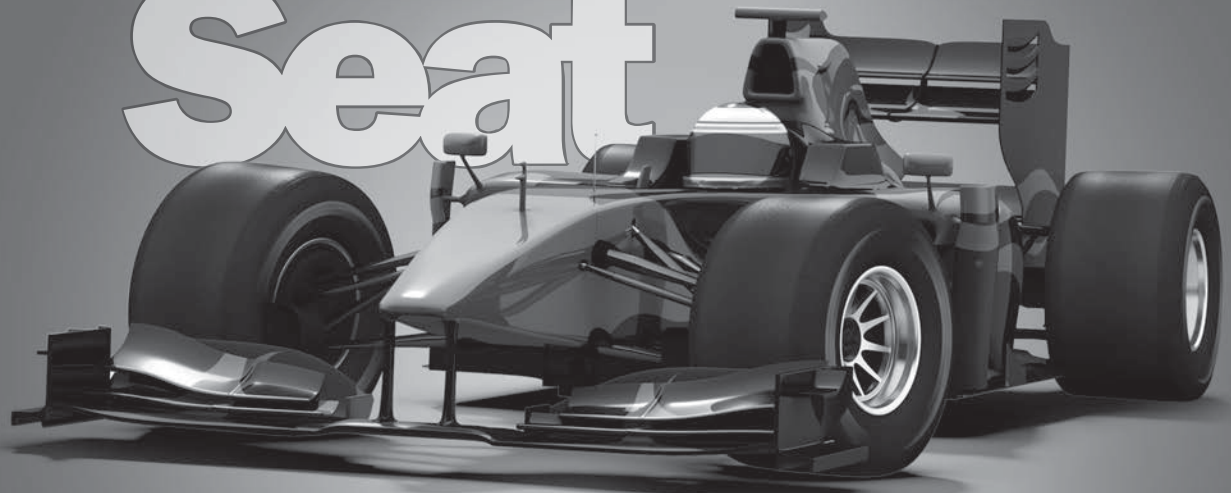
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# The best part of leading

By Bill Treasurer

**L**eadership is hard work. It takes making accurate decisions based often on inaccurate or incomplete data. It requires bringing about change and contending with the resistance that it prompts. It requires caring about those you lead, but remaining objective enough not to get swayed by peoples' sucking-up. It takes having a thick enough skin to weather the unending second-guessing and Monday-morning-quarterbacking of critics who assume they could do better than you.

Given how hard and often thankless the role of leader is, why do it? Why put yourself through all the hardship and criticism? The answer is found in the most satisfying result of a leader's impact: more leadership. One question to ask yourself is this: At the end of your leadership career, what will have made the challenge of leadership all worthwhile? By far the most frequent answer goes something like this: "I will have built other leaders who themselves are building other leaders." When done right, leadership begets more leadership.

The best part of leading is bringing out the leader in others. Always remember that leadership is a privilege. When you're in a leadership role, your influence may

affect the trajectories of people's entire careers (and, often, their lives!). When you do it right, you create a legacy of other leaders who can bring their goodness into the world. Here are some tips for helping build a leadership legacy:

- **Know thy leadership self**—Give some thought to the leader you aim to become, and the mark you hope to leave on others.
- **List your leaders**—List the leaders who have most affected you. What positive parts of their leadership do you carry with you in your thoughts and behaviors?
- **Seek feedback**—Invite people to share their perspective on your leadership. Send people a simple e-mail asking them what it's like to work with you, how they would describe your leadership style, and what leadership behaviors are most noticeable.
- **Show gratitude**—Say "thank you" frequently and sincerely. Let people know that you don't take the privilege of leading others for granted. Leadership is an honor, so be honorable.

To lead is to apply the best of yourself in order to get others to apply the best of themselves. The dividend of great leadership is more great leadership.

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# Managed intake vs. reactive intake

By Tricia Power

**L**ike much of law enforcement, animal control tends to be reactive: When an animal crime is committed, animal control officers then move in to investigate. What they find dictates their reaction to the violation, whether it be a written warning for not having a pet vaccinated or laying the groundwork for a search warrant due to a significant, large-scale hoarding case.

I spoke recently at the Humane Society's Animal Care Expo with Dr. Kate Hurley, who is the director of the UC Davis Koret School of Shelter Medicine and a veterinarian with a passion for cats. She told me about the , which is a program hosted and funded by Maddie's Fund, an organization dedicated to helping animal welfare professionals in many life-saving facets of their work.

The Million Cat Challenge is a free program challenging shelters and rescue organizations to change the way we do things in reaction to animal homelessness, specifically relating to cats. I have been hearing murmurings among animal welfare professionals for years about how to save more lives, and yet we tend to hold onto the past with both hands clenched tight.

I am as guilty of that as anyone else in this industry.



So, it was with reluctant enthusiasm that I attended my first webinar as a new inductee into the challenge. Not sure what to expect, I put on my headphones and for the next 20 minutes I listened as two shelter managers talked about their experience with "managed intake." Managed intake is just what it sounds like: managing what animals you take in and when. As one of the speakers stated, this isn't turning animals away, it is telling your citizens that the shelter will take your animal, we just prefer not to take it in right now.

You know what happens around this time every year: The kennels are full of intact male dogs, and the feline room is filled to the rafters with pregnant cats. The kittens start rolling in, litter after litter, followed in short order by the puppies. This continues until late fall, when we finally get a moment to breathe.

These organizations were having the same problem. So, they both decided to start asking the public for help. They began to make appointments for owner surrenders, and offered help and advice to owners looking to surrender pets due to health or behavioral problems. They then began to ask finders of stray pets if they could foster them temporarily until the shelter had more space available for the animal, instead of euthanizing for space constraints. What's the worst that could happen? They could say no. If they say yes, then you have one less animal in the shelter, and space available for an animal the person who found

it couldn't keep. You've just saved two animals from the streets.

Without realizing it, we had actually started doing just this last year, when litters of much too young kittens would appear on our doorstep. We would ask the finder if they could keep them, at least until they were old enough for adoption at eight weeks of age, or at least two lbs. in weight. We offered a support kit of free litter, food and supplies (all donated) and gave them instructions on when to return for weigh-in and their first vaccinations. We asked them to agree not to give the animals to anyone else until they could be spayed or neutered by the shelter, and then formally adopted from us.

This worked out wonderfully, as we decreased our intake and increased adoptions. Then, we started doing the same with puppies. This change provided much needed relief on overcrowding at the shelter, as well as increased employee morale, as Spring had become a dreaded time of year due to the overwhelming numbers of animals coming in and not enough getting adopted quickly.

Now, our officers in the field also ask finders of stray animals if they can keep the animal, at least temporarily, and ask them to post the animal's information on the Arkansas Lost and Found Pet Network (ALFPN,) [www.alfpetnetwork.com](http://www.alfpetnetwork.com). If the owner isn't located in a few weeks, and they can't keep the animal, we will bring it to the shelter. After this confirmed "holding time" has lapsed, when the animal arrives at the shelter it is considered as owner surrendered. Before final prep for adoption, we complete a check on ALFPN, scan for a microchip, and look for any other identification that may have been missed by the finder. If none is found then the animal is vaccinated, tested, spayed or neutered, and released for immediate adoption. This saves space at the shelter for animals that are more challenging to adopt.

Managed intake has been a win-win for all involved. The animals are less stressed, my staff is less discouraged, and our citizens are happy to be helpful to the animals and us. Most importantly, we are saving more lives, and isn't that what we all want?

For more information about the Million Cat Challenge, visit [www.millioncatchallenge.org](http://www.millioncatchallenge.org) or [www.maddiesfund.org/million-cat-challenge.htm](http://www.maddiesfund.org/million-cat-challenge.htm). The webinar series is recorded and available on demand.



*Tricia Power is the Director of Bryant Animal Control and Adoption Center and has worked in animal welfare for nearly 20 years. She lives in Benton with her husband, Dono, and their cat, Abbi.*

# League holds planning and zoning workshop

The League hosted a planning and zoning workshop April 21, part of its Voluntary Certified Continuing Education Program for municipal officials. Attendance was strong for the event, with 123 city and town leaders earning five hours of continuing education credit. League leadership discussed legislation passed during the recent 90th General Assembly that affects cities. The League's planning consultant, Jim von Tungeln, gave an overview of the history and importance of planning, and the role of municipal government in the process. Patricia Blick with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program was on hand to cover cities' responsibilities when it comes to old and historic structures, and Shelby Johnson with the state's Geographic Information Office shared how the office can assist in GIS projects.



## Fayetteville named 2015 ENVY winner

The City of Fayetteville has received the 2015 Arkansas Environmental Stewardship, or ENVY Award, ADEQ has announced. Gov. Asa Hutchinson made the award presentation April 24 at ADEQ's headquarters in North Little Rock. Fayetteville was an ENVY finalist in 2014, 2013, 2009, and 2008.

Chosen from among six finalists, Fayetteville won this year's award for its "Recycle Something" educational and marketing program designed to increase recycling by city residents and commercial interests. The effort, promoted through local advertisements and public presentations and displays, includes financial incentives for

the use of smaller trash receptacles and encourages more recycling. In 2014 the city saved more than \$213,000 in landfill costs while earning more than \$598,000 through the sale of compost generated from yard waste collections.

"The City of Fayetteville, its citizens and government officials are to be commended for their continuing efforts to improve the quality of life not just within their city limits, but for the state as a whole," said Becky W. Keogh, ADEQ director.

"We believe the 'Recycle Something' program is innovative in its approach to allow individuals to realize direct savings as a result of their actions to reduce waste and increase the reuse and recycling of materials. The educational approaches and community involvement are noteworthy, also, as evidenced by the slogan, 'Be Big; Start Small' used in the campaign. The award today is a testament to Fayetteville's strong commitment to protecting the environment and serves as an example for other communities in Arkansas to follow."

The remaining 2015 finalists were Camfil Air Pollution Control, Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, Kraft Foods Group Inc. (Fort Smith facility), the Lake Fayetteville Environmental Science Center, and the Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District.



From left, Fayetteville Chief of Staff Don Marr, Gov. Hutchinson, Fayetteville Waste Reduction Coordinator Brian Pugh, ADEQ Director Becky Keogh, and Fayetteville Intern Kate Barnes.

# Mindfulness helps us balance life's demands

By Betty Everett, Ph.D.

**W**e live in a society that's always on the go. Stopping for any reason or amount of time seems to be out of the question. If we're awake, there is some task, whether work or personal, with which we can occupy our time.

But is it healthy for us to continue this lifestyle, day after day, never taking a few moments for ourselves? What if we learned to stop every once in a while and shut out the outside noise? Just to focus on breathing in and out, and the present moment. For those of you who cannot remember the last time your brain stopped for half a second, this glorious-sounding occasion has a name. It's called mindfulness therapy.

First, the obvious question: What is mindfulness therapy? It's a form of meditation that teaches people to be aware in the present moment while being able to take a step away from the current situation for a deeper look.

Mindfulness therapy often starts with a simple breathing exercise. Mastering your breath, in and out, can go a long way to helping you become aware of the moment. When you first start this meditation form, it's best to have a quiet, non-stimulating environment. It makes it easier to focus your mind when there are fewer stimuli to filter out.

As you advance, the goal is to live your life aware of what's going on in the moment, not just in a quiet setting. It's good to remember, this is a practice, so it's not going to be perfection. There is no right or wrong way to accomplish mindfulness. It's simply about keeping your mind focused on what you want to focus on in that moment, and being able to bring it back when it wanders.

It's best to start these sessions in five- to 10-minute intervals. Starting with 30-minute increments probably won't work well, but it is a goal you should have. It's also good to repeat this process through the day. Try it when you feel stress, anxiety, or agitation. Focus on taking a deep breath and calming your mind.

Being mindful, or aware, has plenty of advantages. As you master this therapy, you begin to notice your pattern of behavior and how it affects others. For those who are on the impulsive side, it gives you an avenue to stop before reacting, giving you a moment to think about the most effective way to react to a given situation.

This example portrays exactly what mindfulness therapy is meant to do. It's not just about giving yourself a break from the daily grind of life; it's about affecting the way you live and how you react in everyday situations.

Studies have shown mindfulness therapy can help with anxiety, depression, high blood pressure, overall stress, and other conditions. Part of psychotherapy, in a general sense, is about becoming aware of the pattern of your behaviors and the impact on others. It stands to reason, then, the ability to be aware is helpful for most all psychiatric conditions, as well as some physical health conditions.

Whether you're just beginning the therapy or you're a seasoned veteran, it's important to remember there will always be times you won't be mindful. Whether worry, stress, anger, or anxiety enter your life, it shouldn't get you disappointed in the progress you've made. The practice is learning to bring yourself back from those moments of worry, stress, and anger to be mindful, once again.

Shutting down is hard. It's a busy world with a lot of voices, so it's difficult for many people to quiet their minds. But mindfulness therapy has benefits to more than justify the process.



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# Municipal Notes

## LR food truck fest named one of country's best

Little Rock's Main Street Food Truck Festival is one of nine food trucks festivals listed by online magazine *VacationIdea* as one of the "Best Food Truck Festivals in the United States," the Downtown Little Rock Partnership has announced. The 2015 Main Street Food Truck Festival, the fifth annual event, will be held Saturday, October 3.

"Five years ago there was not much on Main Street," said Gabe Holmstrom, executive director of the DLRP. "Now we have a Creative Corridor fully underway with new construction of condos and apartments, restaurants, the Tech Park, and businesses joining cultural attractions such as the Arkansas Repertory Theatre, the Arkansas Symphony, Ballet Arkansas and a wall mural recently completed by Matt McLeod. The festival has been an important part of helping to bring people back to Main Street."

The DLRP also oversees Main Street Food Truck Fridays held at the corner of Main Street and Capitol Avenue each spring and fall.

## Entergy to add state's largest solar power plant to grid

Entergy Arkansas will build the state's largest solar power plant by the end of the decade if approved by the Arkansas Public Service Commission, Entergy announced April 15. The state largest electric utility said that Arkansas County's Grand Prairie will soon become home to an 81-megawatt photovoltaic solar energy generating facility, an emissions-free renewable energy facility to be connected to Entergy Arkansas's transmission grid no later than mid-2019.

"For Entergy Arkansas, meeting the needs of our customers now and in years to come means embracing new technologies in our industry that make sense for our customers and for the communities we serve," said Hugh McDonald, president and CEO of Entergy Arkansas.

Entergy Arkansas's portfolio is one of the cleanest in the country, with 71 percent of the utility's power generation coming from nuclear energy, McDonald said.

The new solar project, called Stuttgart Solar, will feature nearly 500 acres of solar panels and will be capable of generating enough clean energy to power approximately 13,000 homes. A new substation will be built in Arkansas County to interconnect the solar facility to Entergy Arkansas's transmission system.

"This will place Arkansas in a position to grow by creating jobs through attracting new businesses and expanding existing ones, all while keeping our rates lower than the national and regional averages," McDonald said.

In addition to this solar project, from 2014 to 2017, Entergy Arkansas plans to invest \$2.4 billion on generation, transmission and distribution improvements to the state's electrical infrastructure.

## NWA adds 10,000 jobs, among nation's best

The Northwest Arkansas region added about 10,000 jobs last year and saw a job increase of 4.56 percent, ranking it 26th for job growth among the country's 381 largest metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), *Talk Business* reported April 10. Kathy Deck, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Arkansas' Sam M. Walton College of Business, and Mike Harvey, the Northwest Arkansas Council's chief operating officer, announced the figures, which are based on figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. A January announcement incorrectly indicated the region had added only 3,000 jobs in 2014 because the Bureau had lacked some information about the economy, Deck said. The March revisions more correctly measured job growth in trade, transportation, utilities and other sectors.

According to the release, the Northwest Arkansas metropolitan statistical area outpaced larger MSAs such as Charleston, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore.

The MSA is made up of Washington, Benton and Madison Counties in Arkansas and McDonald County in Missouri. Major cities include Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, Bentonville, and Siloam Springs.

The region also outperformed areas that the NWA Council had identified as "benchmark regions" in its three-year strategic growth plan. Those regions were Austin, Texas; Raleigh, N.C.; Des Moines, Iowa; and Madison, Wis.



## Obituaries

**SHARON LEE GRUBER**, 64, a former city clerk for Gillett and Barling, died April 21.

**LLOYD WAYNE HEFLEY**, 72, former mayor of Cherokee Village, died Feb. 28.

# Little Rock hosts 6th Sustainability Summit



Little Rock presented its “Roadmap to 2020” at this year’s Sustainability Summit, held April 9 at the Clinton Presidential Center.

**T**he Little Rock Sustainability Summit was held Thursday, April 9 in the Great Hall of the Clinton Presidential Center. Hosted by the Little Rock Sustainability Commission and the City of Little Rock, this annual event allowed for residents to engage with industry professionals who have successfully integrated sustainable practices into their businesses and organizations.

The City of Little Rock also presented its 2020 Sustainability Roadmap, which includes a list of sustainability goals it plans to achieve within the next five years. This strategic plan was crafted after a series of public input meetings held last year. Priorities centering on Energy, The Built Environment, Economic Development, The Natural Environment and Quality of Life will be the focus for the 2020 Roadmap.

The Summit’s keynote speaker, John Fisk, director of the Wallace Center at Winrock International, presented on the topic of sustainable food systems.

“Forward-looking cities are investing in the development of local and regional food systems as a way to strengthen and diversify their economies by using the resources they already have,” Fisk said. “This includes the passion and skill of their residents, the re-purposing of existing infrastructure and the desire for public-private partnerships.”

Fisk explained how the current food system directly impacts the environment, economy, communities, and health. Summit attendees received information on innovative efforts that have been used to develop local and regional food systems and link rural and urban communities, offering access to healthy food, creating business and job opportunities, and driving more sustainable land use.

The Summit also included presentations from Steve Patterson, executive director of Arkansas Advanced Energy Association; Kathy Webb, executive director of Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance; and Jarod Varner, executive director of Central Arkansas Transit Authority. The group discussed food security, transportation, and energy efficiency.

Additionally, the event featured various personal empowerment learning opportunities for Little Rock residents, including a home energy efficiency showcase from the Pulaski Technical College Weatherization Trailer.

If you’d like to host a similar event in your city or town, contact Melinda Glasgow, Little Rock Sustainability Officer, at [mglasgow@littlerock.org](mailto:mglasgow@littlerock.org) for more information. 🏠

# NLC, other groups support bi-partisan approach to e-fairness



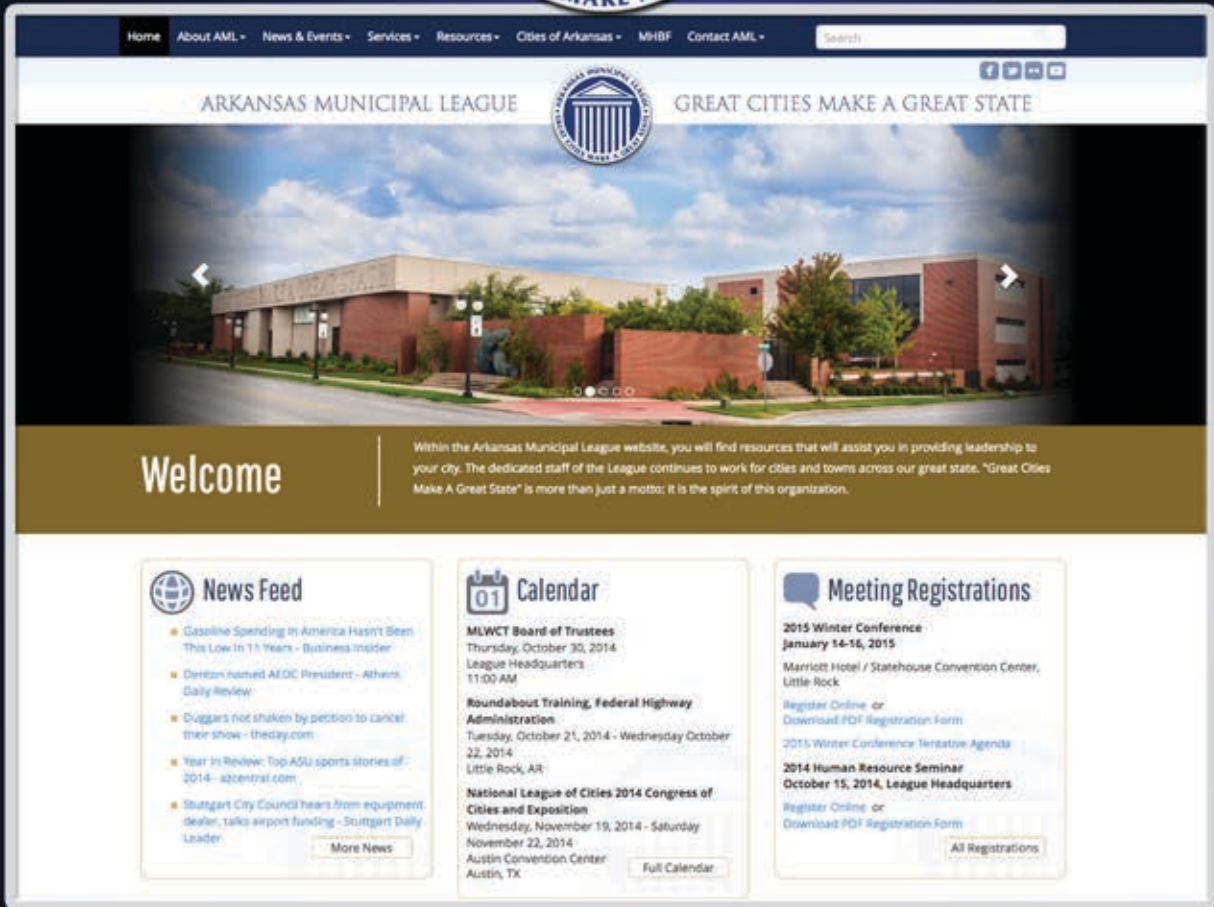
From left, Utah State Senator and NCSL President-elect Curtis Bramble; Salt Lake City Mayor and NLC President Ralph Becker; Utah Governor and NGA Vice Chair Gary Herbert; and Sacramento, Calif., Mayor and USCM President Kevin Johnson met in Salt Lake City on April 9 to encourage Congress to act on bipartisan e-fairness legislation.

The leadership of the National League of Cities (NLC), the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), the National Governors Association (NGA), and the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) has released a joint statement expressing strong support for the bipartisan approach being taken in Washington on the issue of e-fairness, which seeks to close the sales tax loophole for online retail and even the playing field for our local businesses via the Marketplace Fairness Act. Arkansas Rep. Steve Womack is the lead sponsor of the legislation in the House of Representatives.

Salt Lake City Mayor and NLC President Ralph Becker; Utah Governor and NGA Vice Chair Gary Herbert; Sacramento, Calif., Mayor and USCM President Kevin Johnson; and Utah State Senator and NCSL President-elect Curtis Bramble issued the following joint statement:

“Today, we had a rare opportunity to meet together, as leaders of four of the largest associations of elected officials in the United States, to discuss how we can work together in a bipartisan spirit, to address our shared goals and issues that are important to our constituents. We had a good discussion on a number of those issues, most notably our strong desire to see Congress close the online sales tax loophole and pass e-fairness legislation this session.

“As leaders in local and state government, we know the importance of creating a level playing field between our brickandmortar community businesses and online retailers. This would also allow consumers to have more choices through fair competition. Collecting already owed sales taxes means more money for state and local governments to provide basic local services such as maintaining roads and hiring police officers, without increasing the overall federal deficit.”



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# Great Cities Make a Great State!

# Key questions in planning

By Jim von Tungeln

Answering questions involved in urban planning is a daunting task. Archeologists have unearthed ruins, in Pakistan, of what appears to be a planned city containing structures erected 4,500 years ago. Much has been learned, forgotten, attempted, and abandoned since. Still we ask ourselves today: What are we doing, why and how are we doing it, when and where should we do it, and who is responsible for the task? Good questions. Let us look at them as they relate to the planning function in modern municipal government.

The road leading us the “what” is a rocky one. In an abstract sense, what we are doing in urban planning is making decisions for events that won’t occur for some time in the future. To the more practical among us, particularly elected officials, we are trying to avoid some of the resource-robbing mistakes that make preparing the annual budget a yearly nightmare.

To those concerned with economic development, what we seek to accomplish through thoughtful planning is to produce pleasant and well-structured environments that will attract business and industry. More and more cities in our state are realizing the connection between economic growth and planning. As a result, the Arkansas Municipal League will include an expanded session on this topic at its Annual Convention in June.

For the average resident of our city, planning simply means making life simple, allowing free access around town, and protecting the family’s most valuable asset, the home. So the question of what planning means often depends upon where one sits, walks, bikes, or drives.

We have, as recently as last month, discussed the “why” of planning. In particular, it is critical that elected officials understand, and can explain to others, why certain plans—and the regulations that enforce those plans—exist. A couple of things bear mentioning as well. First, it is critical to understand that someone will plan your community. If it is not the citizens and their elected representatives, it will be others. These include those who have no reason to consider the health, safety, welfare, and morals of the community. Often, it includes those whose interests consist only of short-term profits.

Another reason to plan carefully and form regulations that are clear, concise, and equitable lies in the possibility of litigation arising from poor or no planning. Cities that have suffered long and costly litigation can attest to the fact that good planning can be worth the cost.

Answering the question of “when” is simpler than the others. The short form is “when you need to.” This

varies greatly from city to city. Those experiencing rapid growth may find it necessary to update their planning programs frequently to address growing concerns. Cities with stable growth may face such need less frequently. They may need, however, to prepare specific plans designed to promote growth for their city.

From a financial standpoint, larger cities must face the fact that the investment in planning increases with the size of the planning area. So, they try to “get it right the first time.” Some are trending away from expensive mapping efforts to more “policy-based” planning. Larger cities in the state also focus on neighborhood planning after general plans have been adopted. Our capital city of Little Rock has concentrated on neighborhood planning and the empowerment of neighborhood residents for years.

The “how” is a question that elected officials and planning commissioners ask frequently. This is a most complicated question and best answered in a much more detailed manner than a short column. The first step is to form a planning commission. A city of the second class or an incorporated town may elect, by ordinance, to allow the city council to serve as the planning commission and board of adjustment. Other cities may create a planning commission of not less than five members, of whom at least two-thirds shall not hold any other municipal office or appointment except membership in the board of adjustment or a joint planning agency.

The legislative body may then confer on the commission the powers necessary to carry out the municipal plan. Space limitations prevent a detailed description here of how to prepare and adopt plans and their implementing regulations. Periodic workshops offer detailed information on these and other planning topics. See [www.arkansasapa.org](http://www.arkansasapa.org) for details. We can’t overemphasize the value of training elected officials, planning commissioners, and staff in the intricacies of the planning process.

The “where” a city in our state may plan changed as a result of legislation passed during the 89th General Assembly. In general, a city may establish a planning area within its territorial jurisdiction, which depends upon the population. As mentioned in a previous column, cities now face a reduced territorial jurisdiction of one mile, with a maximum of three miles for the largest city in the state. The statutes governing this are complex and can prove confusing. A city should seek legal assistance when establishing a planning area boundary that extends beyond its corporate limits.



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Americans can now travel Interstate 40 from Wilmington, N.C., through Arkansas, to its terminus at I-15, seen here, near Barstow, California, because of questions Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower asked about Germany's Autobahn in the 1940s.

This brings us to the question of who should be planning a community. As mentioned earlier, someone will perform that function. It seems preferable that the “who” should consist of a group composed of citizens, elected and appointed officials, representatives of businesses and institutions, and professionals representing the city’s interest. In addition, specific interest groups and key individuals can offer insights that can both enhance and support final planning efforts.

The methodology involved varies greatly in scope and execution. Our state’s planning statutes only require a duly advertised public hearing prior to adopting plans or implementing regulations. In modern times, most cities regard this as far too little and make concerted efforts to involve the community in the planning process.

Ultimately, however, it is the elected body that will bear the consequences, both legal and political, of poor or poorly implemented plans. For this reason, we strongly encourage those, to whom the voters have

entrusted their city, to question themselves constantly about plans for the future. As a guide, we might bear in mind the line from Rudyard Kipling that we all learned as schoolchildren:

*I keep six honest serving-men  
(They taught me all I knew);  
Their names are What and Why and When  
And How and Where and Who.*

So, it is good to examine our processes and to question everything, even authority. This includes, of course, our own.



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Add R/T (Vacant)

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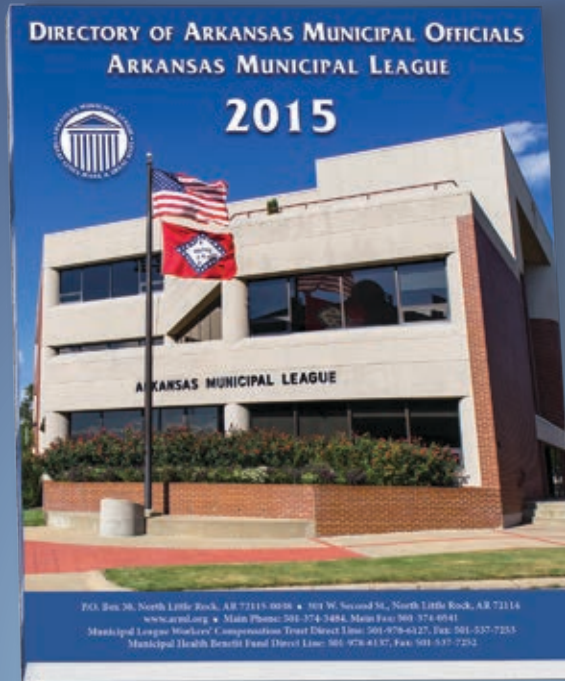
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# Tree ordinances help cities look forward

“It’s not about what it is, it’s about what it can become.” – Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*.

By Alison Litchy

**W**hile Dr. Seuss’s *The Lorax* is a children’s story, it teaches all of us a valuable lesson. In the story, trees have the Lorax to speak up for them. In the real world, trees rely on us. There is no better time than now to start developing a healthy urban forest. Imagine what it could become! Trees will grow with your family. Mature trees benefit a community for future generations.

A great way to protect your trees is to have a tree ordinance in place. A tree ordinance provides legal authority for conducting forestry programs, defining municipal responsibility for public and private trees, passing regulations, and setting minimum standards for management. A tree ordinance provides guiding principles that promote healthy tree development.

Many cities already have a tree ordinance in place, but they have not been adapted or changed over time to meet current needs. Let’s take a look at an Arkansas city that has modified their tree ordinance over time.

Bentonville is known as the headquarters of Walmart and is Arkansas’s 10th largest city. The city is also a great example of how a tree ordinance can grow over time. Their previous ordinance was lacking strength and had not been changed since 1998. The ordinance governed landscaping, screening, and buffering. Prior to updating

the ordinance, any businesses could come in and remove all of the landscaping on their property without replacing it. Also, landscaping that was left in place could be neglected. The policy was more focused on shrubs than trees.

Bentonville understands that trees pay us back. Realizing the value of trees helped persuade Bentonville to make a change. For example, 100 mature trees will catch around 139,000 gallons of storm water, remove 53 tons of carbon dioxide, and remove 430 pounds of other pollutants each year. That’s a cleaner community in which runoff is less of a burden. Studies have shown that people will shop longer and spend an average of 12 percent more in tree-lined areas than those that are not. Studies also show that trees result in increased home values, lowered domestic violence rates, decreased energy use, and the list goes on.

Bentonville updated their ordinance in several important ways. For commercial development they added to the street frontage buffer planting area, parallel to and including the public street right of way. They also made additional requirements for perimeter landscaping planting strips along the rear and side lot lines. Additionally, Bentonville now requires new interior parking lot



Bentonville’s five-member Tree and Landscape Committee serves to advise the city on issues pertaining to the newly expanded tree ordinance.

landscape planting areas that are adjacent to parking and to structures.

On the residential side of the ordinance, Bentonville made changes to the requirements for newly constructed single and two family residential structures. New residential lots now require one shade tree in each yard adjacent to the right of way and one shade tree in the right of way.

The new ordinance has a lifetime landscaping guarantee, rather than three years. This prevents property owners from allowing their landscaping to die after three years. They also added a no tree topping guarantee statement. This prevents property owners from topping their trees. (Topping is the practice of removing whole tops of trees leaving stubs or lateral branches that are too small to assume the role of the terminal leader.) The city also added a section that states no healthy tree shall be removed without an approved waiver.

Bentonville's objectives were to guide good tree development. The city wanted to be able to increase shade trees and add to the overall tree canopy to create a greener and more enjoyable commercial area, increasing property values and decreasing the associated costs of storm water runoff. This policy adjustment will also reduce maintenance costs and increase long-term livability. Overall, this updated ordinance will improve the visual and natural appearance of the city, setting Bentonville as a standard to look up too.

One of the first businesses to comply with the new tree ordinance was Harps, which even went above and beyond the actual requirements. Just adding trees to the plan made a huge difference in the appeal of the store. It's great that Bentonville has companies willing to comply with the new ordinance.

Bentonville's ordinance is a living document that they will be change as needed to help improve the city over time. It serves as an excellent example of a tree ordinance. With a clear picture of what they can become, Bentonville sees the future value of their trees and are embracing that picture. If your city would like assistance with either writing a new tree ordinance or adapting an old one, there are many examples online at forestry.arkansas.gov. Or contact Patti Erwin at 479-422-0900 or Alison Litchy at 501-580-9609 for more personalized help. As the Lorax said, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."



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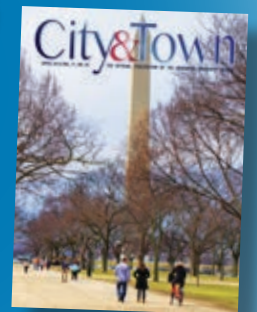


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# Take advantage of tax exemption available to your utility

By Aaron M. Benzing, P.E.

**I**s your wastewater utility paying too much in state taxes? If your wastewater utility is paying state sales tax on equipment installed as a part of wastewater treatment projects, then the answer is probably yes.

Arkansas Code Ann. § 26-52-402(a)(3) provides an exemption from state sales tax for the sales of machinery and equipment used to prevent or reduce air or water pollution. Arkansas Gross Receipts Rule GR-66 provides a somewhat more detailed explanation of this exemption. GR-66 reads that pollution control machinery and equipment are exempt from tax if they are used to prevent or reduce air or water pollution or if they are required to be installed by Arkansas or federal law to control pollution. Wastewater treatment plant

equipment, including replacement and repair parts, are exempt if they are used to remove contaminants from wastewater.

GR-66 defines the treatment process to begin when solids are first removed from the waste stream and to end when all solids and other contaminants have been removed. This definition excludes collection system equipment such as wastewater pump stations, and solids handling equipment such as gravity thickeners or belt presses, from receiving the exemption. The equipment that is included in this exemption typically begins at the plant's bar screens and carries all of the way through the treatment process to disinfection.



Cities can save money by taking advantage of a sales tax exemption on certain machinery and equipment used to reduce water or air pollution, as Fort Smith did with the construction of its new clarifier at the P Street wastewater treatment plan.

The term "equipment" is not limited to the machines installed in your plant. The exemption for equipment also includes the ancillary items such as the concrete and rebar that are required as a part of the process. GR-66 does specifically exclude from the exemption, however, certain items such as handrails, ladders, paint, lighting, and monitoring or control equipment.

If your utility has not been taking advantage of this sales tax exemption on your capital improvement projects, it may be possible to retroactively recover overpayments directly from the state. In practice, we have found this to be very difficult because of the onerous task of securing the sales receipts necessary to verify exactly how much tax was paid. We have found it to be much easier for utilities to claim this exemption prior to the project bid.

Your design engineer should coordinate with the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) prior to releasing a project for bid, to identify the specific components of the project that are tax exempt. Next, they should work with DFA to secure the documentation that the contractor will need to prove the tax-exempt status of those items. Finally, the engineer can simply advise bidders of the specific items that are exempt from state sales tax.

The tax exemption outlined in this article is not new. Since this exemption dates back until at least as early as the 1980s, we have found it surprising that many utilities or their engineers remain unaware of its availability. A 6.5 percent reduction in equipment costs is not something that any utility can afford to leave on the table.



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# Be a resourceful tapper of resources

From neighboring communities, to the local business community, to your own city's staff, community-building resources are all around you.

By Chad Gallagher

**W**hen it comes to developing a successful grant application, many tips are worth noting. The good news is that anyone can learn to write a successful application. The effort is part science and part art, and as in most things in life, the victor is typically well prepared, thorough, executes well and doesn't give up easily. Persistence is one of the most beneficial qualities of a successful grant writer. It is amazing what sheer determination can make happen. The happy marriage of these various qualities will lead to successful grant writing, and I assure you that once success is yours on one project you will forever be in pursuit of the next.

One of the things I often notice in grant-writing efforts and in community development in general is the under-utilization of available resources. I've been guilty of this myself. Available resources are too often untapped. Sometimes it's by accident, sometimes it's ignorance and sometimes it's intentional, but it is never helpful. Accessing resources is a key factor in community development.

When working on a grant application or tackling any community development project, don't forget some key resources that can provide you help and guidance. Be sure to tap into these:

- Other communities—Don't feel pressured to reinvent the wheel. So many of your peers in other cities and towns have faced similar challenges. Utilize the League's list-serv or call us for help in finding out who else around the state has faced what you are facing. Adopting their best practices—or avoiding their costly mistakes—is a great result of a resource.
- Other grant applications—If imitation is the highest form of flattery then start flattering. When applying for funding with a government agency or the private sector, it pays to review previous successful applications. Pay attention to common themes in the successful applications. Note the applicant's style and any similarities. Let it become a role model for your request.
- Local business community—You might be surprised how resourceful your local business community can be. Anyone who can start a business,

operate and survive in this challenging economy might be able to assist in your community development efforts. Local business leaders can offer great ideas, access to their business network and relationships, technical support on writing an application, and solutions to your challenges.

- Elected officials and staff—Most elected officials have staff members who are skilled, knowledgeable and willing to help municipal leaders with any undertaking. In fairness, you cannot expect the staff to work miracles. They don't have buckets of money under the desk, but they can help you cut red tape, get you in touch with the right person and give you good guidance on your efforts. Arkansans are fortunate to have great staff members working for our elected officials across the aisle and at both the federal and state levels.
- The Arkansas Municipal League—Our League is hailed across the nation as the best among its counterparts in other states. The League has developed a wide variety of services designed to provide practical assistance to its members. This includes help with legal issues, planning and zoning, grant funding and community development and much more. The League and its services are available to help you be successful as a municipal official. It starts with attending the annual conferences.

When taking on your community's biggest challenges or applying for the next grant opportunity, don't forget to look around. Your resources aren't just the articles and studies you reference in your application. They are all around you. They say no man is an island. This is certainly true when it comes to building a successful community. For more ideas on accessing these resources email me or give me a call today.



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*This column appeared originally in June 2011.*

# NEWSLETTER

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

## DOT approves electronic CCFs

The U.S. Department of Transportation has finally given their approval to the electronic Custody and Control Forms (CCFs) that are used for the federal drug testing. The information concerning the rule can be found in the April 13, 2015, edition of the Federal Register. Patrice M. Kelly, acting director of the Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance, DOT, issued the report. The use of electronic custody and control forms will be included in the reprint of *Part 40 DOT eCCF Notices*. Employers and their service agents can begin using the e-CCFs only when the employer's laboratory has been approved by the Department of Health and Human Services national Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP). Our company will be reviewing the certification lists for the laboratories we use to see if they can comply with the e-CCF.

The final rule does not require entities to use an e-CCF. A regulated employer may continue to use the paper CCF.

When using an e-CCF, employers must establish adequate confidentiality and security measures to ensure that confidential employee records are not available to unauthorized persons. Protecting the physical security of records, access controls, and computer security measures are required. Additionally, an employer who uses an e-CCF must ensure that the collection site, the primary and split laboratories, and MRO have compatible systems, and that the employee and any other participants in the testing process will receive a legible copy of the CCF.

It is important to note that the electronic signatures are not acceptable throughout the rest of Part 40. The use of the e-CCF will create an exception so that electronic signatures will be acceptable on this form only, and not throughout the rest of Part 40.

a'TEST CONSULTANTS, Inc., provides drug and alcohol testing as a service of the Arkansas Municipal League Legal Defense Program. The program helps cities and towns comply with the U. S. Department of Transportation's required drug testing for all holders of commercial drivers' licenses.

There is a downside to this wonderful automated system and this is what will impact most of our clients. Few specimen collection sites have established any form of electronic drug testing custody and control forms at the present time. It will take time for collection sites to become compliant with the new e-CCF use. We have begun the process to use the e-CCF in our own offices. Once this program is implemented, fewer problems will occur with signatures (some donors cannot print or write their names where they can be read) and employers will not receive a result with the name listed as "illegible."

## Random selection coordinator updates

We have been very pleased with the quick response from our clients in updating their employee lists for random selections. This has been so helpful and we thank you.

Due to our growth and increased requests for random management, we have restructured our staff to meet the need. Matthew Gerke will be coordinating the program and Shawn Sutton will be the data manager. We ask that all updates be addressed to Matthew Gerke or Shawn Sutton at these addresses: [matthewgerke@atestinc.com](mailto:matthewgerke@atestinc.com) or [shawns@atestinc.com](mailto:shawns@atestinc.com).

Please remember the final day to remit your updated list is the 15th day of the last month in each quarter (e.g. June 15 for 3rd quarter selections). This allows two weeks to generate names for all our clients, which is a huge undertaking. Thanks for your cooperation.



# Effective collaboration at the local level

By Josh Markham, PCED

The concept of collaboration seems very straightforward. The term has gained a great deal of traction among community and economic developers as organizations and cities seek to build upon existing networks to accomplish initiatives; however, in practice, effective collaboration at the local level consistently presents challenges. As organizations, local governments, and community leaders seek to adjust to the new normal of ever tightening resources, a regional approach to community initiatives will be necessary.

Any regional initiative will require the collaboration of multiple parties. As a result, effective collaboration at the local level is now more important than ever. Successful collaborative approaches must be able to recognize that collaborative efforts are a complex process that involves connecting the unique motivations of various organizations with a clear common goal.

People often cannot agree on what it means to collaborate. This confusion is one of the most common challenges that face cities when working collaboratively. The concept of collaboration is intuitive, but the process at the local level is complex. This complexity is due in part to the nature of community and economic development.

Collaborative approaches can differ based upon what perspective a group is taking. For example, a more sociological perspective might be used by groups working on a community development initiative; these groups would emphasize a collaborative process that is based heavily upon equality and shared decision making with outcomes that seek to build awareness and better community relationships. In contrast, economic development

initiatives often utilize a more business minded perspective of collaboration focused heavily upon maximizing resources for increased profit or to market an area to broader audience for business attraction.

Effective collaborative efforts at the local level must be able to bridge these two perspectives. Collaborators must seek to build relationships, maximize resources, and bring various organizations together toward a common goal. For this process to take place, local leaders must also recognize the motivations of the organizations they are seeking to work with.

Most community organizations listen to the same radio station: WIIFM (What's in it for me?). Whether you are working with state organizations, city government representatives, private businesses, nonprofits, or community-based organizations, each group is going to have unique motivations. Understanding these differing motivations and being able to connect those motivations to a common goal can lead to successful relationships and successful collaborative efforts. A common link between these organizations is the desire to maximize resources. With the consistent pressure of limited resources and the push to work on a regional level, the necessity to collaborate becomes clearer.



*Josh Markham, PCED, is assistant director of UCA's Center for Community and Economic Development. Its mission is to have a positive impact on communities by equipping leaders with economic tools and resources, building consensus to achieve community goals, and bringing UCA resources and communities together.*

## Elements of Successful Local Collaboration

- ◆ A clear common goal
- ◆ Understanding of participants' motivations
- ◆ A small, diverse group of core participants
- ◆ A local, well-respected champion to promote the effort
- ◆ Small-scale initial projects
- ◆ A focus on activities
- ◆ Equal share in the final outcome



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| Actual Totals Per Capita |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                          | STREET           |                  | SEVERANCE TAX   |                 | GENERAL          |                 |
| MONTH                    | 2014             | 2015             | 2014            | 2015            | 2014             | 2015            |
| January                  | \$5.1428         | \$4.8662         | \$0.3163        | \$0.5728        | \$1.9533         | \$2.0995        |
| February                 | \$4.5811         | \$4.8562         | \$0.4833        | \$0.4599        | \$1.0052         | \$1.0921        |
| March                    | \$4.7165         | \$5.1898         | \$0.4463        | \$0.2339        | \$1.0055         | \$1.0909        |
| April                    | \$4.8363         | \$4.7309         | \$0.5347        | \$0.6375        | \$1.0055         | \$1.1417        |
| May                      | \$5.1527         |                  | \$0.5897        |                 | \$1.0053         |                 |
| June                     | \$4.9881         |                  | \$0.6126        |                 | \$1.0050         |                 |
| July                     | \$5.5230         |                  | \$0.5581        |                 | \$3.9543         |                 |
| August                   | \$4.9486         |                  | \$0.6130        |                 | \$1.0932         |                 |
| September                | \$5.0410         |                  | \$0.5763        |                 | \$1.0910         |                 |
| October                  | \$5.1889         |                  | \$0.5542        |                 | \$1.0930         |                 |
| November                 | \$4.9326         |                  | \$0.4906        |                 | \$1.0928         |                 |
| December                 | \$4.8110         |                  | \$0.4013        |                 | \$1.0919         |                 |
| <b>Total Year</b>        | <b>\$59.8626</b> | <b>\$19.6431</b> | <b>\$6.1764</b> | <b>\$1.9041</b> | <b>\$16.3960</b> | <b>\$5.4242</b> |


| Actual Totals Per Month |                         |                        |                        |                       |                        |                      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                         | STREET                  |                        | SEVERANCE TAX          |                       | GENERAL                |                      |
| MONTH                   | 2014                    | 2015                   | 2014                   | 2015                  | 2014                   | 2015                 |
| January                 | \$9,666,249.40          | \$9,159,751.23         | \$594,574.44           | \$1,078,253.79        | *\$3,671,282.93        | *\$3,951,880.56      |
| February                | \$8,610,432.52          | \$9,140,972.61         | \$908,313.92           | \$865,620.02          | \$1,889,234.55         | \$2,055,766.00       |
| March                   | \$8,864,931.29          | \$9,768,890.51         | \$838,837.95           | \$440,227.94          | \$1,889,913.97         | \$2,053,376.13       |
| April                   | \$9,090,103.48          | \$8,905,034.06         | \$1,005,050.29         | \$1,199,954.61        | \$1,889,913.97         | \$2,149,094.75       |
| May                     | \$9,684,675.50          |                        | \$1,108,429.75         |                       | \$1,889,592.55         |                      |
| June                    | \$9,380,093.69          |                        | \$1,151,947.00         |                       | \$1,889,914.20         |                      |
| July                    | \$10,386,236.87         |                        | \$1,049,503.01         |                       | **\$7,436,192.77       |                      |
| August                  | \$9,310,016.61          |                        | \$1,153,167.19         |                       | \$2,056,570.50         |                      |
| September               | \$9,483,759.74          |                        | \$1,084,169.71         |                       | \$2,052,581.22         |                      |
| October                 | \$9,763,094.43          |                        | \$1,042,826.36         |                       | \$2,056,448.50         |                      |
| November                | \$9,282,963.15          |                        | \$923,263.56           |                       | \$2,056,540.00         |                      |
| December                | \$9,054,075.63          |                        | \$755,208.69           |                       | \$2,054,945.78         |                      |
| <b>Total Year</b>       | <b>\$112,576,632.31</b> | <b>\$36,974,648.41</b> | <b>\$11,615,291.87</b> | <b>\$3,584,056.36</b> | <b>\$30,833,130.94</b> | <b>10,210,117.44</b> |

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

\*\* Includes \$3,516,800.29 supplemental and \$2 million appropriation from Category B of Budget Stabilization for July 2014

# Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



KEY:  Counties not collecting sales tax

Source: Rachel Graves, Office of State Treasurer

See also: [www.dfa.arkansas.gov](http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov)

| Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2015 with 2014 Comparison (shaded gray) |                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |                        |                 |                  |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Month  | Municipal Tax        |                      | County Tax           |                      | Total Tax            |                        | Interest        |                  |
| January  | \$48,260,965         | \$44,899,051         | \$42,805,543         | \$41,135,484         | \$91,066,508         | \$86,034,535           | \$12,222        | \$4,805          |
| February   | \$57,956,453         | \$51,556,660         | \$50,071,410         | \$46,326,186         | \$108,027,863        | \$97,882,846           | \$12,659        | \$5,765          |
| March  | \$46,032,300         | \$41,142,676         | \$41,404,634         | \$37,596,230         | \$87,436,935         | \$78,738,906           | \$19,161        | \$5,571          |
| April  | \$46,694,339         | \$44,819,678         | \$42,176,819         | \$41,824,879         | \$88,871,158         | \$86,644,557           | \$15,459        | \$6,185          |
| May  |                      | \$48,373,032         |                      | \$43,431,803         |                      | \$91,804,835           |                 | \$6,011          |
| June   |                      | \$45,121,494         |                      | \$40,770,568         |                      | \$85,892,061           |                 | \$7,080          |
| July   |                      | \$50,985,699         |                      | \$45,660,838         |                      | \$96,646,537           |                 | \$7,291          |
| August   |                      | \$48,591,520         |                      | \$44,364,160         |                      | \$92,955,680           |                 | \$7,038          |
| September  |                      | \$48,279,490         |                      | \$43,224,258         |                      | \$91,503,748           |                 | \$9,120          |
| October  |                      | \$50,649,942         |                      | \$45,482,360         |                      | \$96,132,302           |                 | \$8,604          |
| November   |                      | \$48,903,456         |                      | \$44,043,654         |                      | \$92,947,110           |                 | \$19,648         |
| December   |                      | \$49,348,276         |                      | \$44,623,076         |                      | \$93,971,352           |                 | \$14,221         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$198,944,057</b> | <b>\$572,670,974</b> | <b>\$176,458,406</b> | <b>\$518,483,496</b> | <b>\$375,402,464</b> | <b>\$1,091,154,469</b> | <b>\$59,501</b> | <b>\$101,339</b> |
| Averages   | \$49,736,014         | \$47,722,581         | \$44,114,602         | \$43,206,958         | \$93,850,616         | \$90,929,539           | \$14,875        | \$8,445          |

# April 2015 Municipal Levy Receipts and April 2015 Municipal/County Levy Receipts with 2014 Comparison (shaded gray)

| CITY SALES AND USE | AMOUNT       | LAST YEAR    | Garland            | 2,864.77     | Norfolk           | 3,348.39     | 4,900.52     | Briarcliff       | 2,641.22   | 2,733.41   |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| Alexander          | 68,703.55    | 68,703.55    | Garland            | 4,063.24     | Norfolk           | 3,348.39     | 4,900.52     | Briarcliff       | 2,641.22   | 2,733.41   |
| Alma               | 175,935.69   | 183,682.59   | Gassville          | 17,828.49    | Norman            | 2,010.96     | 2,218.16     | Cotter           | 10,855.88  | 11,234.77  |
| Almyra             | 6,090.38     | 2,848.22     | Gentry             | 39,412.28    | North Little Rock | 1,392,875.50 | 1,325,652.24 | Gassville        | 23,256.20  | 24,067.88  |
| Alpena             | 4,067.21     | 3,869.45     | Gilbert            | 104.19       | Oak Grove         | 780.48       | 640.49       | Lakeview         | 8,292.99   | 8,582.43   |
| Alzheimer          | 3,048.11     | 2,344.58     | Gillett            | 8,829.86     | Ola               | 14,322.40    | 15,318.42    | Mountain Home    | 139,313.36 | 144,175.62 |
| Altus              | 6,183.62     | 6,145.99     | Gillham            | 1,937.79     | Opello            | 2,919.06     | 2,249.75     | Norfolk          | 5,718.92   | 5,918.52   |
| Amity              | 7,869.71     | 8,153.03     | Gillmore           | 406.05       | Osceola           | 105,454.33   | 90,450.88    | Salesville       | 5,036.24   | 5,212.01   |
| Anthonyville       | 273.70       | 179.94       | Glenwood           | 55,977.13    | Oxford            | 1,709.90     | 2,257.51     | Benton County    | 605,884.97 | 605,605.47 |
| Arkadelphia        | 158,560.05   | 152,282.43   | Gosnell            | 16,042.37    | Ozark             | 73,121.21    | 75,731.58    | Avoca            | 6,916.30   | 6,659.90   |
| Ash Flat           | 77,202.13    | 71,515.49    | Gould              | 3,408.52     | Palestine         | 15,801.03    | 17,516.66    | Bella Vista      | 375,946.31 | 360,905.51 |
| Ashdown            | 115,508.46   | 110,579.10   | Grady              | 3,433.93     | Pangburn          | 8,062.91     | 6,078.98     | Bentonville      | 500,312.17 | 481,475.58 |
| Atkins             | 48,292.02    | 45,307.78    | Gravette           | 379,508.79   | Paragould         | 278,265.13   | 280,751.77   | Bethel Heights   | 33,617.76  | 32,352.06  |
| Augusta            | 25,129.67    | 25,700.37    | Green Forest       | 63,580.50    | Paris             | 74,274.17    | 76,253.73    | Cave Springs     | 27,367.58  | 23,582.09  |
| Austin             | 23,948.28    | 22,969.19    | Greenbrier         | 151,023.65   | Patmos            | 61.13        | 95.63        | Centeron         | 134,853.70 | 129,776.50 |
| Avoca              | 3,770.20     | 2,748.31     | Greenland          | 17,502.91    | Patterson         | 1,210.09     | 1,251.87     | Decatur          | 24,079.50  | 23,172.91  |
| Bald Knob          | 46,713.96    | 44,274.99    | Greenwood          | 184,838.10   | Pea Ridge         | 43,512.60    | 32,642.75    | Elm Springs      | 1,941.67   | 518.29     |
| Barling            | 30,076.73    | 831.11       | Greers Ferry       | 13,228.16    | Perla             | 2,324.24     | 3,816.31     | Garfield         | 7,114.72   | 6,846.85   |
| Batesville         | 540,869.84   | 525,878.43   | Guion              | 7,098.83     | Perryville        | 23,905.02    | 15,713.26    | Gateway          | 5,739.96   | 5,523.86   |
| Bauxite            | 12,410.62    | 18,669.32    | Gum Springs        | 266.33       | Piggott           | 62,180.25    | 67,602.28    | Gentry           | 44,757.54  | 43,072.43  |
| Bay                | 8,744.65     | 8,160.08     | Curdon             | 20,755.40    | Pine Bluff        | 959,821.90   | 1,001,540.69 | Gravette         | 44,119.76  | 31,711.02  |
| Bearden            | 8,777.91     | 11,632.23    | Guy                | 4,562.18     | Pineville         | 1,288.50     | 1,984.51     | Highfill         | 8,262.71   | 7,951.62   |
| Beebe              | 110,785.00   | 107,446.56   | Hackett            | 5,142.69     | Plainview         | 2,931.65     | 2,965.39     | Little Flock     | 36,636.55  | 35,257.20  |
| Beedeville         | 147.51       | 156.73       | Hamburg            | 28,317.37    | Plumerville       | 11,775.33    | 9,922.76     | Lowell           | 103,843.72 | 99,934.04  |
| Bella Vista        | 150,593.36   | 141,147.37   | Hardy              | 14,647.48    | Pocahontas        | 223,499.31   | 214,409.80   | Pea Ridge        | 67,944.15  | 65,386.08  |
| Belleville         | 2,334.82     | 1,960.65     | Harrisburg         | 24,731.57    | Portia            | 2,365.60     | 2,565.18     | Rogers           | 793,163.63 | 763,301.30 |
| Benton             | 1,088,230.47 | 658,118.63   | Harrison           | 409,396.47   | Portland          | 3,979.40     | 3,673.93     | Siloam Springs   | 213,143.96 | 205,119.15 |
| Bentonville        | 1,687,656.62 | 1,619,213.98 | Hartford           | 2,258.32     | Pottsville        | 21,849.08    | 25,720.83    | Springdale       | 92,859.84  | 82,571.40  |
| Berryville         | 214,945.35   | 206,647.57   | Haskell            | 19,665.55    | Prairie Grove     | 87,298.42    | 71,551.62    | Springtown       | 1,233.03   | 1,186.61   |
| Bethel Heights     | 42,481.50    | 9,332.92     | Hatfield           | 3,267.35     | Prescott          | 50,316.38    | 49,082.54    | Sulphur Springs  | 7,242.28   | 6,969.60   |
| Black Rock         | 6,943.03     | NA           | Havana             | 2,461.03     | Pyatt             | 456.96       | 434.27       | Boone County     | 344,690.94 | 352,750.89 |
| Blevins            | 2,162.07     | 2,078.24     | Hazen              | 51,510.44    | Quitman           | 20,952.85    | 25,295.32    | Alpena           | 3,637.24   | 3,722.29   |
| Blue Mountain      | 167.41       | 214.53       | Heber Springs      | 125,241.16   | Ravenden          | 2,322.80     | 2,562.03     | Bellefonte       | 5,176.51   | 5,297.55   |
| Bluyethville       | 233,483.49   | 221,093.45   | Helena-West Helena | 239,392.39   | Rector            | 24,694.44    | 21,914.87    | Bergman          | 5,005.48   | 5,122.52   |
| Bonanza            | 2,815.27     | 1,966.88     | Hermitage          | 4,298.95     | Redfield          | 15,151.41    | 13,455.20    | Diamond City     | 9,126.36   | 9,124.85   |
| Bono               | 13,239.64    | 11,296.09    | Highfill           | 56,558.49    | Rison             | 14,121.06    | 13,746.16    | Everton          | 1,516.47   | 1,551.93   |
| Booneville         | 85,232.68    | 80,193.31    | Highland           | 22,148.50    | Rockport          | 17,423.78    | 13,546.66    | Harrison         | 147,576.05 | 151,026.84 |
| Bradford           | 11,823.59    | NA           | Holly Grove        | 7,200.66     | Roe               | 485.29       | 569.78       | Lead Hill        | 3,089.94   | 3,162.19   |
| Bradley            | 2,875.01     | 2,817.01     | Hope               | 178,838.81   | Rogers            | 2,342,154.23 | 2,295,597.40 | Omaha            | 1,926.94   | 1,972.00   |
| Branch             | 1,496.00     | 1,608.79     | Horatio            | 5,795.19     | Rose Bud          | 16,173.66    | 17,907.74    | South Lead Hill  | 1,163.00   | 1,190.20   |
| Briarcliff         | 1,397.66     | 1,291.40     | Horseshoe Bend     | 20,196.51    | Russellville      | 908,859.90   | 881,436.65   | Valley Springs   | 2,086.57   | 2,135.36   |
| Brinkley           | 95,040.18    | 106,580.47   | Hot Springs        | 1,386,803.09 | Salem             | 21,497.09    | 22,386.16    | Zinc             | 1,174.39   | 1,201.86   |
| Brookland          | 12,469.06    | 14,000.64    | Hoxie              | 15,900.88    | Salesville        | 3,296.01     | 3,628.80     | Bradley County   | 122,538.26 | 116,249.22 |
| Bryant             | 956,261.58   | 902,926.38   | Hughes             | 9,578.07     | Searcy            | 703,337.58   | 245,248.44   | Banks            | 946.18     | 897.62     |
| Bull Shoals        | 11,899.92    | 10,722.87    | Humphrey           | 2,509.29     | Shannon Hills     | 13,707.96    | 20,062.81    | Hermitage        | 6,333.32   | 6,008.27   |
| Cabot              | 625,856.65   | 580,161.18   | Huntington         | 3,414.84     | Sherrill          | 170,723.21   | 171,204.34   | Warren           | 45,805.92  | 43,455.02  |
| Caddo Valley       | 42,374.96    | 39,073.15    | Huntsville         | 116,708.92   | Sherrill          | 808.44       | 1,051.39     | Calhoun County   | 85,604.36  | 38,907.95  |
| Calico Rock        | 12,355.16    | 18,367.14    | Imboden            | 5,738.62     | Sherwood          | 361,398.85   | 375,520.83   | Hampton          | 24,264.65  | 8,567.13   |
| Camden             | 300,169.21   | 295,617.83   | Jacksonville       | 612,060.01   | Shirley           | 2,992.82     | 2,632.14     | Harrell          | 4,655.00   | 1,643.54   |
| Caraway            | 4,098.79     | 4,642.77     | Jasper             | 23,688.58    | Siloam Springs    | 514,662.14   | 495,976.36   | Thornton         | 7,459.00   | 2,633.55   |
| Carlisle           | 47,378.78    | 54,945.16    | Jennette           | 152.48       | Sparkman          | 3,454.53     | 4,193.45     | Tinsman          | 989.65     | 349.41     |
| Cave City          | 17,571.68    | NA           | Johnson            | 40,916.81    | Springdale        | 1,829,095.02 | 1,792,210.98 | Carroll County   | 131,178.93 | 130,844.56 |
| Cave Springs       | 21,266.63    | 18,993.87    | Jonesboro          | 1,289,226.99 | Springtown        | 336.53       | 302.82       | Beaver           | 480.23     | 479.00     |
| Centeron           | 154,514.04   | 94,817.39    | Junction City      | 5,238.39     | St. Charles       | 1,816.56     | 2,362.27     | Blue Eye         | 144.07     | 143.70     |
| Charleston         | 28,869.50    | 26,484.64    | Keiser             | 4,442.10     | Stamps            | 13,314.66    | 14,903.56    | Chicot County    | 179,528.55 | 203,327.24 |
| Cherokee Village   | 14,566.89    | 15,529.20    | Keo                | 1,198.52     | Star City         | 77,240.99    | 77,068.36    | Dermott          | 18,746.45  | 21,231.52  |
| Cherry Valley      | 0.60         | 5,138.58     | Kibler             | 3,001.27     | Stephens          | 5,097.79     | 6,730.25     | Eudora           | 14,723.33  | 16,675.08  |
| Chidester          | 2,221.88     | 2,240.82     | Kingsland          | 2,001.13     | Strong            | 8,218.73     | 7,607.24     | Lake Village     | 16,708.92  | 18,923.91  |
| Clarendon          | 41,412.97    | 50,584.82    | Lake City          | 11,692.42    | Stuttgart         | 522,658.98   | 369,263.47   | Clark County     | 372,446.79 | 368,833.72 |
| Clarksville        | 335,702.78   | 331,515.33   | Lake Village       | 64,615.64    | Sulphur Springs   | 1,413.97     | 1,571.71     | Clay County      | 85,481.76  | 50,089.57  |
| Clinton            | 70,273.56    | 79,171.16    | Lakeview           | 3,554.71     | Summit            | 3,821.97     | 3,834.84     | Corning          | 23,073.45  | NA         |
| Coal Hill          | 1,826.44     | 2,106.42     | Lamar              | 9,808.99     | Sunset            | 1,639.85     | 1,795.53     | Datto            | 1,024.88   | 346.02     |
| Conway             | 1,761,826.13 | 1,662,015.19 | Lepanto            | 25,250.91    | Swifton           | 2,834.06     | 2,904.47     | Greenway         | 2,142.00   | 723.18     |
| Corning            | 77,380.79    | 70,224.99    | Leslie             | 3,252.45     | Taylor            | 6,590.67     | 6,603.39     | Knobel           | 2,941.41   | 993.07     |
| Cotter             | 11,527.12    | 8,891.57     | Lewisville         | 8,774.13     | Texarkana         | 365,185.89   | 369,862.07   | McDougal         | 1,906.28   | 643.59     |
| Cotton Plant       | 1,485.21     | 1,630.67     | Lincoln            | 40,476.84    | Texarkana Special | 180,369.21   | 183,512.12   | Nimmons          | 707.16     | 238.75     |
| Cove               | 12,106.04    | 9,526.24     | Little Flock       | 9,336.50     | Thornton          | 1,376.56     | 1,492.03     | Peach Orchard    | 1,383.59   | 467.12     |
| Crawfordsville     | 6,591.81     | NA           | Little Rock        | 5,350,184.71 | Tontitown         | 102,500.79   | 88,528.12    | Piggott          | 26,298.40  | NA         |
| Crossett           | 297,519.75   | 291,964.28   | Lonoke             | 132,293.17   | Trumann           | 73,749.56    | 65,079.99    | Pollard          | 2,275.23   | 768.16     |
| Damascus           | 12,766.87    | 13,144.78    | Lowell             | 199,214.61   | Tuckerman         | 12,574.23    | 13,414.76    | Rector           | 13,507.91  | NA         |
| Danville           | 38,140.28    | 43,727.18    | Luxora             | 3,265.21     | Turrell           | 3,085.42     | 5,140.98     | St. Francis      | 2,562.20   | 865.05     |
| Dardanelle         | 163,037.76   | 137,411.17   | Madison            | 1,451.34     | Tyronza           | 3,326.33     | 2,690.48     | Success          | 1,527.07   | 515.57     |
| Decatur            | 20,025.40    | 17,816.58    | Magazine           | 10,300.58    | Van Buren         | 547,302.06   | 603,507.45   | Cleburne County  | 331,138.74 | 343,646.15 |
| Delight            | 3,504.43     | 3,694.45     | Magnolia           | 464,378.04   | Vandervoort       | 422.15       | 241.33       | Concord          | 2,458.38   | 2,551.24   |
| De Queen           | 93,867.37    | 113,596.70   | Malvern            | 139,729.43   | Vilonia           | 79,215.67    | 86,885.52    | Fairfield Bay    | 1,843.79   | 1,913.43   |
| Dermott            | 27,094.10    | 34,935.59    | Mammoth Spring     | 7,544.97     | Viola             | 2,626.22     | 2,598.73     | Greers Ferry     | 8,977.13   | 9,316.20   |
| Des Arc            | 17,362.89    | 17,167.83    | Manila             | 39,773.72    | Wabbaseka         | 880.41       | 756.79       | Heber Springs    | 72,189.83  | 74,916.51  |
| DeValls Bluff      | 11,775.64    | 10,721.65    | Mansfield          | 31,195.21    | Walden            | 9,542.10     | 8,527.45     | Hyden            | 1,209.04   | 1,254.71   |
| DeWitt             | 175,314.20   | 173,685.58   | Marianna           | 77,151.75    | Waldron           | 47,010.57    | 43,718.73    | Quitman          | 7,375.16   | 7,653.71   |
| Diamond City       | 2,219.75     | 2,750.45     | Marion             | 177,712.98   | Walnut Ridge      | 61,806.94    | 67,192.09    | Cleveland County | 112,238.81 | 46,559.27  |
| Diaz               | 3,729.16     | 4,104.74     | Marmaduke          | 49,172.26    | Ward              | 17,393.58    | 19,812.97    | Kingsland        | 1,896.94   | 2,294.53   |
| Dierks             | 15,684.02    | 15,857.87    | Marked Tree        | 17,966.27    | Warren            | 69,175.64    | 62,812.27    | Rison            | 5,703.55   | 6,899.01   |
| Dover              | 20,630.59    | 16,732.90    | Marmaduke          | 17,966.27    | Washington        | 2,020.20     | 1,525.86     | Columbia County  | 399,586.12 | 411,027.18 |
| Dumas              | 135,347.24   | 140,509.67   | Marshall           | 12,312.58    | Weiner            | 7,011.76     | 9,055.05     | Emerson          | 711.86     | 732.24     |
| Dyer               | 2,150.35     | 2,083.79     | Marvell            | 17,788.75    | West Fork         | 34,690.73    | 24,575.79    | Magnolia         | 22,394.47  | 23,035.67  |
| Earle              | 24,364.63    | 22,171.88    | Maumelle           | 172,283.49   | West Memphis      | 582,013.07   | 567,616.84   | McNeil           | 998.15     | 1,026.73   |
| East Camden        | 3,388.78     | 4,889.72     | Mayflower          | 55,537.24    | Wheatley          | 3,208.04     | 2,949.67     | Taylor           |            |            |

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Chester            | 1,247.00     | 1,382.53     | Pleasant Plains     | 3,882.40   | 3,790.40   | Dell               | 2,497.33   | 3,243.28   | Waldron            | 27,295.77    | 27,559.21    |
| Dyer               | 6,870.29     | 7,616.97     | Sulphur Rock        | 5,072.70   | 4,952.48   | Dyess              | 4,591.50   | 5,962.98   | Searcy County      | 34,076.88    | 32,772.49    |
| Kibler             | 7,536.93     | 8,356.06     | Izard County        | 40,999.86  | 43,759.03  | Etowah             | 3,930.77   | 5,104.90   | Big Flat           | 5.56         | 5.35         |
| Mountainburg       | 4,948.81     | 5,486.65     | Jackson County      | 267,630.79 | 250,300.51 | Gosnell            | 39,733.29  | 51,601.62  | Gilbert            | 155.75       | 149.79       |
| Mulberry           | 12,979.83    | 14,390.51    | Amagon              | 959.91     | 897.75     | Joiner             | 6,450.50   | 8,377.26   | Leslie             | 2,453.13     | 2,359.23     |
| Rudy               | 476.41       | 530.41       | Beedeville          | 1,048.06   | 980.20     | Keiser             | 8,499.88   | 11,038.79  | Marshall           | 7,537.41     | 7,248.89     |
| Van Buren          | 178,745.23   | 198,171.60   | Campbell Station    | 4,497.72   | 2,335.98   | Leachville         | 22,319.18  | 28,985.91  | Pindall            | 6,623.02     | 599.17       |
| Crittenden County  | 676,065.47   | 675,469.81   | Diaz                | 12,909.79  | 12,073.82  | Luxora             | 13,192.17  | 17,132.67  | St. Joe            | 734.28       | 706.18       |
| Anthonyville       | 987.46       | 986.59       | Grubbs              | 3,780.86   | 3,536.04   | Manila             | 37,426.34  | 48,605.58  | Sebastian County   | 740,814.59   | 763,320.99   |
| Clarkedale         | 2,275.45     | 2,273.44     | Jacksonport         | 2,076.54   | 1,942.07   | Marie              | 940.70     | 1,221.68   | Barling            | 67,706.90    | 69,763.88    |
| Crawfordsville     | 2,937.84     | 2,935.25     | Newport             | 77,174.68  | 72,177.27  | Osceola            | 86,868.98  | 112,816.73 | Bonanza            | 8,374.16     | 8,628.57     |
| Earle              | 14,805.73    | 14,792.68    | Swifton             | 7,816.40   | 7,310.25   | Victoria           | 414.36     | 538.12     | Central City       | 7,311.01     | 7,533.12     |
| Edmondson          | 2,618.91     | 2,616.60     | Tuckerman           | 18,238.26  | 17,057.25  | Wilson             | 10,112.49  | 13,133.11  | Fort Smith         | 1,255,526.89 | 1,293,670.54 |
| Gilmore            | 1,451.75     | 1,450.47     | Tupelo              | 1,763.10   | 1,648.93   | Monroe County      | NA         | NA         | Greenwood          | 130,374.75   | 134,335.61   |
| Horseshoe Lake     | 1,790.92     | 1,789.34     | Weldon              | 734.61     | 687.06     | Montgomery County  | 37,104.68  | 38,606.37  | Hackett            | 11,825.77    | 12,185.04    |
| Jennette           | 634.80       | 634.24       | Jefferson County    | 703,649.48 | 735,769.87 | Black Springs      | 4,479.55   | 498.96     | Hartford           | 9,349.93     | 9,633.99     |
| Jericho            | 729.86       | 729.22       | Alzheimer           | 10,138.26  | 10,601.05  | Glenwood           | 203.45     | 211.68     | Huntington         | 9,247.99     | 9,528.94     |
| Marion             | 75,715.29    | 75,648.58    | Humphrey            | 3,173.36   | 3,318.22   | Mount Ida          | 5,212.09   | 5,423.04   | Lavaca             | 33,336.44    | 34,349.22    |
| Sunset             | 1,092.95     | 1,091.99     | Pine Bluff          | 505,707.46 | 528,792.13 | Norman             | 1,831.01   | 1,905.12   | Mansfield          | 10,529.60    | 10,849.49    |
| Turrell            | 3,394.76     | 3,391.78     | Redfield            | 13,363.13  | 13,973.14  | Oden               | 1,123.80   | 1,169.27   | Midland            | 4,733.22     | 4,877.02     |
| West Memphis       | 160,967.82   | 160,826.00   | Sherrill            | 865.46     | 904.97     | Nevada County      | 100,045.55 | 98,207.36  | Sevier County      | 247,448.87   | 283,423.61   |
| Cross County       | 235,538.52   | 254,195.82   | Wabbaseka           | 2,627.29   | 2,747.22   | Bluff City         | 921.05     | 904.13     | Ben Lomond         | 1,127.22     | 1,291.09     |
| Cherry Valley      | 6,049.93     | 6,529.16     | White Hall          | 56,934.97  | 59,533.95  | Bodcaw             | 1,025.04   | 1,006.21   | De Queen           | 51,261.26    | 58,713.52    |
| Hickory Ridge      | 2,527.78     | 2,728.00     | Johnson County      | 108,197.22 | 113,082.65 | Cale               | 586.80     | 576.02     | Gillham            | 1,243.83     | 1,424.65     |
| Parkin             | 10,269.09    | 11,082.52    | Clarksville         | 79,474.52  | 83,063.03  | Emmet              | 3,528.22   | 3,463.40   | Horatio            | 8,115.98     | 9,295.86     |
| Wynne              | 77,756.98    | 83,916.21    | Coal Hill           | 8,763.15   | 9,158.83   | Prescott           | 24,482.15  | 24,032.33  | Lockesburg         | 5,744.93     | 6,580.12     |
| Dallas County      | 138,428.14   | 149,593.52   | Hartman             | 4,494.15   | 4,697.07   | Rosston            | 1,938.67   | 1,903.05   | Sharp County       | 67,527.96    | 68,591.16    |
| Desha County       | 104,526.27   | 103,382.01   | Knoxville           | 6,329.91   | 6,615.72   | Willisville        | 1,129.04   | 1,108.28   | Ash Flat           | 8,077.31     | 8,204.48     |
| Arkansas City      | 4,045.32     | 4,001.04     | Lamar               | 13,898.07  | 14,525.63  | Newton County      | 44,612.26  | 41,418.52  | Cave City          | 14,357.83    | 14,583.89    |
| Dumas              | 52,014.44    | 51,445.03    | Lafayette County    | 82,605.73  | 87,220.85  | Jasper             | 1,785.26   | 1,657.45   | Cherokee Village   | 31,963.07    | 32,466.31    |
| McGehee            | 46,631.73    | 46,121.25    | Bradley             | 3,893.09   | 4,110.59   | Western Grove      | 1,471.11   | 1,365.80   | Evening Shade      | 3,560.61     | 3,616.67     |
| Mitchellville      | 3,979.01     | 3,935.45     | Buckner             | 1,704.78   | 1,800.02   | Ouachita County    | 338,416.81 | 353,119.44 | Hardy              | 6,016.77     | 6,111.50     |
| Reed               | 1,901.08     | 1,880.27     | Lewisville          | 7,934.96   | 8,378.28   | Bearden            | 8,879.10   | 9,264.85   | Highland           | 8,613.05     | 8,748.66     |
| Tillar             | 232.11       | 229.57       | Stamps              | 10,495.22  | 11,081.60  | Camden             | 111,981.42 | 116,846.49 | Horseshoe Bend     | 65.94        | 66.98        |
| Watson             | 2,332.14     | 2,306.60     | Lawrence County     | 188,410.22 | 177,364.41 | Chidester          | 2,656.38   | 2,771.78   | Sidney             | 1,491.83     | 1,515.32     |
| Drew County        | 424,740.31   | 461,385.16   | Alicia              | 677.42     | 637.71     | East Camden        | 8,557.39   | 8,929.17   | Williford          | 618.15       | 627.89       |
| Jerome             | 461.62       | 501.44       | Black Rock          | 3,616.56   | 3,404.52   | Louann             | 1,507.42   | 1,572.92   | St. Francis County | 133,524.45   | 152,788.06   |
| Monticello         | 112,054.41   | 121,722.00   | College City        | 2,485.70   | 2,339.97   | Stephens           | 8,189.73   | 8,545.54   | Caldwell           | 8,785.54     | 10,053.04    |
| Tillar             | 2,414.61     | 2,622.93     | Hoxie               | 15,187.37  | 14,296.95  | Perry County       | 107,134.00 | 92,759.75  | Cott               | 5,983.66     | 6,846.94     |
| Wilmar             | 6,048.36     | 6,570.19     | Imboden             | 3,698.51   | 3,481.67   | Adona              | 954.74     | 826.64     | Forrest City       | 243,320.01   | 278,423.86   |
| Winchester         | 1,976.66     | 2,147.21     | Lynn                | 1,573.37   | 1,481.12   | Bigelow            | 1,438.96   | 1,245.89   | Hughes             | 28,210.76    | 26,101.68    |
| Faulkner County    | 627,300.31   | 610,764.93   | Minturn             | 595.48     | 560.56     | Casa               | 781.15     | 676.34     | Madison            | 12,173.12    | 13,929.34    |
| Enola              | 1,910.12     | 1,859.77     | Portia              | 2,387.37   | 2,247.40   | Fourche            | 283.22     | 245.22     | Palestine          | 10,780.10    | 12,335.34    |
| Holland            | 3,147.75     | 3,064.77     | Powhatan            | 393.34     | 370.28     | Houston            | 790.29     | 684.25     | Wheatley           | 5,619.58     | 6,430.32     |
| Mount Vernon       | 819.43       | 797.83       | Ravenden            | 2,567.65   | 2,417.11   | Perry              | 1,233.39   | 1,067.91   | Whedner            | 4,321.55     | 4,945.02     |
| Twin Groves        | 1,893.17     | 1,843.27     | Sedgwick            | 830.39     | 781.70     | Perryville         | 6,669.47   | 5,774.63   | Stone County       | 76,390.99    | 72,267.95    |
| Wooster            | 4,860.08     | 4,731.97     | Smithville          | 426.12     | 401.14     | Phillips County    | 116,007.52 | 114,767.09 | Fifty Six          | 1,395.09     | 1,319.79     |
| Franklin County    | 140,159.44   | 164,208.85   | Strawberry          | 1,649.85   | 1,553.12   | Elaine             | 12,986.09  | 12,847.23  | Mountain View      | 22,160.08    | 20,964.04    |
| Altus              | 5,491.19     | 6,433.41     | Walnut Ridge        | 26,714.48  | 25,148.22  | Helena-West Helena | 205,777.65 | 203,577.34 | Union County       | 508,533.29   | 517,035.85   |
| Branch             | 2,658.66     | 3,114.85     | Lee County          | 29,197.85  | 33,829.71  | Lake View          | 9,045.35   | 8,948.63   | Calion             | 14,825.39    | 15,073.26    |
| Charleston         | 18,270.17    | 21,405.08    | Aubrey              | 904.78     | 1,048.31   | Lexa               | 5,839.66   | 5,777.22   | El Dorado          | 631,247.64   | 641,801.94   |
| Denning            | 3,412.08     | 3,997.54     | Haynes              | 798.34     | 924.98     | Marvell            | 24,216.21  | 23,957.28  | Felsenthal         | 6,332.70     | 3,693.44     |
| Ozark              | 26,688.07    | 31,267.37    | LaGrange            | 473.68     | 548.82     | Pike County        | 124,886.52 | 131,651.14 | Huttig             | 20,319.86    | 20,659.61    |
| Wiederkehr Village | 275.28       | 322.51       | Marianna            | 21,901.05  | 25,375.36  | Antoine            | 800.91     | 844.29     | Junction City      | 18,125.45    | 18,428.49    |
| Fulton County      | 98,157.53    | 103,311.18   | Moro                | 1,149.61   | 1,331.98   | Daisy              | 787.22     | 829.86     | Norphlet           | 22,869.41    | 23,251.78    |
| Ash Flat           | 388.34       | 408.73       | Rondo               | 1,053.79   | 1,220.98   | Delight            | 1,909.85   | 2,013.30   | Smackover          | 60,166.69    | 61,172.66    |
| Cherokee Village   | 3,019.14     | 3,177.65     | Lincoln County      | 56,282.40  | 59,262.81  | Glenwood           | 14,963.93  | 15,774.47  | Strong             | 17,118.87    | 17,405.08    |
| Hardy              | 159.90       | 168.30       | Gould               | 4,455.11   | 4,691.03   | Murfreesboro       | 11,233.22  | 11,841.68  | Van Buren County   | 257,063.79   | 264,239.36   |
| Horseshoe Bend     | 64.72        | 68.12        | Grady               | 2,389.90   | 2,516.46   | Poinsett County    | 112,325.54 | 110,582.08 | Clinton            | 252,637.90   | 242,372.31   |
| Mammoth Spring     | 3,719.67     | 3,914.97     | Star City           | 12,103.86  | 12,744.81  | Fisher             | 1,680.01   | 1,653.94   | Damascus           | 2,193.98     | 2,255.22     |
| Salem              | 6,224.83     | 6,551.66     | Little River County | 159,041.69 | 164,945.99 | Harrisburg         | 17,342.57  | 17,073.39  | Fairfield          | 18,912.07    | 19,439.98    |
| Viola              | 1,283.03     | 1,350.40     | Ashdown             | 32,440.59  | 33,644.93  | Lepanto            | 14,261.29  | 14,039.93  | Shirley            | 2,553.79     | 2,625.07     |
| Garland County     | 1,726,961.42 | 1,787,776.34 | Foreman             | 6,944.20   | 7,202.00   | Marked Tree        | 19,331.47  | 19,031.41  | Washington County  | 1,152,476.42 | 1,180,147.81 |
| Fountain Lake      | 5,862.88     | 6,069.35     | Ogden               | 1,236.36   | 1,282.25   | Trumann            | 54,965.85  | 54,112.70  | Elkins             | 34,633.31    | 35,148.95    |
| Hot Springs        | 175,801.59   | 181,992.44   | Wilton              | 2,568.87   | 2,664.24   | Tyrone             | 5,740.68   | 5,651.57   | Elm Springs        | 22,966.80    | 19,870.84    |
| Lonsdale           | 1,095.64     | 1,134.23     | Winthrop            | 1,318.78   | 1,367.74   | Waldenburg         | 459.56     | 452.42     | Farmington         | 78,134.22    | 79,297.51    |
| Mountain Pine      | 8,975.00     | 9,291.04     | Logan County        | 94,173.94  | 93,017.53  | Weiner             | 5,394.12   | 5,310.41   | Fayetteville       | 962,356.15   | 976,684.11   |
| Grant County       | 164,611.99   | 168,652.35   | Blue Mountain       | 927.90     | 916.50     | Polk County        | 244,929.08 | 230,771.72 | Goshen             | 14,007.66    | 14,216.21    |
| Greene County      | 462,883.41   | 483,705.93   | Booneville          | 29,857.29  | 29,490.66  | Cove               | 7,346.92   | 6,922.24   | Greenland          | 16,924.28    | 16,711.68    |
| Delaplaine         | 1,193.99     | 1,247.70     | Caulksville         | 1,593.89   | 1,574.31   | Grannis            | 10,654.94  | 10,039.06  | Johnson            | 43,867.12    | 44,520.23    |
| Lafe               | 4,714.21     | 4,926.28     | Magazine            | 6,338.13   | 6,260.30   | Hatfield           | 7,943.12   | 7,484.00   | Lincoln            | 29,414.77    | 29,852.71    |
| Marmaduke          | 11,435.57    | 11,950.00    | Morrison Bluff      | 478.91     | 473.03     | Mena               | 110,338.28 | 103,960.52 | Prairie Grove      | 57,887.85    | 58,139.12    |
| Oak Grove Heights  | 9,150.52     | 9,562.15     | Paris               | 26,430.06  | 26,105.52  | Vandervoort        | 1,673.24   | 1,576.54   | Springdale         | 839,609.31   | 846,110.02   |
| Paragould          | 268,782.31   | 280,873.31   | Ratcliff            | 1,511.57   | 1,493.01   | Wickes             | 14,501.50  | 13,663.28  | Tontitown          | 32,174.45    | 32,653.48    |
| Hempstead County   | 365,080.34   | 0            | Scranton            | 1,676.20   | 1,655.62   | Pope County        | 296,450.80 | 299,277.25 | West Fork          | 30,304.15    | 30,553.33    |
| Blevins            | 3,408.83     | 0            | Subiaco             | 4,280.29   | 4,227.74   | Atkins             | 35,602.90  | 35,942.35  | Winslow            | 5,119.91     | 5,190.04     |
| Emmet              | 465.33       | 0            | Lonoke County       | 233,633.50 | 230,627.51 | Dover              | 16,266.84  | 16,421.94  | White County       | 778,209.21   | 824,931.31   |
| Fulton             | 2,175.16     | 0            | Allport             | 944.72     | 932.57     | Hector             | 5,312.10   | 5,362.75   | Bald Knob          | 30,284.54    | 32,102.76    |
| Hope               | 109,244.90   | 0            | Austin              | 16,742.09  | 16,526.68  | London             | 12,265.06  | 12,382.00  | Beebe              | 76,469.25    | 81,060.31    |
| McCaskill          | 1,038.88     | 0            | Cabot               | 195,318.92 | 192,805.90 | Pottsville         | 33,501.67  | 33,821.08  | Bradford           | 7,934.40     | 8,410.77     |
| McNab              | 735.87       | 0            | Carlisle            | 18,187.92  | 17,953.91  | Russellville       | 329,586.51 | 332,728.90 | Garner             | 2,968.87     | 3,147.11     |
| Oakhaven           | 681.77       | 0            | Coy                 | 788.64     | 778.49     | Prairie County     | 55,235.20  | 30,508.08  | Georgetown         | 1,296.27     | 1,374.09     |
| Ozan               | 919.84       | 0            | England             | 23,207.27  | 22,908.67  | Discoe             | 2,295.28   | 2,529.56   | Griffithville      | 2,352.10     | 2,493.31     |
| Patmos             | 692.59       | 0            | Hummoke             | 2,333.05   | 2,303.03   | Des Arc            | 10,856.71  | 11,964.91  | Higginson          | 6,491.78     | 6,881.54     |
| Perrytown          | 2,943.50     | 0            | Keo                 | 2,103.03   | 2,075.97   | DeValls Bluff      | 3,913.98   | 4,313.50   | Judsonia           | 21,106.14    | 22,373.31    |
| Washington         | 1,947.91     | 0            | Lonoke              | 34,872.51  | 34,423.83  | Hazen              | 9,282.27   | 10,229.75  | Kensett            | 17,227.80    | 18,262.12    |
| Hot Spring County  | 251,018.87   | 289,283.45   | Ward                | 33,410.25  | 32,980.39  | Ulm                | 1,074.92   | 1,184.65   | Letona             | 2,665.71     | 2,825.75     |
| Donaldson          | 2,030.85     | 2,340.42     | Madison County      | 182,116.31 | 163,793.54 | Pulaski County     | 778,445.98 | 797,402.63 | McRae              | 7,129.46     | 7,557.50     |
| Friendship         | 1,187.47     | 1,368.49     | Hindsville          | 384.21     | 345.56     | Alexander          | 3,768.3    |            |                    |              |              |

# Greenbrier racks up the miles in annual fitness challenge

**G**reenbrier wrapped up its second annual Mayor's 107 Mile Challenge with a big event on April 18. The challenge was part of Greenbrier Gets Fit, a free community wellness program promoted by the city through the Melton Cotton City Event Center that was designed to encourage people to get motivated, get moving, and get fit. To participate in the challenge, individuals walked, jogged, ran or rolled 107 miles between Jan. 1 and April 18, and logged their miles online. Participants completed their last mile with Greenbrier Mayor Sammy Hartwick on April 18.

Trophies were awarded to Pam Malabanan, the over-achieving individual who completed over 610 miles, and Mike Bennett, who was a close second with 601 miles. The overachieving team was the Greenbrier Church of the Nazarene, who collectively completed 3,365 miles. A spirit award went to Mike and Brenda Bennett who completed nearly 1,170 miles as a couple. Collectively, all participants logged nearly 8,500 miles. That is the distance from Greenbrier to New York City to Los Angeles, twice!

This year, Mayor Hartwick wanted to encourage participants to go above and beyond the 107 miles, and approximately 25 percent of the nearly 100 participants did just that. Also, to go above and beyond, the city added the Moustache Dash 5K, which involved 36 participants.

"That's not bad for our first 5K!" Hartwick said.

The event also included a beard and moustache contest, local vendors, a photo booth, games for children, and more.

"It is so encouraging to hear about all the positive results people are experiencing through this challenge and Greenbrier Gets Fit as a whole," said Shellie O'Quinn, director of the Melton Cotton City Event Center. "Some people just need a little motivation and encouragement to start improving their health. Creating a sense of community around an event like this can provide that. Hopefully, participants will find it becomes a way of life, and that is good for everyone! I have already heard from

one individual who has set a new goal and plans to continue logging their miles throughout the year, and that encompasses the whole purpose of the program. The mayor has been behind this challenge from the very beginning and I am very thankful for his support and encouragement."

Greenbrier began its community wellness program with the help of the Arkansas Department of Health and it has been partially funded by grants from the Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention. Greenbrier was recognized as an Emerging Community by ArCOP in 2014 for their efforts to improve the health of Arkansas communities. For more information about Greenbrier Gets Fit, please visit [greenbriergetsfit.com](http://greenbriergetsfit.com) or contact Shellie O'Quinn at 501-679-6362 or [greenbriergetsfit@gmail.com](mailto:greenbriergetsfit@gmail.com). For more information about the Melton Cotton City Event Center or the City of Greenbrier, please visit [www.cityofgreenbrierar.com](http://www.cityofgreenbrierar.com).



About 100 walkers, runners, and rollers joined Greenbrier Mayor Sammy Hartwick, right, and his wife, Cheryl, left, in the city's fitness challenge.



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In addition to the months-long 107-mile challenge, this year's event featured a 5K on awards day in April.

## New Acts of 2015 of Municipal Interest

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| <b>HB<br/>1089</b> | Joint Budget                               | Appropriates funds to the Treasurer of State for 2015-16 support of municipal and county animal rescue and shelter operations.<br>Bill History: 02-17-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 63 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1097</b> | Joint Budget                               | Appropriates funds to the Treasurer of State for 2015-16 state turnback of general and special revenues to cities and counties.<br>Bill History: 03-18-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 527 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1099</b> | Joint Budget                               | Appropriates funds to the Treasurer of State for 2015-16 refund local taxes to cities and counties.<br>Bill History: 02-17-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 67 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1100</b> | Joint Budget                               | Appropriates funds to the Treasurer of State for 2015-16 distribution of state assistance for city-county tourist meeting and entertainment facilities.<br>Bill History: 03-25-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 684 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1105</b> | Joint Budget                               | Appropriates funds to the Highway and Transportation Department for 2015-16 operations.<br>Bill History: 03-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 714 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1106</b> | Wright, Marshall (D)                       | Authorizes cities to allow qualified electors of the county in which the municipality is situated to serve as members of the city's parks and recreation commission, upon a finding and ordinance that there are no qualified electors living within the city.<br>Bill History: 02-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 261 ) |
| <b>HB<br/>1114</b> | Lowery, Mark (R)                           | Creates a felony offense of criminal impersonation of another person in an election; adds application for an absentee ballot in a name other than one's own to the offense of perjury.<br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1166 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1116</b> | Lowery, Mark (R)                           | Lowers the threshold for age-based employment hours restrictions from applying to persons under 18, to persons under 17.<br>Bill History: 02-23-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 162 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1157</b> | Davis, Andy (R)<br>Rice, Terry             | Authorizes the award of a United States flag to the family of a law enforcement officer who loses his or her life in the course of employment.<br>Bill History: 02-19-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 100 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1163</b> | Bell, Nate (R)                             | Prohibits public employers from disciplining public employees for exercising rights under the Freedom of Information Act.<br>Bill History: 02-19-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 102 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1164</b> | Fite, Charlene (R)<br>Collins-Smith, Linda | Prohibits Level 4 Sex Offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of a place of worship unless they had established residence prior to adoption of this Act.<br>Bill History: 03-11-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 376 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1178</b> | Pitsch, Mat (R)                            | Exempts the lessee of an intermodal authority from sales tax if the property or service purchased by the lessee is used or consumed within the intermodal facility and is used in carrying out the essential governmental functions of the facility.<br>Bill History: 03-25-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 691 )           |
| <b>HB<br/>1193</b> | Speaks, Nelda (R)<br>Collins-Smith, Linda  | Specifies that revenue from fees of a district court shall be paid into the general fund of each political subdivision that contributes to the expenses of the court.<br>Bill History: 03-18-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 530 )  |

## New Acts of 2015 of Municipal Interest

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| <b>HB<br/>1203</b> | Hammer, Kim (R)                           | In defining the circumstances when a person may use deadly force, provides that the person is not required to retreat unless he or she could have retreated or surrendered possession of property "in complete safety."<br><br>Bill History: 04-01-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 828 )                                       |
| <b>HB<br/>1208</b> | Gonzales, Justin (R)                      | Requires law enforcement agencies to report the number of untested sexual assault collection kits in possession to the State Crime Lab by December 31 each year; requires the Lab report by county and agency to the Legislature, including a backlog plan.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1168 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1210</b> | Lundstrum, Robin (R)<br>Hendren, Jim      | Authorizes a municipality to contract with, or enter an interlocal agreement with an existing fire department for fire protection services, in lieu of establishing a fire department.<br><br>Bill History: 02-19-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 106 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1211</b> | Dotson, Jim (R)                           | Authorizes an active member of the Local Police and Fire Retirement System to use of up to 36 months of volunteer service to attain eligibility to participate in DROP.<br><br>Bill History: 04-01-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 829 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1224</b> | Boyd, Justin (R)<br>Files, Jake           | Provides that the Sebastian County District Court – Departments 1, 2 and 3 will jointly appoint a single clerk position.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1072 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1227</b> | Bell, Nate (R)                            | Allows local law enforcement agencies to charge a reasonable fee for noncriminal fingerprinting services.<br><br>Bill History: 02-23-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 163 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1252</b> | Broadaway, Mary (D)<br>Hutchinson, Jeremy | Amends provisions governing venue for civil actions.<br><br>Bill History: 04-01-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 830 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1261</b> | Lowery, Mark (R)                          | Authorizes a city council to appoint a person to fill a vacancy in the mayor's seat if the remaining unexpired term is up to 12 months in length (formerly 6 months); requires a special election to fill the vacancy if the renaming term is over 12 months.<br><br>Bill History: 03-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 339 ) |
| <b>HB<br/>1269</b> | Bell, Nate (R)                            | Requires candidates submitting petitions to file as an independent candidate for office swear that the signatures were collected in compliance with the law, and that signatures incorrectly obtained not be counted.<br><br>Bill History: 03-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 340 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1274</b> | Leding, Greg (D)<br>Woods, Jon            | Authorizes the additional \$150,000 payment reserved for public employees killed in the line of duty for firefighters killed by certain cancers and other diseases contracted in the course of their work.<br><br>Bill History: 03-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 341 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1284</b> | Whitaker, David (D)                       | Amends the Freedom of Information Act to prohibit the release of the date of birth, address, and other information of persons under the age of 18.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1015 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1308</b> | Meeks, Stephen (R)                        | Requires a taxpayer appealing a property tax assessment to pay the county collector the amount the taxpayer claims is owed and to pay into the registry of the circuit court the difference between the assessment and claimed amount.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1057 )                       |



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| <b>HB<br/>1315</b> | Petty, Rebecca (R)                  | Requires telecommunication providers to cooperate with law enforcement in providing location data on wireless devices in emergency situations.<br><br>Bill History: 03-13-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 405 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1322</b> | Boyd, Justin (R)                    | Removes the requirement that law enforcement fingerprint and photograph a juvenile arrested for a non-Class Y, A or B felony or a Class A misdemeanor with weapon. Requires those actions when adjudicated for a felony or A misdemeanor.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1016 ) |
| <b>HB<br/>1349</b> | Harris, Justin (R)                  | Incorporates the use of unmanned vehicles or aircraft into the offense of voyeurism.<br><br>Bill History: 02-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 293 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1357</b> | Pitsch, Mat (R)                     | Allows the State Highway Commission to transfer highways with county and municipal authorities in addition to exchanging them.<br><br>Bill History: 03-11-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 378 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1367</b> | Hammer, Kim (R)                     | Provides requests for increase in volunteer fire department district dues timely filed with the county clerk and signed by a majority of registered voters in the fire district can be implemented without a special election.<br><br>Bill History: 03-25-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 693 )             |
| <b>HB<br/>1401</b> | Love, Fred (D)                      | Allows for the payment of an additional \$150,000 in death benefits to the surviving beneficiaries of jailers and coroners killed in the official line of duty.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1058 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1415</b> | Hickerson, Mary (R)<br>Sample, Bill | Revises the classifications of commercial motor vehicles, provides retesting bond requirements for third-party CDL testers, and extends the testing waiver for people recently employed by the military from 90 days to 12 months.<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 578 )         |
| <b>HB<br/>1418</b> | Whitaker, David (D)                 | Adds provision to the Civil Service Law to assure compliance with the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 as in effect January 1, 2015.<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 579 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1436</b> | Hodges, Grant (R)                   | Defers a portion of the general revenue that is derived from five percent of the natural gas severance tax revenue, to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for road and bridge repair, and maintenance grants.<br><br>Bill History: 03-18-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 536 )        |
| <b>HB<br/>1445</b> | Ferguson, Kenneth (D)               | Authorizes municipalities to contract with a private person or entity for disbursing of funds for payroll, bonded debt or construction projects, with approval of the municipal treasurer.<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 582 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1452</b> | Baine, John (D)<br>Pierce, Bobby    | Allows the director of the Department of Environmental Quality to waive licensure requirements for operators of solid waste management facilities.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 937 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1463</b> | Bennett, Camille (D)                | Revises the record retention schedule for district courts to require retention of recalled or quashed arrest warrants and served and unexecuted search warrants<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 584 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1480</b> | Blake, Charles (D)                  | Creates a system of municipal procurement preferences for resident firms in the municipality, authorizing local ordinances that provide up to five percent preference to those firms.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1059 )   |

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| <b>HB<br/>1484</b> | Bennett, Camille (D)                       | Clarifies provisions regarding the deposit of revenue from district court filing fees into the county general fund.<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 585 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1488</b> | Lemons, Tim (R)<br>Williams, Eddie Joe     | Requires a chief law enforcement officer to provide a federal certification, when one is required for receiving or manufacturing a firearm, when an applicant who is not prohibited by law from receiving or manufacturing the firearm makes the request.<br><br>Bill History: 03-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 720 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1496</b> | Lampkin, Sheilla (D)                       | Requires annual allocation to regional solid waste management districts those special revenues collected as disposal fees for electronic equipment recycling programs. Prescribes procedures to determine allocation.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1176 )                                      |
| <b>HB<br/>1497</b> | Lampkin, Sheilla (D)                       | Provides solid waste management districts need apply only once for a waste tire grant; requires ADEQ disburse awards immediately; excludes from definition of "waste tire" that portion processed for beneficial use.<br><br>Bill History: 04-01-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 840 )                                       |
| <b>HB<br/>1505</b> | Gray, Michelle (R)<br>Collins-Smith, Linda | Authorizes concealed carry licensees to carry handguns onto public school property and the State Capitol Grounds if the handgun is left in his or her locked and unattended motor vehicle on the publicly owned parking lot.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1078 )                               |
| <b>HB<br/>1519</b> | Hammer, Kim (R)<br>Clark, Alan             | Authorizes the Forestry Commission to contract with both public and private sources, in addition to the Department of Correction, for services relative to adaptation of vehicles being converted into fire protection vehicles.<br><br>Bill History: 03-25-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 697 )                            |
| <b>HB<br/>1532</b> | Vines, John (D)<br>Sample, Bill            | Revises the organization and locations of various district courts.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1081 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1599</b> | Douglas, Charlotte<br>(R)                  | Requires law enforcement officer investigating a crime to give a preprinted document (heretofore known as "Laura's Card") explaining the victim's rights to the victim's family if applicable, and include his or her badge number and contact information.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 873 ) |
| <b>HB<br/>1610</b> | Bell, Nate (R)                             | Authorizes reduced number of polling places or closure of all polling sites on election day and reliance on absentee and early voting when board candidates are unopposed and the only issue of a school election is renewal of an unchanged tax rate.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1244 )     |
| <b>HB<br/>1628</b> | Shepherd, Matthew<br>(R)                   | Provides that deputy district court clerks employed by a city or county are governed by the policies of the city/county and requiring that the employing city/county or both have a written agreement apportioning the expenses of the deputy.<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 587 )              |
| <b>HB<br/>1629</b> | Shepherd, Matthew<br>(R)                   | Requires district courts to hold court in each department of the court at least one time a month unless mutually waived by the district court judge and the governing body of the city in which the department is located.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1031 )                                 |
| <b>HB<br/>1637</b> | Bennett, Camille (D)                       | Allows employer references requested from previous employers to be delivered in the media and format convenient to the former employer.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 949 )   |

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| <b>HB<br/>1638</b> | Baine, John (D)                     | Provides that the Disability Act Standard for Accessible Design will control when any provisions of the Ark. Fire Prevention Code are in conflict.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 874 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1644</b> | Richmond, Marcus (R)                | Repeals the requirement the Highway and Transportation Department construct and maintain hard-surfaced roads that lead to a municipal airport outside of the municipality's city limits.<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 590 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1656</b> | Nicks, Milton (D)                   | Repeals the requirement that law enforcement officers prepare a supplemental traffic accident report for accidents involving motorcycles and other two and three wheeled vehicles.<br><br>Bill History: 03-25-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 706 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1659</b> | Hammer, Kim (R)<br>Clark, Alan      | Expands the membership of the Rural Fire Departments Study Committee.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1032 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1662</b> | Jett, Joe (D)<br>Files, Jake        | Exempts from sales and use tax the services required to install parts in commercial jet aircraft that is already tax exempt; exempts from sales and use tax the sale of aircraft within the state.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1182 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1669</b> | Womack, Richard (R)<br>Hester, Bart | Prohibits public officers or employees from prohibiting a person from using a recording device in a place that is open to the general public or on private property where the person is lawfully present except for criminal or safety concerns.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1063 )         |
| <b>HB<br/>1680</b> | Gates, Mickey (R)                   | Requires municipalities to initiate annexation proceedings within five years of the stated intent to annex jurisdictional territory, or else be prohibited from again exercising territorial jurisdiction in the territory.<br><br>Bill History: 04-01-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 845 )                               |
| <b>HB<br/>1687</b> | Ballinger, Bob (R)<br>King, Bryan   | Provides a ballot form for proposed ballot questions.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1036 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1688</b> | Ballinger, Bob (R)                  | Provides a 60 day period to the sponsor of a municipal initiative and referendum for circulation of the petition. Exempts municipal bond referendum petitions from the limit.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1093 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1705</b> | Ballinger, Bob (R)                  | Provides that the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund be administered by the department and may be used for closure of a permitted waste tire processing or disposal site owned by an insolvent regional solid waste management district.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1037 )                   |
| <b>HB<br/>1706</b> | Ballinger, Bob (R)<br>King, Bryan   | Makes statements from the victim in domestic violence investigations exclusions to Rule 802 of the Rules of Evidence. Requires investigation to build probable cause on evidence collected independent of the testimony of the victim.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 876 )                    |
| <b>HB<br/>1707</b> | Ballinger, Bob (R)<br>King, Bryan   | Requires law enforcement officers investigating reports of domestic violence to complete a lethality assessment form on first interview of the victim and, based on the results, decide whether to refer the victim to a shelter or intervention program.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 877 ) |

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| <b>HB<br/>1710</b> | Neal, Micah (R)<br>Hester, Bart  | Allows property owners whose building is situated on a municipal boundary line between two municipalities to choose which municipality is the legal location of the building.<br><br>Bill History: 03-31-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 826 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1728</b> | Copeland, Donnie (R)             | Prohibits law enforcement officials at a receiving criminal detention facility to take fingerprints of an arrested person if the arrest is for probation violation and the person's prints are already in the State Police Identification Bureau.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 954 ) |
| <b>HB<br/>1769</b> | Shepherd, Matthew (R)            | Sets district court personnel salaries.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1064 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1770</b> | Shepherd, Matthew (R)            | Prohibits using a drone to collect surveillance relating to critical infrastructure such as power generation facilities and oil refineries.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1019 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1777</b> | Tosh, Dwight (R)                 | Requires public utilities to release current and former customer address information to a process server; authorizes the utility to request written documentation of the server's court appointment.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 878 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1782</b> | Jean, Lane (R)                   | Reduces the number of years that transpire before certain categories of unclaimed property are presumed abandoned; revises reporting requirements for mineral rights and proceeds.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1039 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1790</b> | Vines, John (D)<br>Ingram, Keith | Amends petition and election procedures for local option alcoholic beverage elections; defines intoxicating liquor for purposes of local option election as any beverage containing 0.5% alcohol.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1251 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1808</b> | Douglas, Charlotte (R)           | Expands the disaster response entities for which state, city and county employees who are simultaneously employed with the entity may take 15 days of paid leave for training or response to a national disaster.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1041 )                                |
| <b>HB<br/>1820</b> | Tucker, Clarke (D)               | Provides that the authority to declare a property a public nuisance applies to properties used for unlawfully selling, storing, manufacturing or using a controlled substance.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1099 )   |
| <b>HB<br/>1844</b> | Gillam, Jeremy (R)               | Requires the Secretary of State to use cash funds to administer a portal for business licensure that can accept applications for both state and local government business licenses.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1190 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1851</b> | Neal, Micah (R)                  | Amends the membership composition of various state boards, commissions, and other administrative bodies and requires that the Governor consult with representatives of the relevant industries before making appointments to those entities.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1100 )     |
| <b>HB<br/>1863</b> | Lemons, Tim (R)                  | Amends provisions governing the administration of elections. Requires county election board to meet no later than February 28 of odd-numbered years to organize and sets required schedule to report minutes of meetings.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1042 )                        |

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| <b>HB<br/>1864</b> | Lemons, Tim (R)                       | Adds auxiliary law enforcement officers and employees of a local detention facilities to eligibility to carry a concealed handgun by a law enforcement officer.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 958 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1865</b> | Lemons, Tim (R)                       | Prohibits persons serving on the state and county boards of election commissioners to advocate for or against a ballot issue, manage, perform labor or solicit for a campaign or display candidate or issue placards.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1253 )                                     |
| <b>HB<br/>1874</b> | Johnson, Bob (D)                      | Defines “disaster recovery system” as electronic data storage systems maintained by governmental agencies to recover systems and data in event of a disaster and exempts those systems from disclosure requirements of FOIA.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 881 )                               |
| <b>HB<br/>1880</b> | Hammer, Kim (R)<br>Hutchinson, Jeremy | Authorizes increasing the number of commissioners for an improvement district from three to five or seen by petition to the city as an option to making the change by ordinance. Amends procedures for filling an improvement district board vacancy.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1043 )     |
| <b>HB<br/>1886</b> | Lemons, Tim (R)                       | Reverses certain municipal detachments 180 days after the original city determines that services made available by the annexing city to the detaching inhabitants have not been used.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 882 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1906</b> | Hammer, Kim (R)<br>Rapert, Jason      | Authorizes the State Fire Marshal to review rate filings by advisory organizations to determine if the evaluation of fire protection services is reasonable and make recommendations to the Insurance Commissioner.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 961 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1908</b> | Beck, Rick (R)<br>Hutchinson, Jeremy  | Requires a circuit court to impanel a 12-person jury to determine compensation in eminent domain proceedings; holds the state liable to the owner for court/attorney costs when final compensation is 20% or more above the entity's initial assessment.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1101 )  |
| <b>HB<br/>1941</b> | Neal, Micah (R)                       | Exempts from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act information related to taxes collected by certain entities or industries under the Advertising and Promotion Commission Act, although the total of taxes collected may be released.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1102 )          |
| <b>HB<br/>1945</b> | Hammer, Kim (R)                       | Revises provisions protecting the confidentiality of information compiled in an investigation of a whistleblower report; requires applicants for public positions with supervisory responsibility over fiscal matters undergo criminal background checks.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1103 ) |
| <b>HB<br/>1997</b> | Magie, Steve (D)                      | Changes the restriction on former state employees who sell commodities or services to the state, increasing the minimum annual salary that triggers the breach of ethical standards from \$10,500 to \$15,000, and bases the salary on the fiscal year.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 966 )    |
| <b>HB<br/>2004</b> | Nicks, Milton (D)                     | Reduces from 10 to 8 years the service as a county sheriff that deems the sheriff qualified as a law enforcement officer and makes the officer qualified to serve in any county or municipality.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1045 )  |

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| <b>SB<br/>56</b>  | Woods, Jon (R)<br>Fite, Charlene   | Requires sex offenders to report required information to local law enforcement agencies rather than the Arkansas Crime Information Center; requires reporting of volunteer work by offenders; requires homeless offenders to verify registration every 30 days.<br><br>Bill History: 03-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 358 ) |
| <b>SB<br/>92</b>  | Files, Jake (R)<br>Hickerson, Mary | Makes permanent the State Aid Division of the Highway Department; Revises service on the State Aid Street Committee from formation of a new committee each four years to staggered terms and requires minimum two meetings per year.<br><br>Bill History: 03-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 303 )                            |
| <b>SB<br/>93</b>  | Hickey, Jimmy (R)                  | Repeals provisions for the remaining members of a city board to select a successor to fill the unexpired term created when a board member resigns to run for mayor.<br><br>Bill History: 02-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 222 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>124</b> | Johnson, David (D)<br>Vines, John  | Makes technical corrections to Title 17 concerning various professions.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1156 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>134</b> | Johnson, David (D)<br>Vines, John  | Makes technical corrections to Title 24 concerning public retirement.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1165 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>138</b> | Files, Jake (R)<br>Boyd, Justin    | Authorizes municipalities to propose annexation of a surrounded unincorporated area that includes a border with a lake or river.<br><br>Bill History: 02-19-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 109 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>162</b> | Sanders, David (R)                 | Creates an exemption from year-end reporting requirements for carryover funds, for candidates who retain carryover funds from a general election held in November of that year.<br><br>Bill History: 02-23-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 142 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>163</b> | Sanders, David (R)                 | Adds provisions to ethics laws which relate to local-option ballot question committees and their donors, benefactors, and vendors; includes reporting requirements and rules for disposition of funds on hand upon committee dissolution.<br><br>Bill History: 02-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 226 )                       |
| <b>SB<br/>197</b> | Cooper, John (R)<br>Jett, Joe      | Exempts from the Freedom of Information Act certain information related to water systems and city-owned utilities, including transmission and delivery plans and information, and customer usage data and personal information.<br><br>Bill History: 02-24-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 186 )                                 |
| <b>SB<br/>202</b> | Hester, Bart (R)<br>Ballinger, Bob | Prohibits counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions from adopting anti-discrimination ordinances on a basis not also contained within state law.<br><br>Bill History: 02-23-15 G Law without signature (Act: 137 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>215</b> | Sample, Bill (R)                   | Allows property owners' associations with minimum 5,000 members to authorize by ordinance the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in the same manner that cities may do so.<br><br>Bill History: 03-11-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 383 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>223</b> | Hester, Bart (R)<br>Boyd, Justin   | Directs a city board of directors to appoint a person to fill a vacancy in a municipal office or to call a special election to fill the vacancy at the first meeting after the vacancy occurs.<br><br>Bill History: 03-11-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 384 )  |

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| <b>SB<br/>225</b> | Irvin, Missy (R)<br>Overbey, Betty          | Repeals obsolete provisions directing which municipal officials were to be elected in 1960.<br><br>Bill History: 02-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 233 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>227</b> | Irvin, Missy (R)                            | Authorizes a court to order immediate removal of vehicle markings, when a charge for criminal impersonation of a law enforcement vehicle is filed.<br><br>Bill History: 02-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 234 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>228</b> | Irvin, Missy (R)<br>Overbey, Betty          | Makes technical changes to the terminology of city council procedures, including changing references to city aldermen to references to the applicable governing body of a city.<br><br>Bill History: 02-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 235 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>230</b> | Teague, Larry (D)                           | Repeals the exemption given wineries from collection of local sales taxes on direct shipments of wine.<br><br>Bill History: 02-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 236 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>261</b> | Hutchinson, Jeremy (R)<br>Love, Fred        | Requires property seized from minors or the mentally ill to be held for 72 hours before being returned to the lawful owner or owner's parent, upon request and presentation of a valid proof-of-ownership.<br><br>Bill History: 03-25-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 688 )                         |
| <b>SB<br/>305</b> | Cooper, John (R)<br>Wallace, Dave           | Authorizing a municipality to accept by ordinance contiguous property that the owner offers for annexation by petition. Provides guidelines for recording the annexation and notifying state officials.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 991 )                            |
| <b>SB<br/>332</b> | Files, Jake (R)<br>Jett, Joe                | Authorizes limited direct pay authority to persons eligible for refund of tax, allowing the person to accrue and remit gross receipts and use taxes on purchases that include eligible purchases.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1107 )                                 |
| <b>SB<br/>373</b> | English, Jane (R)                           | Eliminates local option election for the manufacture of and off premises sale of alcoholic beverages in defunct voting districts.<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 564 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>426</b> | Woods, Jon (R)<br>Cozart, Bruce             | Prohibits public agency construction contracts from containing terms or bid specifications that encourages or discourages potential contractors from entering into collective bargaining agreements.<br><br>Bill History: 03-23-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 600 )                               |
| <b>SB<br/>459</b> | Johnson, David (D)                          | Revises the definition and penalties for criminal violations of shop lifting; theft of rented property, scrap metal, public benefits, communication services; hot check offenses; other.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1263 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>462</b> | Johnson, David (D)                          | Revises the definition and penalties for criminal offenses not in the Criminal Code including hazing, littering, refuse hauling in uncovered vehicles, abandoned motor vehicles and household appliance on public property, more.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1264 ) |
| <b>SB<br/>472</b> | Hutchinson, Jeremy (R)<br>Shepherd, Matthew | The Criminal Justice Reform Act of 2015; makes various revisions to provisions for criminal justice, parole, recidivism, inmate health care and Medicaid reimbursements, and related issues.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 895 )                                       |

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| <b>SB<br/>481</b> | Williams, Eddie Joe<br>(R)           | Requires cities using a nonconsent towing rotation list to require towing firms to file annually a list of their towing and storage rates.<br><br>Bill History: 03-11-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 387 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>490</b> | Sample, Bill (R)                     | Makes various changes to the administration of state taxes, including conforming due dates, eliminating prepayment conditions for appeal, adopting market interest rates, more.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 896 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>509</b> | Clark, Alan (R)                      | Authorizes civil action against a person who disseminated of electronic communication without the consent of the person who originated the communication, when the purpose is to influence a legislator's floor or committee vote.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1111 )                             |
| <b>SB<br/>542</b> | Rapert, Jason (R)<br>Douglas, Dan    | Requires pharmacy benefits managers to obtain express consent when an individual's consent is required to change provider choice; limits patient payments; authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to seek an injunction.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1025 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>562</b> | Files, Jake (R)                      | Requires law enforcement agencies to forward consumer complaints regarding a tow company used by the agency for nonconsent towing to the Towing and Recover Board within five days and prescribes subsequent procedures.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1117 )                                       |
| <b>SB<br/>563</b> | Teague, Larry (D)                    | Removes provision prohibiting persons holding elected office from serving on water-works commissions; changes length of terms from 10 to 5 years; repeals the option to abolish a utility commission by a vote of the electorate at special election.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 897 )           |
| <b>SB<br/>570</b> | Sample, Bill (R)                     | Limits the use of the historic rehabilitation income tax credit to once each 24-month period for each eligible property.<br><br>Bill History: 03-20-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 567 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>612</b> | Woods, Jon (R)<br>Ballinger, Bob     | Amends concealed handgun licensing requirements to allow permanent legal residents of the United States to hold licenses; deletes exemption from 90-day residency requirement for retired law enforcement officers.<br><br>Bill History: 03-24-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 649 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>645</b> | Hendren, Jim (R)<br>Douglas, Dan     | Authorizes utilities to acquire operating units or systems that are owned by the public utility's affiliate or other entities; providing that utilities claiming an exemption under the Utility Environmental Protection Act may seek facilities cost recovery.<br><br>Bill History: 03-27-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 736 ) |
| <b>SB<br/>716</b> | Cooper, John (R)                     | Requires campaign contribution records and statements of financial interest be placed in the custody of the Arkansas History Commission after the mandatory eight years they must be maintained by the Secretary of State.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 999 )                                      |
| <b>SB<br/>726</b> | Files, Jake (R)<br>Murdock, Reginald | Revises the unenforceability provision of construction contracts that include a hold harmless provisions.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1120 )  |



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| <b>SB<br/>751</b> | Irvin, Missy (R)                    | Specifies the court costs collected in the Quitman Department of the Cleburne County District Court be allocated through a city administration of justice fund as prescribed in § 16-10-604.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1001 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>757</b> | Hendren, Jim (R)                    | Establishes procedures for compensating owners whose private property is devalued as a result of state and local regulatory programs and use of eminent domain.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1002 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>780</b> | Rapert, Jason (R)                   | To amends the Insurance Code and law relating to insurance regulation.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1267 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>791</b> | Hutchinson, Jeremy (R)              | Creates the Workforce Development Board, with staff support from the Department of Workforce Services, charged with development and implementation of a state workforce development plan.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 907 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>796</b> | Woods, Jon (R)<br>Neal, Micah       | Amends the fire prevention code to allow use of a temporary door barricade device or security lockdown device for security purposes during active shooter events or similar situations.<br><br>Bill History: 03-23-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 606 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>800</b> | Rapert, Jason (R)<br>Davis, Andy    | Establishes regulation of transportation network company services that use electronic networks to connect passengers to the companies' transportation service provided by network company drivers.<br><br>Bill History: 04-04-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1050 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>801</b> | Rapert, Jason (R)                   | Expands the use of sand and other proppants that are exempt from sales and use tax to include use to re-complete, redrill or expand an existing oil or gas well.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1125 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>802</b> | Rapert, Jason (R)                   | Specifies sales of solid wastes including yard, glass, metals, plastic, paper are subject to sales and use tax; exempts from taxable solid waste saltwater, fracking fluids, pit water, etc. produced in natural resource exploration and development.<br><br>Bill History: 04-06-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1126 ) |
| <b>SB<br/>814</b> | Pierce, Bobby (D)                   | Requires repair of underground facilities that are damaged by excavation or demolition within a reasonable amount of time after the operator is notified.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 908 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>816</b> | Sample, Bill (R)<br>Rushing, Laurie | Revises election law regarding purchase, testing and use of voting machines and other election equipment. Requires voter complaints to poll workers be forwarded to the Election Division of the Secretary of State.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1218 )                                   |
| <b>SB<br/>817</b> | Williams, Eddie Joe (R)             | Provides for electronic registration and reporting to the Secretary of State by political action committees.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 909 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>837</b> | Irvin, Missy (R)                    | Requires the Geographic Information Systems Office to provide mapping services to municipalities planning annexation or other changes in territory and to report changes in legal boundaries to the U.S. Census Bureau.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 914 )                                 |

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| <b>SB<br/>844</b> | Burnett, David (D)<br>Hodges, Monte  | Assigns solid waste recycling tax credits to a public retirement system when derived from an Amendment 82 project in which the public retirement system is a proprietor or shareholder; requires the system to sell the credits to the state.<br><br>Bill History: 04-01-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 862 ) |
| <b>SB<br/>852</b> | Elliott, Joyce (D)<br>Tucker, Clarke | Creates higher classifications of felony offenses for the abuse of public trust, according to the value of the benefit offered or conferred.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1270 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>855</b> | Sanders, David (R)                   | Provides that the public's right to use an unpaved road established by a easement is abandoned if access is denied by a gate across the road controlled by the owner.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1006 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>860</b> | Hickey, Jimmy (R)<br>Hickerson, Mary | Creates a Class A misdemeanor for certain signature violations, misrepresenting the purpose of a petition and other violations related to initiative and referendum petitions. Requires background check for paid canvassers.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1219 )                |
| <b>SB<br/>863</b> | King, Bryan (R)                      | Authorizes a property owner to conduct a controlled burn of a residence or structure if approved by the quorum court and local fire department.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1274 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>869</b> | Johnson, David (D)                   | Authorizes municipalities and counties to enter into guaranteed energy cost savings contracts and to issue bonds for those contracts by ordinance.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1275 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>880</b> | Rapert, Jason (R)<br>Bragg, Ken      | Authorizes emergency first responders to administer the drug naloxone, an opioid antagonist that counters the effects of drug overdose.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1222 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>893</b> | Files, Jake (R)                      | Requires the Towing and Recovery Board to establish procedure for suspension or removal from the non-consent towing rotation list and for fines for violation of a recognized non-consent rotation policy.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1224 )                                   |
| <b>SB<br/>898</b> | Hester, Bart (R)<br>Dotson, Jim      | Expands the 2-year period for persons "under disability" to redeem tax delinquent property to include persons with a mental incapacity, minors and members of the U.S. Armed Forces.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1226 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>903</b> | Hester, Bart (R)                     | Requires city approval and receipt of a dedication of land to it for park purposes within one year of receiving notice of the gift or the land reverts to the previous owner or the owner's heirs, successors or assigns.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 916 )                     |
| <b>SB<br/>906</b> | Hester, Bart (R)<br>Dotson, Jim      | Provides the Commissioner of State Lands immunity from liability for damages or costs arising from work undertaken by a city to abate a code violation on tax-delinquent real property certified to the Commissioner.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1228 )                        |
| <b>SB<br/>907</b> | Hester, Bart (R)<br>Dotson, Jim      | Repeals various obsolete laws concerning the redemption of tax-delinquent land.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1229 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>925</b> | Files, Jake (R)<br>Rushing, Laurie   | Exempts out-of-state businesses operating in Arkansas during a disaster response period from certain taxes and regulations.<br><br>Bill History: 04-01-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 864 )   |

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| <b>SB<br/>956</b>  | Sanders, David (R)                | Creates the Healthcare Transparency Initiative and provides authority to collect health-care information from insurance carriers and other entities.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1233 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>974</b>  | Teague, Larry (D)                 | Allows the maximum assessed benefits levied against fire protection districts to be reassessed using the same procedure as petitions to define a new fire protection district.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1234 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>975</b>  | Stubblefield, Gary (R)            | Creates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, prohibiting state actions that burden a person's right to exercise of religion, unless the burden is essential to further a compelling governmental interest.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 975 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>977</b>  | Pierce, Bobby (D)                 | Increases from \$120,000 to \$200,000 the funds allocated to the Commission on Law Enforcement for training costs from revenue from 911 charges. Expands information required in the annual report from operators of public safety answering points.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 919 ) |
| <b>SB<br/>978</b>  | Williams, Eddie Joe (R)           | Incorporates e-cigarettes and other alternative nicotine products into the existing regulations governing tobacco products and cigarettes.<br><br>Bill History: 04-07-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1235 )  |
| <b>SB<br/>987</b>  | Woods, Jon (R)<br>Vaught, DeAnn   | Requires immediate notice of an emergency order of custody of a juvenile go to the juvenile's attorney ad litem and the juvenile's parent, guardian or custodian.<br><br>Bill History: 04-02-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1024 )   |
| <b>SB<br/>1037</b> | Stubblefield, Gary (R)            | Requires the Department of Career Education to collaborate with the Department of Education to develop an agricultural school pilot program consisting of at least one elementary and one middle school by the 2016-17 school year.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1286 )                 |
| <b>SB<br/>1039</b> | Sanders, David (R)<br>Davis, Andy | Expands definition of conflict of interest for state employees.<br><br>Bill History: 04-08-15 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 1287 )   |

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