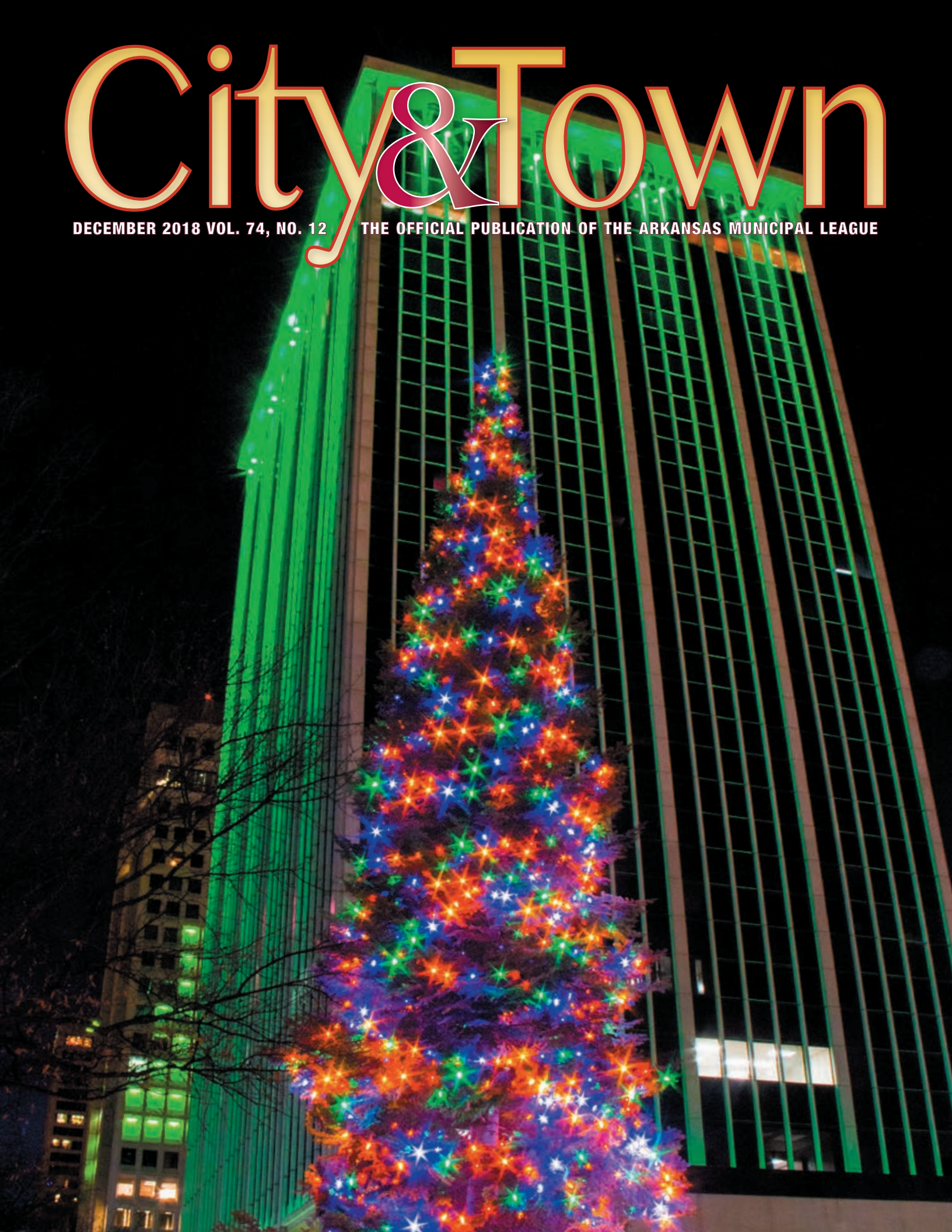


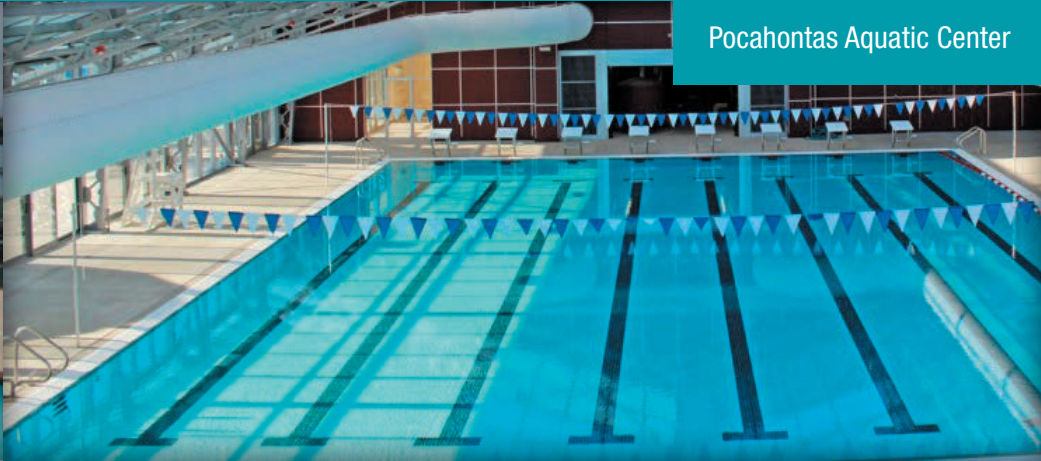
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ON THE COVER—The Capitol Plaza at the corner of Capitol and Main in downtown Little Rock is aglow with holiday cheer. The Downtown Little Rock Partnership and Mayor Mark Stodola raised and lit the 65-foot tree during a “Bright the Night” ceremony Nov. 19 that featured festive holiday music, cookies and hot chocolate, and, of course, Santa Claus. Mayor Stodola wrapped up his term as president of the National League of Cities in November at the annual City Summit in Los Angeles. Read highlights of the conference inside. Read also inside about Smackover Mayor and League District 4 Vice President Bobby Neal, important information about passing the annual city budget and holding the first council meeting of the year, and more.—atm

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Dear Friends,

We are in the middle of the holiday season and, as is the case each year, most of us find ourselves busier than we have ever been before. I hope we all found time during our Thanksgiving breaks to reflect on the wonderful things in our busy lives for which we are grateful.

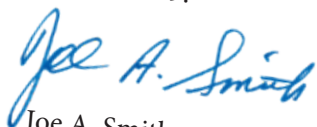
As Christmas approaches, let us all find time to let those we care about know how important they are to us, and to always remember that we may get busy at work, but time spent with our loved ones is never wasted. We recently celebrated my daughter's wedding, and I am certainly grateful for any time I am able to spend with my growing, healthy, and happy family.

I am also grateful to the Municipal League for organizing our regional meetings. We have completed all of them and if you attended, I was certainly pleased to see you there. They were all well attended and full of important information about the services and benefits we offer our members. We were also able to really get into some of the policy discussions that we will encounter in the upcoming legislative session.

Speaking of the upcoming legislative session, I encourage all of you to get to know your local representatives and senators. They will be making decisions on many critical matters that will directly impact our budgets, processes, and, of course, our citizens. The greatest asset we have in terms of influence at the State Capitol comes in the form of our statewide network of members and the huge role you play on the local level. As local leaders in our communities, we play a major role in the lives of our neighbors, and our state elected officials are eager to have our input.

During the session in January, we will be having our Winter Conference. If you have not already done so, please take the time to register. The League staff is working hard to put together an agenda that will give us the latest information on the legislative session and offer training opportunities that emphasize best practices. This information allows us all to be the very best we can be at our job. We owe that to our residents. The early-bird discount expires soon, so don't wait!

My holiday wish is for you all to have a very merry Christmas and an amazing start to a happy New Year. I'll see you at the Winter Conference, where we will get a great start in 2019.



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Smackover Mayor and League District 4 VP Bobby Neal.

PHOTOS BY ANDREW MORGAN.

Smackover's long-serving mayor has a heart for hometown

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

Smackover Mayor Bobby Neal, the League's 2018-2019 District 4 vice president, is about two years shy of being a lifelong resident of the city of about 2,000 residents. He was born in the Delta town of Bassett in Mississippi County, and his parents moved the family to Union County when he was two and a half.

Like many people at the time, they were drawn to the job opportunities presented by the oil industry in southern Arkansas. Neal had an uncle there working on some oil wells and convinced his dad to leave farming in east Arkansas and to come work with him. His mother was a nurse and worked in several local hospitals.

After graduating from Smackover High School, Neal followed his father and uncle working on oil wells, and he made a good career there. It wasn't always his profession of choice, however.

"I always wanted to be an undertaker," Neal says. "Of course when I got out of school there were very few places at that time you could go, and I didn't have the money to go and do it."

He never gave up on that idea, though. When he retired in 2005 from Great Lakes Chemical, he went to work at a local funeral home. He still works at two part-time and is a licensed funeral director.

He also never really left the oil business. He's an independent producer with 10 wells.

"I look after them myself, do my mayor work here, and anybody else wants anything done I help them with it."

Except for one break, Neal has been involved in city government since 1972. When the mayor at the time died suddenly, the recorder became mayor, leaving that position open. (Recorder and treasurer were separate



The city and region's history and economy is linked to oil. The Cross Oil Refinery on the east side of Smackover employs many people in the city and county.



County, and they're working with Union County Animal Protection Society to provide some additional help.

"Those two things are our biggest problems right there," Neal says.

The streets are in fairly good shape for now, helped largely by two rounds of funding through the State Aid City Street Program. The mayor hopes to save money for the next year or so before tackling a complete resurfacing of South Broadway St., which runs the length of the city's small downtown.

Within the city, the school system is the largest employer. Most of the other work opportunities are regional, with oil, chemical, and other large manufacturing operations in the county or in nearby El Dorado. Beyond that, the employ-

ment and retail options are slim in Smackover, but it remains a good place to call home, Neal says.

"There's people who want to come to town all the time because of the school system," he says.

Affordable housing is an issue, though some new subdivisions have been built in recent years and more new developments are planned.

Regardless of the challenges, Mayor Neal is happy to continue serving the citizens of his hometown.

"I enjoy it," he says. "I love Smackover. I know everybody and everybody knows me. I don't cut corners with any of them. I'm right up front with them. I tell 'em if I can help 'em I will, if I can't I can't and I'll tell 'em why I can't. My theory is if you do something for one you've got to do it for all of them, because word will get around real quick." 🏠

positions back then, he explains.) When asked if he was interested in being recorder, Neal took him up on it, and he remained in that position until 1984, when balancing his business and his work for the city became too difficult and he stepped down.

In 1994 he decided to run for a seat on the city council and was elected.

"I was recorder for 12 years, was on the council for 12 years, and I've been mayor for 12 years," he says.

He'll begin his 13th year as mayor January 1, 2019.

Like many cities of its size, Smackover has some difficult challenges. Blight is a perennial problem, and the mayor tries to work with residents to clean up their properties.

Stray dogs are another problem, and it would help if the city could employ its own animal control officer. Right now they rely on one serving most of Union



Just like it was at its incorporation in 1922, Smackover is still dotted with oil derricks.



Arkansas's delegation takes time for a group shot at the Los Angeles Convention Center, host of the 2018 NLC City Summit, Nov. 7-11.

NLC names new president, covers critical local issues at City Summit

By Andrew Morgan

Gary, Indiana, Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson is the new president of the National League of Cities, and one of her goals this year is to work to bridge the political divide, she said. She started her one-year term at the conclusion of the NLC's annual business meeting on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the 2018 City Summit in Los Angeles, which brought together more than 3,800 mayors, council members, state league staff members, and other delegates from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

While we will inevitably have differences of opinion, it's important for us as city leaders to focus on areas where we can agree, Freeman-Wilson said.

"We know that people want good jobs; we know that people want to retire with dignity; we know that people want their children to have a good education, to achieve more than they achieved," she said. "I think it's important for us to focus on that, to focus on our common ground and work together."

Local officials have a duty to deliver good government to their constituents and must rise above the political "nastiness and vitriol" we've seen, particularly at the national level.

"We don't have the luxury of getting into partisan division," Freeman-Wilson. "We have to work together on behalf of our constituents. Our job is to provide the best product we can."

In that spirit, as president, Freeman-Wilson will prioritize "loving our cities," she said, and promote the



Freeman-Wilson

importance of civic engagement across every generation, from our youth to senior citizens.

Cities of all sizes across the country are facing a housing crisis, she said, and therefore affordable housing development is one of the key areas that the NLC will focus on in the coming year.

"It's hard to love your city if you're worried about the basics," Freeman-Wilson said.

Freeman-Wilson thanked outgoing NLC President Mark Stodola, mayor of Little Rock, for his year of



Stodola

service focusing on the future of work and infrastructure investments in America's cities.

"I've enjoyed spending time this year with all of you," Stodola said, "from discussing the needs of small cities in Independence, Minnesota; to celebrating 50 years of home rule in Hollywood, Florida; to hosting many of you in my home city of Little Rock for our summer leadership meeting."

Stodola thanked the NLC's leadership team and staff for their hard work throughout his term.

NLC Executive Director and CEO Clarence Anthony joined new President Freeman-Wilson in calling for city leaders across the country to combat the political divisiveness prevalent today.

"I refuse to believe that this will continue to be the state of our nation," he said. "I can't accept that. Local leaders don't have a choice but to work together. We don't have time to hide or get caught up in partisan division. We have to lead our communities. We have



Anthony

to lead on job creation, because our residents need to know that they can live and work comfortably in our communities."

Local government leaders must also lead on transportation issues, rebuilding water systems and other critical infrastructure needs, the opioid epidemic, public safety, and housing, Anthony said.

When problems need to be solved, cities don't ask for a seat at the table, he said.

"We set the table, and we bring people together."

Several featured guests took the stage during the four-day summit to share their insights and initiatives with city leaders. Elon Musk, founder and CEO of private aerospace manufacturer SpaceX and co-founder and CEO of electric carmaker Tesla among other enterprises, sat down with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on Thursday, Nov. 8 to talk about some of the potential applications of the inventor and entrepreneur's projects. While a manned mission to Mars is a still ways out, several of his projects are already having potential impacts in cities, including the emergence of autonomous vehicles and tunnel-boring operations, both of which could dramatically impact our transportation networks.

In November 2017, Musk's The Boring Company began the permitting process to build its first tunnel route, a "hyperloop" that would run from Los Angeles International Airport to Culver City, California, and beyond. In December The Boring Company announced it was canceling plans to open at least one of the LA tunnels, but other projects in the city and in other parts of the country are ongoing.

Political journalist and former first lady of California Maria Shriver spoke during the summit's closing general session on Saturday, Nov. 10. Her family has a long history of public servants and she thanked the gathered city officials for their service.

"I was raised to believe that the work you're doing is the most noble work known to man or woman," Shriver said. "My parents believed in politics, that those who served in politics were really the change-makers and they were the people to aspire to be like."

Public service is tough, she said, and that the entire family of the person in office also serves the community, and they often get overlooked. She made an effort to recognize them when she served with her husband, Arnold Schwarzenegger when he became governor of California.

"It was very important to me to do that when I came to Sacramento," she said. "There were all these portraits of the governors of California and there was no mention of any of the women who had served as first lady. So I put the pictures up of all the women who had served as first lady when I got there."

The 2018 NLC City Summit included more than 70 workshops, solution sessions, and other educational



PHOTO BY ANDREW MORGAN.

From left, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Elon Musk.

opportunities that gave city officials and state league staff members the chance to hone their skills and discuss critical issues, like building a talented workforce, improving city services utilizing technology, innovative solutions to affordable housing needs, mitigating cybersecurity threats, updates on cannabis policies, and a screening of the documentary *Heroin(e)*.

Perrin on board, Boyd and Robinson recognized

Jonesboro Mayor Harold Perrin has been selected for a one-year term on the NLC's board of directors. Perrin started his term on Nov. 10, at the conclusion of the annual business meeting on the final day of the 2018 NLC City Summit.

Earlier that day, the NLC honored two members of the Arkansas Municipal League staff with the John G. Stutz Award for their longtime service to the League and to the cities and towns of Arkansas. Sheila Boyd, League policy and programs officer, and Glenda Robinson, general manager of the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust, were



PHOTO BY ALISON HAYES.

NLC Executive Director Clarence Anthony, second from right, joins Arkansas's delegates and staff members at the annual business meeting on Saturday, Nov. 11.

presented their awards during the summit's closing general session. The award recognizes the contributions of individuals who have served a total of 25 years or more on the staff of a state municipal league, state league risk pool, or NLC. 🏛️

NLC City Summit Snapshots



League's Boyd and Robinson receive NLC's Stutz award

The League's Sheila Boyd and Glenda Robinson are this year's recipients of the National League of Cities' John G. Stutz award. The NLC has presented the award each year since 1981 to recognize the contributions of individuals who have served a total of 25 years or more on the staff of a state municipal league, state league risk pool, or NLC.



Boyd



Robinson

PHOTOS BY ANDREW MORGAN.

Boyd and Robinson were honored on stage during the closing general session of the 2018 NLC City Summit, Nov. 10 in Los Angeles.

Boyd started her service to the League in the Municipal Health Benefit Fund before being named assistant to Executive Director Don Zimmerman, where she served until Zimmerman's death earlier this year. Boyd now serves as the League's policy and programs officer.

Robinson began her career with the League as a claims adjuster in the Municipal Workers' Compensation Trust. She now serves as the general manager of that department.

The award is named in honor of John G. Stutz, who, as executive secretary of the League of Kansas Municipalities, convened representatives on 10 state municipal leagues in 1924 in Lawrence, Kan., for the first meeting of what was to become the American Municipal Association and subsequently the National League of Cities. 🏛️

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Heart health is key to brain health

By Laura F. DeFina, MD, FACP

Depression, anxiety, and memory problems are key mental health concerns for all Americans. These illnesses can impact life for both the affected individual and their family in devastating ways. Increasing awareness and acceptance of those suffering from mental illness is critical to finding appropriate treatment and improving their quality of life.

In addition to the medical treatment of depression, evidence suggests that certain lifestyle measures can prevent or help control depression. Our most recent work from the Cooper Center Longitudinal Study (CCLS) published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association – Psychiatry* in late June shows that midlife fitness can protect you from depression in later years. Specifically, the study found that middle-age people with high levels of fitness were 16 percent less likely to develop depression after age 65.

Depression is a known risk factor for heart disease, and vice versa. For those who developed depression in later years, the study showed a 56 percent lower risk of cardiovascular disease mortality in those who were fit in midlife.

The Cooper Institute leadership team was thrilled to see the tremendous media interest in this work—proof that people are eager to find ways to help themselves.

One of the greatest fears of most older Americans, however, is that they might develop dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Dementia doesn't just affect one's memory; it robs us of our independence. Unfortunately, there is no cure for dementia or Alzheimer's disease, so preventive measures are critical. A large body of science

exists suggesting that regular exercise and fitness can positively impact memory loss.

A 2013 study from the CCLS found that participants who were highly fit at midlife had a 36 percent lower chance of developing dementia after the age of 65. In a 2018 study, looking at generally healthy individuals over age 55, those with higher cardiorespiratory fitness had a reduced likelihood of cognitive impairment or potential memory loss. In a follow-up study, those with low vitamin D levels had a 26 percent greater chance of having memory impairment. Over and over again, the science continues to show that exercise and healthy living may be pivotal to keeping our brains healthy.

We strive to do research that matters and that enhances the lives of our family, friends, and fellow humans. The CCLS database, which began at The Cooper Institute in 1970 and now, with over 112,000 individuals enrolled, allows our researchers to explore prevention-based care for conditions of aging. We are grounded in science and make every effort to ensure that preventive recommendations are both evidence-based and obtainable so that everyone can undertake the necessary exercise and healthy habits to age gracefully. Our recent work does just that, showing that the key to a healthy brain is a healthy heart.

Dr. DeFina is president and chief executive officer of The Cooper Institute. This article was published originally on Sept. 26 at cooperinstitute.org and is reprinted with permission.



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MHBF Tips: 2019 Municipal Health Benefit Fund changes



As 2018 ends, we find that 2019 brings several welcome changes to the MHBF health benefit plan. Below, we've outlined three key upgrades to our plan.

1. EyeMed vision benefit

MHBF has partnered with EyeMed to offer a true vision benefit, effective January 1, 2019. What does this mean? Previously, members were required to meet a \$50 deductible, and were then allowed up to \$150 in routine vision expenses. Beginning in 2019, however, members will be able to access a much broader vision program.

At \$4.58 per month for single coverage, and \$11.70 per month for family coverage, MHBF members will receive:

- Comprehensive vision coverage for exams, glasses, and contacts;
- \$30 co-payment for most products and services, including for routine eye exams;
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- Discounts off prescription and non-prescription sunglasses, Lasik, and more.

2. Changing your coverage

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language held that a new baby had to be added during open enrollment if switching from single to family coverage.)

To add a newborn, you must complete a Change of Status Form and provide supporting documentation within 30 days of the date of birth.

Also, if a spouse's health coverage is terminated due to the loss of their employment, regardless of the reason, you may add your spouse to the MHBF plan during open enrollment or on the first day of the month following the loss of employment. (Previous language held that the loss of employment had to be due to involuntary termination.) To add a spouse under this circumstance, you must complete a Change of Status Form and provide documentation supporting 1) the date the spouse's employment ended, and 2) the date the spouse's prior health insurance ended.

3. 3-D mammograms

Effective January 1, 2019, 3-D mammograms will be included as part of the wellness benefit offered by MHBF. This means that 3-D mammograms will be paid at 100 percent and will not be subject to a member's deductible, so long as the service is billed with a routine preventative diagnosis code and is not undertaken more than once per calendar year. 🏛️

Time to levy property taxes

City and town councils may levy general property taxes of up to five mills on the dollar (Ark. Const. art. 12 § 4; A.C.A. §§ 26-25-102 and 103). In order to implement this millage, the governing body of the city or town must certify the rate of taxation levied to the county clerk. (A.C.A. § 26-73-202). This must be done prior to the time fixed by law for the Quorum Court to levy county taxes. *Id.* Arkansas Code section 14-14-904(b) establishes the November or December meeting of the Quorum Court as the time to levy those taxes.

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

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



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Workforce key for economic development

By Amy Whitehead

Workforce development is now recognized as a key driver of economic competitiveness. Having a skilled, high-quality workforce is critical to the success of local businesses, large and small.

In 2018, *Site Selection* magazine ranked workforce as the number one issue impacting corporate site-selection decisions. Also in the top 10 site-selection factors was “university and college resources,” which is indicative of the role that institutions of higher education play in technology transfer, community partnerships, innovation, and, of course, workforce and education.

As someone who recently added the word “workforce” to her title, I can reaffirm that workforce development is essential to economic development, but also that it takes time to learn all of the local, state, regional, and federal programs and resources that are available to communities and to individual workers. If you are recently entering the workforce development conversation, you will want to familiarize yourself with the players and programs that could provide much needed services to your community. If you are ready to start a conversation about workforce development in your city, use this checklist to guide your initial outreach and learning:

- Arkansas has eight workforce development regions. These regions oversee a variety of programs and funding for underemployed and unemployed individuals. One-stop centers are located in each region to provide a one-stop shop for individuals seeking employment and training, as well as businesses needing to find a skilled workforce. Get to know your regional workforce development office and one-stop center, and educate yourself on the in-demand jobs that are approved for Workforce Investment Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding in your region.
- Though the unemployment rate is at a record low for the state, there are still workers needing to increase their skill level. Funding programs such as the Arkansas Department of Higher Education’s Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, MyCAA (funding for spouses of active duty military personnel), and WIOA are available to help your workforce reach its full potential.
- The Office of Skills Development (OSD), a division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education,

is an excellent resource for communities. Learn about the OSD grants that are available to help existing businesses provide training and professional development to their workers. One community that has taken advantage of the workforce training grants program offered by the Office of Skills Development is Mississippi County. “Since the Office of Skills Development workforce training grant program became available during the 2016-17 fiscal year, Mississippi County has been awarded 57 grants resulting in approximately 940 workers receiving training,” said Cody Waits, deputy director for OSD. “Companies in Mississippi County received funding totaling \$430,000 saving companies over \$235,000 in training costs.” OSD also oversees the Secondary Technical Centers and various apprenticeship programs for adults, students and employers.

- Initiate a conversation with your regional higher education partners, local school district, area business, and economic development professionals on the challenges facing your city and region, and about the initiatives that exist to help ensure a strong workforce pipeline. If these conversations are already occurring, that is great news! Find out how municipal government can have a seat at the table and then provide support and advocacy for those workforce efforts.

Municipal government has a vested interest in economic development and should therefore be an active participant in promoting workforce development. Though there are many players and programs involved in this effort, taking the time to learn the stakeholders and programs is an important step that local elected officials can take to better understand economic development in 2019 and beyond.



Amy Whitehead is the assistant vice president of community and workforce development at the University of Central Arkansas. UCA offers a variety of workforce development training programs that are eligible for funding for individuals needing to increase their skills and prepare for the workforce, including the Arkansas Coding Academy and online workforce development programs. For more information visit uca.edu/outreach/workforce. Contact Amy at amyw@uca.edu or (501) 852-2930.



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9:00 a.m.
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Incorporated Towns and Cities of the Second Class Advisory Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2018 - Tuesday September 25, 2018
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Each calendar year each county and municipality receiving total highway revenues and highway severance turnback per A.C.A § 27-70-207 and A.C.A § 26-58-124 of \$2,000,000 or more shall report to the House Public Transportation Committee and the Senate Transportation, Technology and Legislative Affairs Committee indicating how highway revenues and highway severance turnback funds were utilized. The report shall include a general ledger accounting of the city or county street/road fund. The county report shall be made utilizing the County Financial Management System of tracking county revenues and expenditures. The report shall also include the percentage of the street/road fund that is comprised of state funds. Further, the report shall include details of each contracted project including type and description of project and total amount of money spent on the project. The report shall be submitted annually no later than March 15 for the previous year's projects. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

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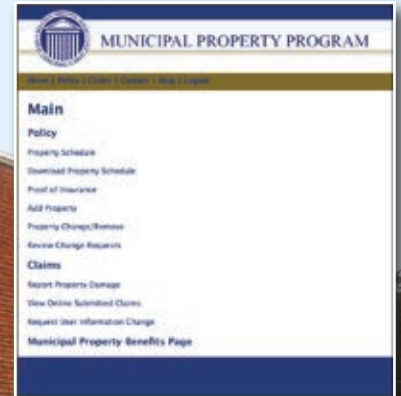
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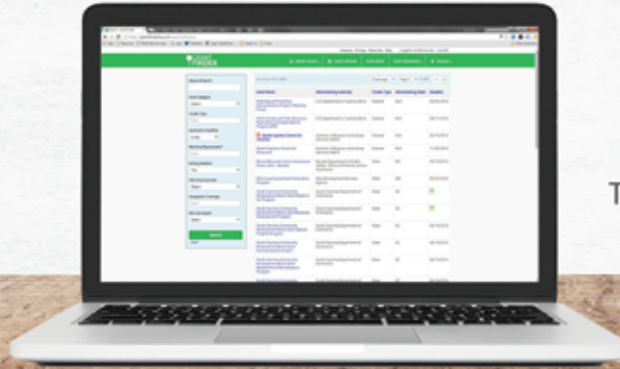
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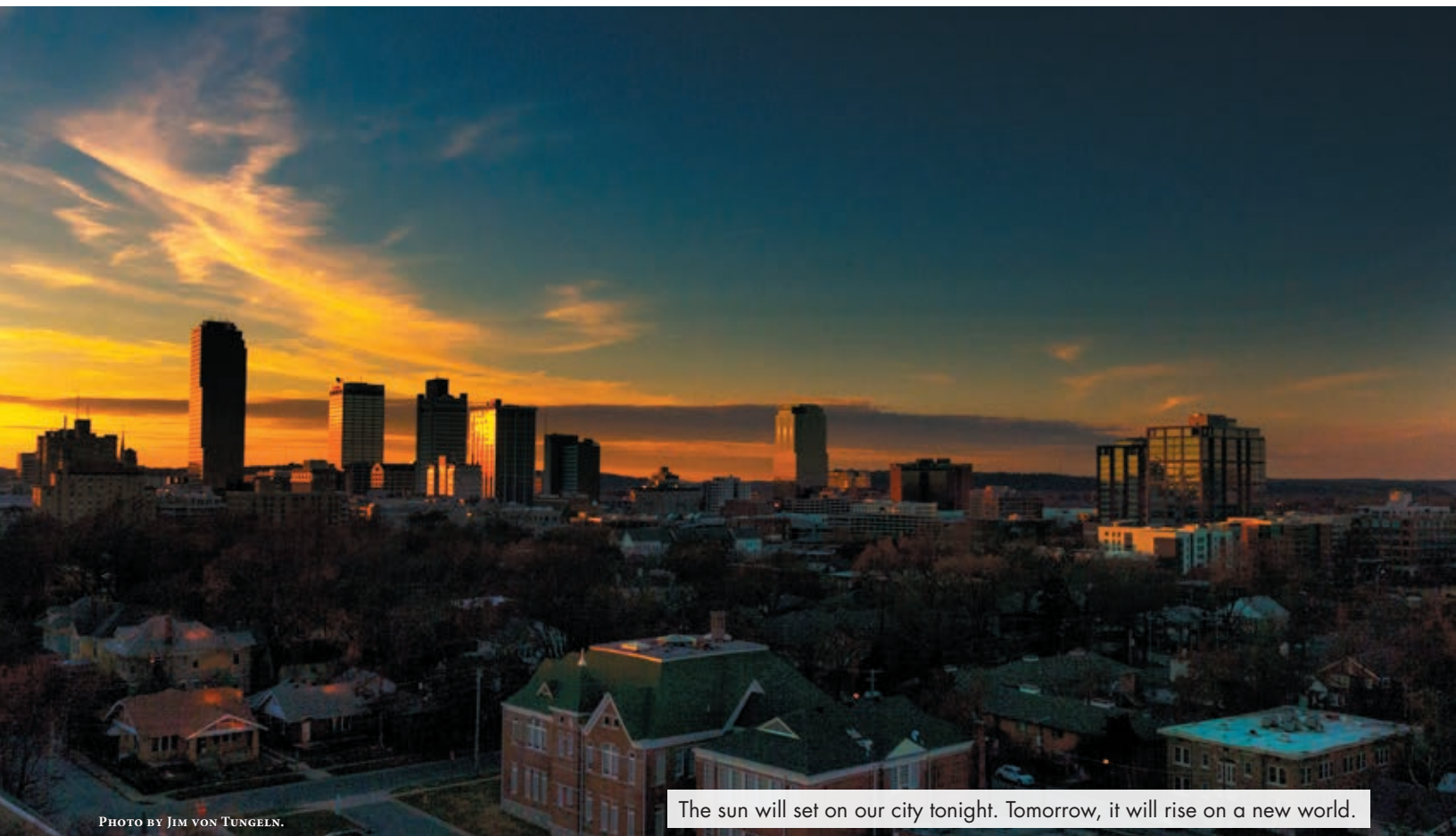


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The sun will set on our city tonight. Tomorrow, it will rise on a new world.

Out with the old, in with the new

By Jim von Tungeln

Not too long ago, about this time of year, the local movie theater would present a cartoon depicting the new year replacing the old year. It pictured an energetic and optimistic baby replacing an old, worn-out grandpa. Nowadays, the old man might let slip just the hint of a smirk, signifying that he may foresee things of which the child is totally unaware. Urban planners, planning commissioners, and elected officials know this all too well.

The last several years in our state have seen some interesting changes in the way municipalities develop plans and carry out those plans. Only the inexperienced would attempt to foresee precisely what might happen next. Who could have foreseen some of the changes with which city leaders have had to contend over the last decade? In many ways, their job is not to predict the future but to contend with whatever that future may bring, and do so in a calm, educated, and analytical manner. Still, the news and patterns of past years may allow some carefully formed and general guesses of what may confront our cities as we head into the new year and new decade.

First, let's look at the past. Each of recent years has brought us new challenges and opportunities in the area of planning. For example, we aren't allowed to describe a sign as performing a specific function. A city may, within specific regulatory restrictions, place controls over its location, size, height, and certain visual attributes. That same city may encounter problems, though, if it calls a sign placed at the entrance into a hotel parking lot a "directional sign." Yes, it's confusing. And it tells us that we will require much more legal expertise in managing our cities in the future.

In another change, the territorial jurisdiction that forms a city's planning area boundary can't extend as far as it once could. Most cities in the state face a limit of one mile beyond the corporate limits at most. Some can extend it to two miles and a few will be able to extend the limits to three miles. Cities haven't felt the impact of these reductions yet, since they retain the option of annexation. This option, itself, faces some new statutory restrictions. Again, the city attorneys will figure more heavily into planning efforts than ever before. Prudent leaders will not leave them out of the planning process.

Cities face a more specific mandate to factor property values into decisions regarding planning regulations. Unless regulations clearly fall within the “police power” of governing bodies, there may be penalties attached to regulations that reduce the value of someone’s property by more than 10 percent. There are other exemptions to this statute, but the reduction of property values stands as the most important to planning commissions and elected bodies. They, like police officers, should retain a layman’s understanding of both adopted laws, and the U.S. Constitution. Failure to do so is becoming increasingly troublesome.

Aside from regulatory changes facing planners, there are socio-economic factors that will cause changes in the way we operate. We are learning that our younger cohorts aren’t applying for driver’s licenses with the same enthusiasm as previous groups. Also, a home purchase seems to rank lower in their priority structure. The conventional wisdom states that these individuals don’t seek a job and then move to where the job exists. Instead, they choose a place they wish to live, move there, and seek a job. This places lifestyle high on the selection list. This may not be the traditional lifestyle of a particular city. Choices matter.

Research reflects these choices. A study by Arity, a Chicago-based transportation technology and data company created by Allstate Insurance, uncovered startling results for millennials. More than half of adults between the ages of 22 and 37 say a car is not worth the money spent on maintenance. Further, 59 percent saying they would rather spend their time doing more productive tasks than driving.

At the other end of the age-spectrum, baby boomers may be facing a time when age and physical infirmity, rather than personal choice, may limit the use of a personal vehicle. The upsurge of Uber, the poster-child of the so-called “sharing-economy,” may offer an alternative to vehicle ownership. Will it result in fewer miles being driven on our city streets? Experts disagree on this.

What most do agree upon is that the economy of the next 20 years may differ significantly from the economy that currently exists. And we haven’t even mentioned driverless cars, or “autonomous vehicles,” as pundits like to call them. All we can do is watch and wait for the impacts of these on our cities.

Moving away from transportation, cities are already facing the impacts of our technological future. The coming proliferation of small-cell Internet towers is upon us. It appears that the Federal Communications Commission will largely take land-use prerogatives away from municipal control, leaving only partial regulation over aesthetic considerations. Thus, municipal leaders find themselves in the center of a phenomenon that may

bring great economic and technological benefits at a cost to land-use stability.

With these and other new issues confronting them, local government leaders face unknowable challenges. The old model of governance (sometimes called a paradigm), has ended but the new model has not emerged. Elected officials may feel as if they are trying to guide a speeding spacecraft with a wooden ship’s rudder.

The bottom line of this discussion is this: Municipal governing is not for the faint-of-heart. It provides, however, an opportunity for a selfless and dedicated group of women and men to make a lasting mark on our state by making its cities better places in which to live. For example, a diversified and dedicated group of them rallied to save their cities in 1986 when the General Revue Sharing program suddenly ended.

Revenue sharing, which started in 1972, distributed \$4.5 billion to 39,000 municipalities in the fiscal year 1986. It affected more local governments than any federal program in history. Replacing such a loss in revenue would require a massive amount of effort, creativity, courage, and political skill. The effort, enjoined by leaders from federal, state, and local governments, along with nonprofit leaders and private citizens, saved our cities from certain bankruptcy. It demonstrated what Americans working together could accomplish.

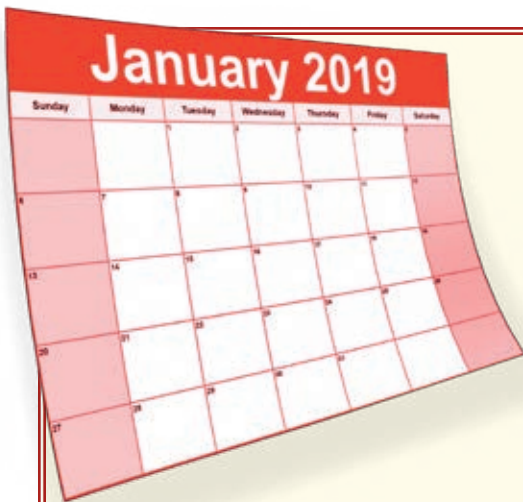
As the new year arrives, those who have served a while know that the course of history does not follow a programmable path, much less a controllable one. They also know that they are not alone in confronting change. The inspiration of those who served before will guide them and help bear them into the future. It represents a sort of secular grace—the honor to do credit to something simply by one’s presence. Its power is there, and no re-payment is requested. Grace is a blessing. That’s all. Our leaders will face whatever changes that come on the shoulders of their dedicated predecessors, current allies, and future supporters.

With much new leadership, much old leadership, and a solid foundation of such grace, our leaders may find comfort from the words of the old hymn: “twas grace that brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home.”

Best wishes for a splendid new year.



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Reminder to All City Councils Regarding First Council Meeting of 2019

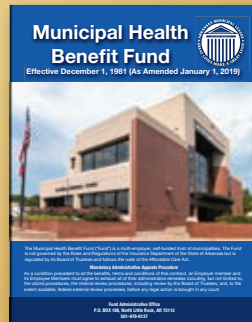
The 90th General Assembly of the Arkansas Legislature in 2015, via Act 235, amended A.C.A. § 14-43-501 regarding the organization at the beginning of a new year of the governing bodies of cities and towns.

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

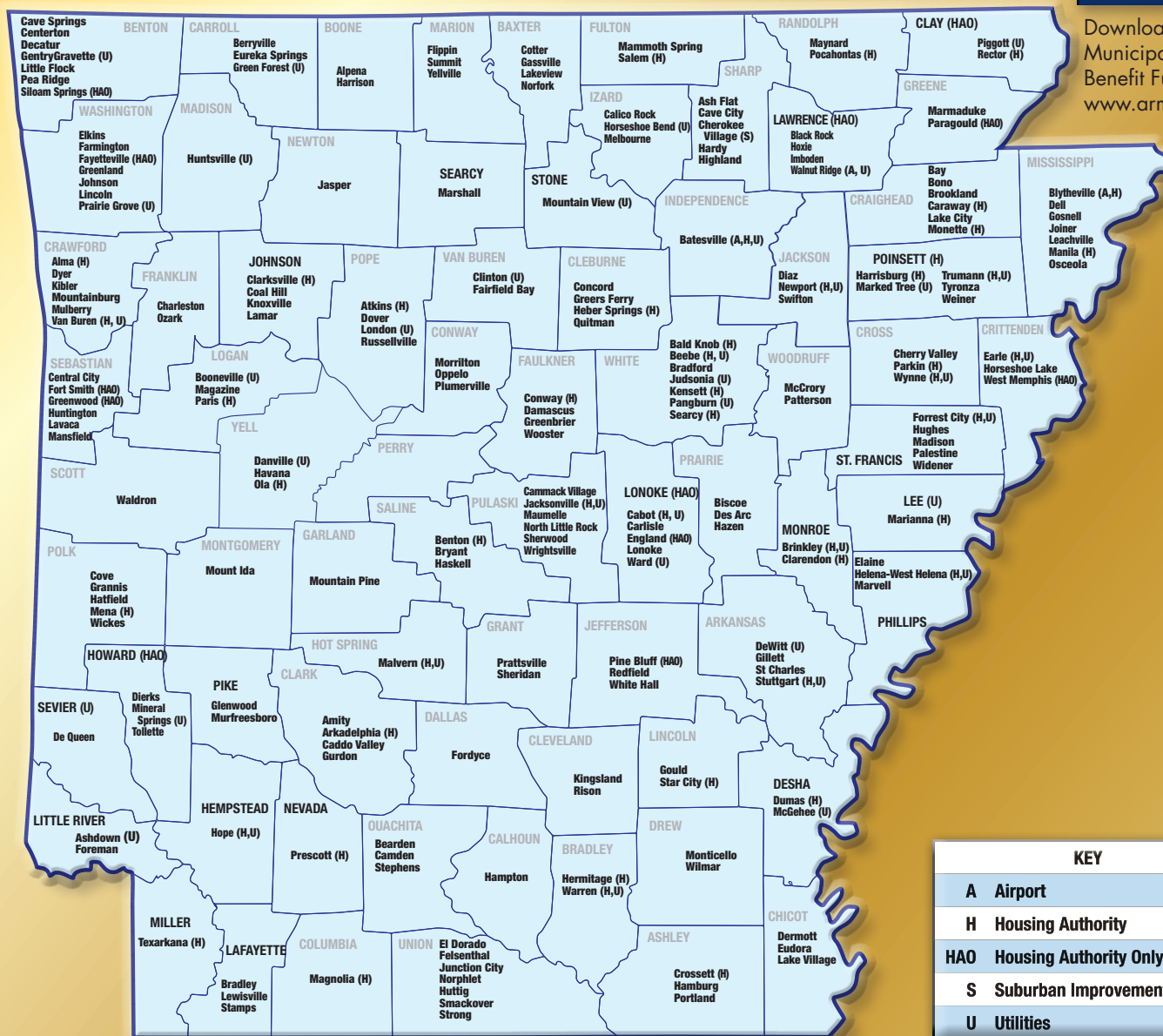
- (a)(1) The members of a governing body elected for each city or town shall annually in January assemble and organize the governing body.
- (2)(A) A majority of the whole number of members of a governing body constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (B)(i) The governing body shall judge the election returns and the qualifications of its own members.
- (ii) These judgments are not subject to veto by the mayor.
- (C)(i) The governing body shall determine the rules of its proceedings and keep a journal of its proceedings, which shall be open to the inspection and examination of any citizen.
- (ii) The governing body may also compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalties as it prescribes.
- (iii) The governing body may consider the passage of rules on the following subjects, including without limitation:
- (a) The agenda for meetings;
 - (b) The filing of resolutions and ordinances; and
 - (c) Citizen commentary.
- (b)(1)(A) In the mayor-council form of government, the mayor shall be ex officio president of the city council and shall preside at its meetings.
- (B) The mayor shall have a vote to establish a quorum of the city council at any regular or special meeting of the city council and when his or her vote is needed to pass any ordinance, bylaw, resolution, order, or motion.
- (2) In the absence of the mayor, the city council shall elect a president pro tempore to preside over council meetings.
- (3) If the mayor is unable to perform the duties of office or cannot be located, one (1) of the following individuals may perform all functions of a mayor during the disability or absence of the mayor:
- (A) The city clerk;
 - (B) Another elected official of the city if designated by the mayor; or
 - (C) An unelected employee or resident of the city if designated by the mayor and approved by the city council.
- (c) As used in this section, “governing body” means the city council in a mayor-council form of government, the board of directors in a city manager form of government, and the board of directors in a city administrator form of government.

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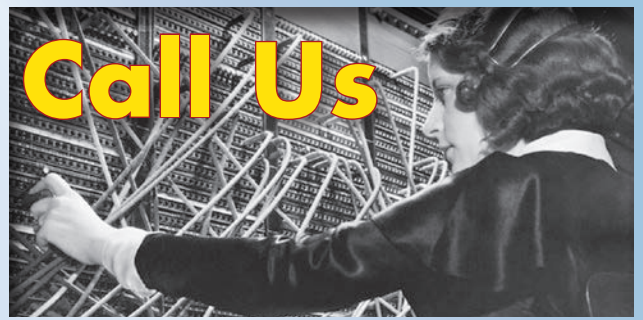
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Address: City:

State: Zip: Phone Number:

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Name: Name:

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Step 2: Payment Information

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Tentative Agenda

January 16-18, 2019

| WEDNESDAY - January 16, 2019 | | | 8:30 P.M. | OPENING NIGHT DESSERT RECEPTION <i>After the Opening Night Banquet walk across the street to the beautiful Capital Hotel and meet President Joe Smith, First Vice President Harold Perrin and the hosts from Stephens Inc. Delicious desserts and beverages will be provided as well as an opportunity for you to tour the Capital Hotel.</i> Opening Night Dessert Reception hosted and sponsored by Stephens Inc. | CAPITAL HOTEL, MEZZANINE |
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| 10:00 A.M. | STATE AID STREET MEETING | MANNING ROOM, MH | | | |
| 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. | ACCRTA TRAINING <i>This is an orientation for City Clerks, City Recorders, City Treasurers. This training session is especially helpful for individuals who are newly elected.</i> | ARKANSAS BALLROOM, MH | | | |
| 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION | CADDO ROOM (PRE-REGISTERED) OSAGE ROOM (ON-SITE), SCC | | | |
| 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. | VISIT WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN EXHIBIT HALL <i>Governmental agencies have been invited to exhibit in Halls I and II. Drop by during the breaks and exhibit hall hours to visit with them about services their agencies might offer to your municipality.</i> | GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC | | | |
| 2:00 P.M. | MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING <i>The January 2019 Quarterly Board Meeting of the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust will meet.</i> | MANNING ROOM, MH | | | |
| 3:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. | *CITY GOVERNMENT 101: WHAT IS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW? <i>(This session is for those who have not had City Government 101. It is a core class in which you will receive 3.5 hours of certification credit. Break will be included.) *Scanning for the five (5) hours of core credit will take place on Thursday, January 17.</i> | GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC | | | |
| 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. | OPENING NIGHT BANQUET <i>Legislators and constitutional officers will be invited to attend. Municipal officials who have obtained their "Certified Municipal Official" status and "Continuing Certified Municipal Official" status will be recognized.</i> Opening Night Banquet sponsored by American Fidelity Assurance. | WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC | | | |
| MH = MARRIOTT HOTEL, SCC = STATEHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER, | | | THURSDAY A.M. - January 17, 2019 | | |
| 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. | REGISTRATION | OSAGE ROOM, SCC | | | |
| 7:00 A.M. | HOST CITY BREAKFAST | GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC | | | |
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| 7:15 A.M. to 7:45 A.M. | VOLUNTARY PRAYER SESSION <i>A time to gather and pray for those who lead our nation, state and municipalities</i> | FULTON ROOM, SCC | | | |
| 8:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. | OPENING GENERAL SESSION <i>The Winter Conference officially begins with the Presentation of Colors and the singing of the National Anthem.</i> | GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC | | | |
| 10:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. | BREAK | GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC | | | |
| 10:15 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. | GENERAL SESSION II: THE 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO CITIES AND TOWNS? | GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC | | | |
| 11:15 A.M. to NOON | GENERAL SESSION III: THE 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND HOW LOCAL LEADERS CAN BEST ADVOCATE FOR YOUR HOMETOWNS? | GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC | | | |
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2019 Winter Conference

Marriott Hotel/Statehouse Convention Center

| THURSDAY P.M. - January 17, 2019 | | |
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| NOON | VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON <i>The 2018 Community of the Year Award winners will be recognized. The Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Governor of Arkansas, has been invited to speak and then present the awards.</i> | WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC |
| 2:00 P.M. to 3:15 P.M. | GENERAL SESSION IV: OPEN | GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC |
| 3:15 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. | BREAK | GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC |
| 3:30 P.M. to *5:00 P.M. | *CITY GOVERNMENT 101: WHO IS THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND HOW DO WE SERVE ARKANSAS CITIES AND TOWNS? <i>*Scanning for the five (5) hours of core credit will take place at the conclusion of this session.</i> | GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC |
| | DINNER ON YOUR OWN | |

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| FRIDAY - January 18, 2019 | | |
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| 7:00 A.M. to NOON | REGISTRATION | OSAGE ROOM, SCC |
| 7:00 A.M. | BREAKFAST | GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC |
| 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. | CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION <i>(City Attorneys will meet for six (6) hours of CLE.)</i> | ASSEMBLY HALL, LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS |
| 8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. | *PART I OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS' CONTINUING EDUCATION: HOW DO YOU CULTIVATE A WORKPLACE OF RESPECT AND CIVILITY? <i>(This session will count toward 1.5 hours of continuing education credit.)</i> | GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC |
| 10:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. | BREAK | GOVERNOR'S HALLS I & II, SCC |
| 10:30 A.M. to *NOON | *PART II OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS' CONTINUING EDUCATION: AS LOCAL LEADERS, WHAT IS YOUR ROLE IN ACHIEVING A WORKPLACE OF RESPECT AND CIVILITY? <i>(This session will count toward 1.5 hours of continuing education credit.)</i> *Scanning for the three (3) hours of continuing education credit will take place at the conclusion of this session. | GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC |
| NOON | LUNCH BUFFET <i>Before you head home, join us for a buffet in the Marriott Grand Ballrooms.</i> | MARRIOTT GRAND BALLROOMS A & B, MH |
| 1:00 P.M. | MUNICIPAL HEALTH BENEFIT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING <i>The January 2019 quarterly meeting of the Municipal Health Benefit Fund's Board of Trustees will meet.</i> | MANNING ROOM, MH |

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Jonesboro launches small business grant program

The City of Jonesboro is launching its first Micro-Enterprise Business Accelerator grant program. This funding, available through the city's Community Development Block Grant, will provide \$2,500 to \$10,000 for up to eight micro-enterprises—small businesses with five or fewer employees.

"It was first suggested in a public hearing that we do something to try to help small businesses in Jonesboro," Mayor Harold Perrin said. "We thought it was a great idea and started looking into possibilities. This is the first, but I am hopeful that we will have more avenues in the future.

"The small business owner is the backbone of the community – no one is more fully invested in the success of your city. These are people we want to help."

City Community Development Director Tiffany Calloway said small business growth is like a tree growing branches.

"Money spent in small business creates local employment opportunities," Calloway said. "Through this pilot program we hope to support local entrepreneurs and provide job opportunities."

To qualify, businesses must serve or create jobs for low- to moderate-income residents. Businesses must

be located within Jonesboro city limits. All awarded organizations and business are required to comply with HUD regulations and other applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Organizations must acquire and maintain information for the project, client eligibility, and reporting. The Department of Grants and Community Development conducts a risk assessment and will monitor all funded projects.

Strongest consideration will be given to projects that meet HUD and the city's goal of serving very low to low-income residents. Applicants will be scored by Jonesboro's Citizens Advisory Committee, a board appointed by mayor and approved by the city council.

"This is just another way our Community Development and Grants Department is serving our city," Perrin said. "I am especially proud of Tiffany and CBDG program manager Angy Abaunza for creating this program."

Calloway said a suggestion from a recent public hearing was for the city to invest in local economic development projects.

"This gives us a way to do that," she said. 🏛️

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) offered during Winter Conference

Six hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who register for the League's Winter Conference, Jan. 16-18, 2019. The Arkansas City Attorney's Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE and all ACAA officers urge its members to register for the conference as soon as possible.

Held in conjunction with the Winter Conference, all CLE classes will be located at the League's headquarters at 301 W. Second Street, North Little Rock. The six hours will be offered on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019. The class is set tentatively to begin at 8:15 a.m. The agenda includes topics such as small cell, operating transitional and re-entry facilities, ADA, FOIA, and one hour of ethics.

You may pre-register online at www.arml.org. If you have not pre-registered, you may do so at the Statehouse Convention Center starting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019. Registered city attorneys attending Friday's class can pick up registration materials at League headquarters.

To attend the CLE program, registration is required. To register online visit the League's website, www.arml.org. For registration information call Tricia Zello at (501) 374-3484, Ext. 285. For CLE information, call Jamie Adams at (501) 978-6124.



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Reminder: By Resolution is the Best Way to Pass Your Budget

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

Budgets in Mayor-Council Municipalities

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

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-202. Adoption of budget.

Under this subchapter, the governing body of the municipality shall, on or before February 1 of each year, adopt a budget by ordinance or resolution for operation of the city or town.

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

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

Budgets in City Administrator-Director Municipalities

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-117(6)

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-122

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

Budgets in City Manager-Director Municipalities

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-120

(6) He or she [the City Manager] shall prepare the municipal budget annually and submit it to the board for its approval or disapproval and be responsible for its administration after adoption;

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-140

(a)(1) Any municipality organized and operating under the city manager form of government may authorize the mayor of the municipality to have the following

duties and powers if approved by the qualified electors of the municipality at an election called by the municipal board of directors by referendum or by the qualified electors of the municipality by initiative:

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-125

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

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

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

A sample budget resolution can be accessed via www.arml.org/mlpd under the "Legal FAQs" page for your convenience. Please call or email the League with any questions you may have. ☎

NOTICE:

Annexation Reports Due March 1

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

- (a)(1) Beginning March 1, 2014, and each successive year thereafter, the mayor or city manager of a city or incorporated town shall file annually with the city clerk or recorder, town recorder, and county clerk a written notice describing any annexation elections that have become final in the previous eight (8) years.
- (2) The written notice shall include:
 - (A) The schedule of services to be provided to the inhabitants of the annexed portion of the city; and
 - (B) A statement as to whether the scheduled services have been provided to the inhabitants of the annexed portions of the city.
- (b) If the scheduled services have not been provided to the new inhabitants within three (3) years after the date the annexation becomes final, the written notice reporting the status of the extension of scheduled services shall include a statement of the rights of inhabitants to seek detachment.
- (c) A city or incorporated town shall not proceed with annexation elections if there are pending scheduled services that have not been provided in three (3) years as prescribed by law.

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

- (a) In all annexations under § 14-40-303 and in accordance with § 14-40-606, after the territory declared annexed is considered part of a city or incorporated town, the inhabitants residing in the annexed portion shall:
 - (1) Have all the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the annexing city or incorporated town; and
 - (2) (A) Be extended the scheduled services within three (3) years after the date the annexation becomes final.
 - (B) The mayor of the municipality shall file a report with the city clerk or recorder, town recorder, and county clerk of the extension of scheduled services.
- (b) If the scheduled services have not been extended to the area and property boundaries of the new inhabitants within three (3) years after the date annexation becomes final, the written notice reporting the status of the extension of scheduled services shall:
 - (1) Include a written plan for completing the extension of services and estimated date of completion; and
 - (2) Include a statement of the rights of inhabitants to seek detachment.
- (c) A city or incorporated town shall not proceed with any additional annexation elections if there are pending scheduled services that have not been extended as required under this subchapter.

To obtain a sample Notice Describing Annexation Elections, and Schedules of Services access the "Legal FAQs" page of www.arml.org/mlpd. ☎

Adults can—and should—now get vaccinated for HPV

By Kristin Zorn, M.D.

You probably think about getting vaccinated to prevent the flu, pneumonia, or shingles, but have you ever thought of getting vaccinated to prevent cancer?

An estimated 14 million Americans become infected with human papillomavirus, or HPV, every year as the result of skin-on-skin contact with another person with HPV. Fortunately, most infections have no symptoms and resolve without causing further problems. However, for a small subset of those who get infected, the infection doesn't clear and can cause problems such as genital warts, dysplasia (abnormal cells that can be precancerous), or even certain cancers. About 31,000 cases of cancer each year in the United States, including cancer of the cervix and throat, are attributed to HPV.

So what's the big deal with HPV vaccination?

HPV vaccination offers protection against severe consequences like cancer, as well as nuisance lesions like warts. Since first approved in the U.S. in 2006, the age range for vaccination has been nine to 26, with the goal of vaccinating before the start of sexual activity. Thanks to recent approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), adults up to age 45 can now be vaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that each year more than 12,000 women are diagnosed with, and more than 4,000 die from, cervical cancer caused by HPV. While cervical cancer is the most common HPV-related cancer in women, throat cancer is now the most common HPV-related cancer overall, since it affects both men and women. Cancers of the vagina, vulva, penis, and anus can also develop from HPV. Overall, it is estimated that HPV vaccination could prevent 90 percent of these cancers. This is particularly important in Arkansas, where we have high rates of cervical and throat cancer.

A little history

Back in 2006, the FDA approved a vaccine for girls and women aged nine to 26 called Gardasil, which guarded against four strains of the virus. The recommendation for boys and men nine to 26 to be vaccinated was made optional in 2010 and routine in 2012. In 2014, the vaccine was expanded to nine strains with Gardasil 9. Experts recommend that parents target the HPV vaccine to ages 11-12. When given before age 15, only two doses of HPV vaccine six months apart are needed. After 15, a series of three shots is recommended.

The new FDA approval is based on a study that gave Gardasil 9 to adults age 27 to 45 and followed them for more than three years. It proved 88 percent effective at preventing some of the nastier consequences HPV can bring: genital warts, vaginal and cervical precancerous lesions, and cervical cancer itself related to the HPV strains contained in the vaccine.

When to vaccinate

An estimated 80 million Americans (about one in four) have HPV, so adults, whether in long-term, monogamous relationships or not, should consider getting the vaccine. Circumstances change—people get divorced and widowed—so anyone who is sexually active or thinks they soon will be, would benefit from the vaccine.

Even those who already have HPV may benefit from the Gardasil 9 vaccine, as it will protect against other strains of the virus they have not been exposed to before.

Finally, the existing guidelines of the CDC are not expected to change in light of the new FDA approval. Boys and girls as young as nine can be vaccinated against HPV in anticipation of future sexual activity. Also, gay and bisexual men, transgender individuals, and those with a compromised immune system, such as those with HIV, should be vaccinated.

As always, if you have questions about the vaccine and whether it's right for your situation, consult your doctor.



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A natural drainage system was preserved and enhanced in the forest-friendly Hendrix Village development in Conway and now residents and students can use the natural area for recreation and educational purposes.

Forest-friendly development can be cost effective

By Krista Quinn

Trees are an important part of Arkansas’s identity. With more than half the state covered by forests and with one of the largest forestry industries in the country, Arkansas is well known for its abundance of trees. However, as more Arkansas residents move to cities and towns, trees and forestland are being removed to make way for new development. Trees in urban areas also struggle to survive due to poor tree care and having insufficient room to grow. Because trees provide many valuable environmental and economic benefits in communities, some cities and towns are taking steps to be more forest-friendly by preserving existing forests and promoting sustainable tree planting projects while still allowing for development.

Forest-friendly development includes using zoning, regulations, and public land purchases to protect important forest resources and maintain vegetated buffer strips along waterways. It also includes developing programs

that support tree planting and survival in communities and developing long-term community tree management programs. Forest-friendly development can be cost saving for developers and also provides many environmental, economic, and social benefits for cities and towns.

Many Arkansas cities have local development regulations that inadvertently result in more pavement and fewer trees. Even in cities that value their trees and forests, development rules usually exist that make it difficult for developers to conserve forests or create areas suitable for tree planting. For instance, many cities have development codes that require a certain number of parking spaces based on the square footage of commercial buildings or leased properties. Often these parking ratios lead to the construction of excessively large parking areas requiring the removal of all the existing trees. Yet, a large percentage of parking spaces at many shopping centers and large apartment buildings go almost entirely unused.



Forest-friendly development can include the use of flush curbs that allow rainwater to be directed toward areas where trees grow.

Cities may want to evaluate their local rules to determine if the current set of ordinances, zoning regulations, parking and street standards, and other development codes are working to promote forest-friendly growth or serve as a barrier to forest conservation and tree management.

Subdivision codes that dictate minimum lot sizes to ensure low-density development can also be disincentives to tree conservation. Because developers want to make as much money as possible from a piece of land, they will usually subdivide a property to get as many of the minimum sized lots as possible using all of the available land. This type of development generally requires that the entire piece of land is cleared and most of the natural site characteristics, such as topography, drainage, and vegetation are ignored.

An alternative approach is to allow developers to create only a certain number of lots, but to allow the developers to decide what size the lots will be. Developers can then choose to preserve some topographical features and natural drainage areas that are more difficult and expensive to develop and create smaller residential lots. Some cities make setting aside open space in developments a requirement or create financial incentives for developers to preserve natural areas, such as allowing more lots to be developed when natural areas are conserved. This type of development is sometimes referred to as “cluster zoning” because it encourages open space to be set aside and residential lots are clustered together on parts of the site that are most suitable for development.

Research and experience is proving that cluster zoning has many benefits for communities. Preserving natural drainage systems is less expensive than constructing storm sewer

systems and diverting runoff. Natural drainage systems also reduce street flooding and water treatment costs in communities. In addition, properties in close proximity to green spaces often sell for much higher prices, and residents in “green” neighborhoods are healthier and more likely to have strong ties to their communities. In these ways, cluster zoning is cost-effective for developers, conserves valuable forest patches and riparian buffers, and also creates healthy, prosperous communities.

The Center for Watershed Protection, funded by the U.S. Forest Service, recently developed a self-assessment tool that cities can use to evaluate their municipal programs and regulations to determine if they are promoting tree conservation and sustainable tree management or if they are hindering it. The tool is called “Making Your Community Forest-Friendly: A Worksheet for Review of Municipal Codes and Ordinances” and can be found in the Online Watershed Library (OWL) on the Center for Watershed Protection website at owl.cwp.org.

Arkansas is well known for having abundant forest resources, but trees in cities and towns still need extra care and protection. Forest-friendly development can promote tree planting and conservation while providing many other environmental, economic, and social benefits in our cities and towns.



Krista Quinn is the urban forestry partnership coordinator with the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Contact Krista at (479) 228-7929 or Krista.Quinn@arkansas.gov.



Preserving existing trees, such as this large American elm tree on the grounds of Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, is a focus of forest-friendly development.

Understanding easements and rights-of-way

By Paul Walla, PLS

Easements and rights-of-way are property rights that can grant others a right of use over your property. Easements describe general property rights by others over your land, while a right-of-way describes a specific property right. Both can greatly impact a project or home ownership if not addressed properly. That is why it's important to understand how they work and how they can impact your decisions.

First, some definitions: *Black's Law Dictionary* defines an easement as a right of use over the property of another. It defines a right-of-way as a right belonging to a party to pass over the land of another. The party granting the easement/rights-of-way is known as the grantor, while the party obtaining or benefitting from the easement/rights-of-way is known as the grantee. The grantee, or holder, of the easement/right-of-way is often referred to as the dominant tenant and the grantor is referred to as the servient tenant. It is also important to note that both easements and rights-of-way can only be granted by



Determining easements and rights-of-way where roads, railways, and utilities cross paths can be an intricate process, such as here at the historic Lafayette Street bridge in Fayetteville.

the landowner.

Easements

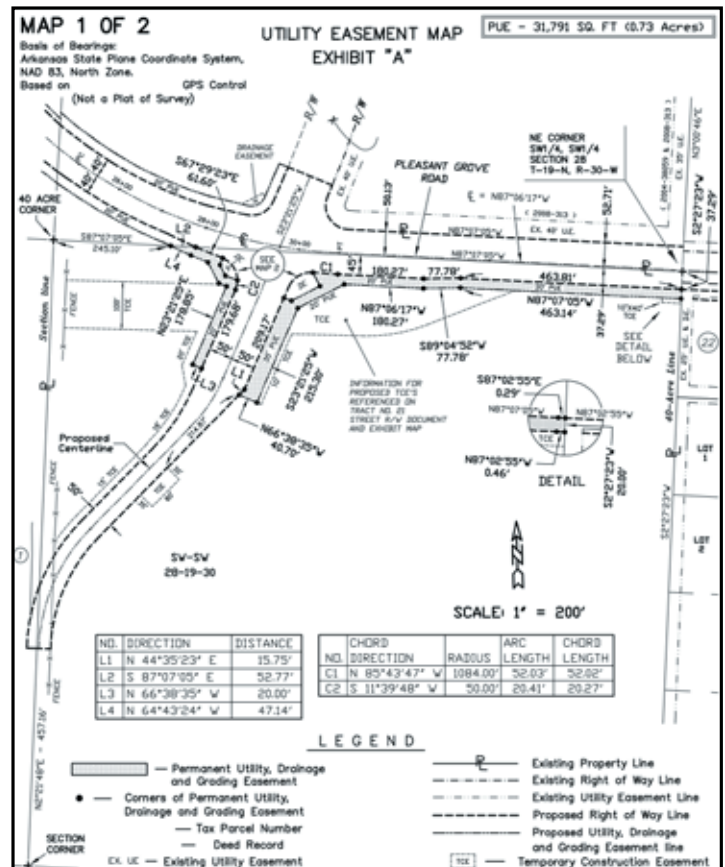
Basically, an easement is the right to use the property of another. Easements, like rights-of-way, do not grant ownership rights to the grantees or holders and these holders cannot sell the land over which they have usage and travel rights. Holders of easements and rights-of-way cannot grant additional easements and rights-of-way to other holders or grantees.

Additionally, easements may be either exclusive or non-exclusive. Exclusive easements allow the holder of

the easement the right to exclude others from using the easement. The exclusion will not allow other tenants (such as possible utilities) from using the easement. Non-exclusive easements do not exclude other tenants from using the easement. These terms are usually part of the easement negotiations between the grantor and the grantee and the verbiage is usually included on the written easement document.

Various types of easements may include:

- Utility easements
- Drainage easements
- Flowage easements
- Ingress/egress or access easements
- Air space easements
- Trail easements
- Construction easements
- Conservation easements
- Scenic easements
- Aerial easements
- Billboard easements



This sample easement map shows the existing and proposed property lines, rights-of-way, and various easements around a utility project.

The billboards you see as you travel the roads of your region very likely have been constructed within a billboard easement. Some of the above listed easements allow for the passage of materials, services, or people across another's land, both perpetually and intermittently.

Rights-of-way

A right-of-way is an easement that allows another person to travel or pass through your land. These rights-of-way, which include well-travelled roads, generally run for the life of the property. For properties fronting on roads, a right-of-way may not be granted, but may fall under a prescriptive right-of-way. The prescriptive right-of-way is a right acquired through long-term usage. An example of this is when the historic Maple Street and Lafayette Street bridges were restored in Fayetteville. For the project, surveyors had to look up Sanborn Insurance maps from the early turn of the century in order to determine the right-of-way. Here, the railroad was built in the late 1800s, well before the bridges, which were built in the 1930s, granting them prescriptive right-of-way. Rights-of-way acquired through prescriptive means usually do not include any grantor/grantee agreement. Some rights-of-way can be terminated through explicit expiration terms, such as a right-of-way granted for a period of 25 years.

Most easements are perpetual and run for the life of the property. However, easements may have certain timeframe restrictions. A temporary construction easement is generally granted for construction purposes and expires once the construction project is completed. Utility installations and road construction projects generally have temporary construction easements in effect until the project is completed.

Historical impacts on easements and rights-of-way

In the last century, as electricity and water became available to landowners, especially in rural areas, blanket easements were granted for utility installations. The blanket easements gave no specific location for the utility installation, so the easement burdened or blanketed the entire subject property. These easements were necessary so the utility could be installed on and across the subject property. Although the installed utility did serve the subject project, the utility also extended to other properties and created the vast network of miles of service areas. Those service areas are likely subject to blanket easements. Certain blanket easements were written with defined easement widths. They may have been written like this: "a 50-foot-wide permanent utility easement centered on the first utility line as constructed."

Rights-of-way, although mainly associated with the right to pass over the land of another, fall under the easement umbrella. Easements and rights-of-way are often difficult to determine, especially when you have multiple government agencies involved. One instance of this was in Little Rock. The Broadway Bridge, which is overseen by the Arkansas Department of Transportation, crosses over the Arkansas River, which is overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In most instances, the government agency that was on site first is granted the easement/right-of-way. In this situation, obviously, the Arkansas River was there first.

Landowners

Easements must be granted by landowners. Certain rights-of-way must also be granted by landowners. Easements and rights-of-way are common requirements for the public infrastructure system of this country and will continue to be much needed requirements as the system continues to expand and provide services to the end user.



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| Actual Totals Per Capita | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| MONTH | STREET | | SEVERANCE TAX | | GENERAL | |
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 |
| January | \$5.3276 | \$5.3807 | \$0.3041 | \$0.2314 | \$2.1473 | \$2.1460 |
| February | \$5.5378 | \$5.7121 | \$0.1894 | \$0.2181 | \$1.0884 | \$1.0867 |
| March | \$4.7222 | \$4.9583 | \$0.3450 | \$0.2452 | \$1.0886 | \$1.0870 |
| April | \$5.3517 | \$5.3609 | \$0.3611 | \$0.2342 | \$1.0886 | \$1.0854 |
| May | \$5.4824 | \$5.6871 | \$0.2602 | \$0.2369 | \$1.0864 | \$1.0859 |
| June | \$5.5686 | \$5.6422 | \$0.1858 | \$0.1786 | \$1.0881 | \$1.0872 |
| July | \$5.5610 | \$5.9048 | \$0.2628 | \$0.1625 | \$2.9480 | \$2.9589 |
| August | \$5.5557 | \$5.5464 | \$0.2711 | \$0.1504 | \$0.9499 | \$0.9368 |
| September | \$5.4801 | \$5.5992 | \$0.2230 | \$0.1999 | \$1.0881 | \$1.0873 |
| October | \$5.5047 | \$5.7310 | \$0.2508 | \$0.1746 | \$1.0888 | \$1.0871 |
| November | \$5.1475 | \$5.2853 | \$0.2377 | \$0.2317 | \$1.0875 | \$1.0869 |
| December | \$5.1764 | | \$0.1561 | | \$1.0882 | |
| Total Year | \$64.4157 | \$60.8080 | \$3.0471 | \$2.2635 | \$15.8379 | \$14.7353 |

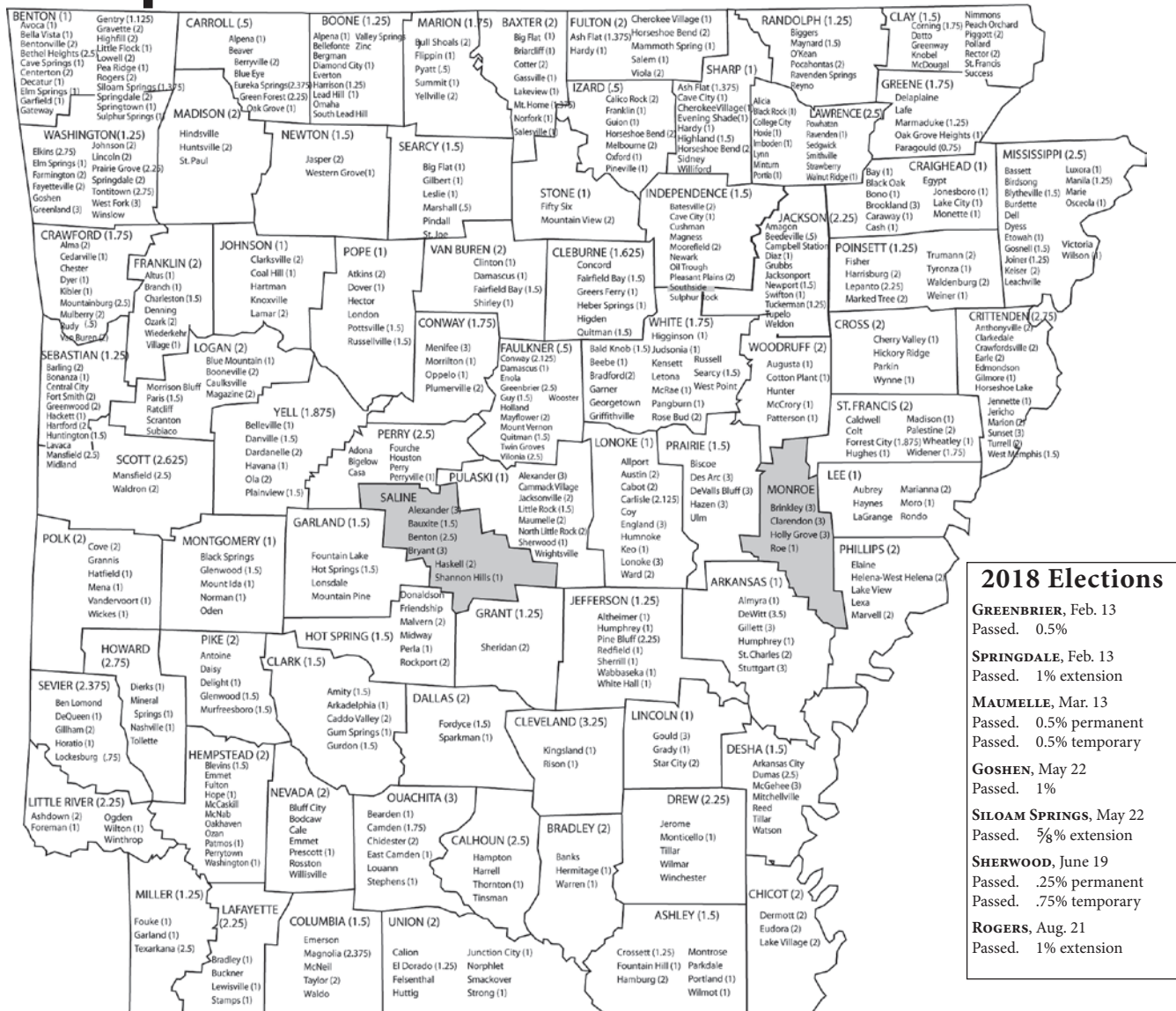
| Actual Totals Per Month | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| MONTH | STREET | | SEVERANCE TAX | | GENERAL | |
| | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 |
| January | \$10,065,525.00 | \$10,171,403.10 | \$574,575.98 | \$437,461.72 | *\$4,056,819.92 | *\$4,056,771.18 |
| February | \$10,462,690.50 | \$10,797,904.69 | \$357,751.63 | \$412,277.48 | \$2,056,417.62 | \$2,054,332.65 |
| March | \$8,921,686.11 | \$9,372,912.56 | \$651,783.55 | \$463,496.06 | \$2,056,718.50 | \$2,054,888.05 |
| April | \$10,110,987.00 | \$10,133,933.55 | \$682,243.26 | \$442,746.74 | \$2,056,718.50 | \$2,051,743.46 |
| May | \$10,363,642.30 | \$10,750,634.53 | \$491,893.79 | \$447,755.63 | \$2,053,761.87 | \$2,052,679.36 |
| June | \$10,526,632.40 | \$10,665,832.80 | \$351,199.83 | \$337,582.28 | 2,056,937.75 | \$2,055,168.34 |
| July | \$10,512,280.90 | \$11,162,170.00 | \$496,864.92 | \$307,247.09 | ** \$5,572,710.46 | *** \$5,593,456.00 |
| August | \$10,502,217.40 | \$10,484,657.00 | \$512,555.17 | \$284,348.41 | \$1,795,649.71 | \$1,770,842.80 |
| September | \$10,359,333.50 | \$10,584,484.30 | \$421,562.72 | \$377,800.40 | \$2,056,885.50 | \$2,055,387.11 |
| October | \$10,405,765.80 | \$10,833,617.52 | \$474,027.01 | \$330,015.80 | \$2,058,156.39 | \$2,054,971.77 |
| November | \$9,730,523.28 | \$9,991,022.76 | \$449,423.80 | \$438,040.74 | \$2,055,750.30 | \$2,054,702.54 |
| December | \$9,785,275.08 | | \$295,172.64 | | \$2,056,989.97 | |
| Total Year | \$121,746,559.27 | \$114,948,572.81 | \$5,759,054.30 | \$4,278,772.35 | \$29,933,516.49 | \$27,854,943.26 |

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

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

***Includes \$3,514,066.32 supplemental for July 2018

Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas



KEY: Counties not collecting sales tax

Source: Rachel Garrett, Office of State Treasurer

See also: www.dfa.arkansas.gov

| Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2018 with 2017 Comparison (shaded gray) | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Month | Municipal Tax | | County Tax | | Total Tax | | Interest | |
| January | \$59,272,899 | \$51,749,675 | \$50,925,990 | \$46,139,133 | \$110,198,889 | \$97,888,807 | \$68,417 | \$15,903 |
| February | \$63,961,892 | \$60,007,416 | \$56,034,012 | \$52,583,090 | \$119,995,904 | \$112,590,506 | \$76,180 | \$17,386 |
| March | \$51,260,662 | \$48,225,282 | \$44,932,987 | \$42,723,485 | \$96,193,649 | \$90,948,767 | \$79,235 | \$18,863 |
| April | \$51,354,831 | \$50,349,075 | \$45,689,403 | \$44,591,728 | \$97,044,234 | \$94,940,803 | \$79,564 | \$15,747 |
| May | \$60,844,519 | \$55,441,606 | \$53,613,192 | \$48,861,910 | \$114,457,712 | \$104,303,516 | \$75,253 | \$17,059 |
| June | \$56,373,987 | \$50,977,784 | \$48,955,855 | \$45,261,893 | \$105,329,842 | \$96,239,677 | \$71,501 | \$17,534 |
| July | \$59,973,977 | \$55,472,881 | \$52,379,093 | \$49,248,601 | \$112,353,069 | \$104,721,482 | \$84,551 | \$18,995 |
| August | \$60,174,400 | \$54,840,523 | \$52,922,077 | \$49,357,901 | \$113,096,478 | \$104,198,425 | \$79,558 | \$15,982 |
| September | \$58,128,177 | \$53,692,981 | \$51,260,076 | \$48,991,616 | \$109,388,253 | \$102,684,597 | \$111,033 | \$45,866 |
| October | \$60,197,608 | \$53,796,257 | \$52,310,178 | \$49,299,660 | \$112,507,786 | \$103,095,917 | \$174,353 | \$79,279 |
| November | \$57,456,746 | \$53,815,854 | \$50,423,804 | \$49,290,527 | \$107,880,551 | \$103,106,380 | \$202,659 | \$78,491 |
| December | | \$52,730,085 | | \$48,086,258 | | \$100,816,343 | | \$72,999 |
| Total | \$638,999,699 | \$641,099,418 | \$559,446,668 | \$574,435,802 | \$1,198,446,367 | \$1,215,535,220 | \$1,102,304 | \$414,105 |
| Averages | \$58,090,882 | \$53,424,951 | \$50,858,788 | \$47,869,650 | \$108,949,670 | \$101,294,602 | \$100,209 | \$34,509 |

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

| CITY SALES AND USE TAX . AMOUNT | LAST YEAR | Franklin | 1,421.68 | Mountain View | 171,460.86 | 180,087.81 | 254,999.35 | 215,570.60 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alexander | 104,182.96 | 77,953.83 | Garfield | 12,064.93 | 11,560.34 | Mountainburg | 14,446.57 | 12,811.48 |
| Alma | 219,463.77 | 233,502.79 | Garland | 1,947.00 | 6,971.51 | Mulberry | 26,754.35 | 29,072.94 |
| Almyra | 3,037.61 | 4,975.68 | Gassville | 19,580.36 | 20,566.69 | Murfreesboro | 28,308.35 | 31,355.77 |
| Alpena | 6,170.33 | 5,811.12 | Gentry | 66,803.35 | 50,784.51 | Nashville | 122,002.64 | 117,653.21 |
| Altheimer | 2,637.25 | 2,584.16 | Gilbert | 303.33 | 477.22 | Newport | 185,202.95 | 194,958.34 |
| Altus | 6,303.17 | 6,364.90 | Gillett | 10,492.67 | 10,562.65 | Norfork | 5,252.92 | 5,791.07 |
| Amity | 11,694.04 | 11,875.57 | Gillham | 4,125.54 | 5,551.78 | Norman | 3,121.44 | 1,901.21 |
| Anthonyville | 931.87 | 892.84 | Gilmore | 414.10 | 522.06 | North Little Rock | 2,666,950.23 | 1,389,960.96 |
| Arkadelphia | 168,634.36 | 172,095.08 | Glenwood | 65,642.18 | 71,960.45 | Oak Grove | 891.30 | 945.30 |
| Ash Flat | 89,767.28 | 91,170.39 | Goshen | 72.89 | NA | Oak Grove Heights | 6,499.08 | 5,094.52 |
| Ashdown | 138,414.15 | 122,140.25 | Gosnell | 17,953.88 | 15,255.47 | Ola | 18,467.95 | 17,695.40 |
| Atkins | 61,996.22 | 59,577.67 | Gould | 16,623.34 | 13,632.04 | Oppelo | 4,124.68 | 4,332.80 |
| Augusta | 24,612.53 | 28,153.57 | Grady | 3,751.19 | 4,137.92 | Osceola | 94,204.35 | 90,310.02 |
| Austin | 32,944.26 | 29,519.40 | Gravette | 166,397.73 | 86,343.33 | Oxford | 1,462.90 | 1,596.83 |
| Avoca | 7,175.14 | 6,891.58 | Green Forest | 96,864.66 | 118,650.91 | Ozark | 161,106.51 | 173,847.49 |
| Bald Knob | 55,361.79 | 54,394.73 | Greenbrier | 218,692.60 | 167,710.50 | Palestine | 26,354.44 | 23,668.71 |
| Barling | 54,239.22 | 52,274.33 | Greenland | 29,864.37 | 20,599.84 | Pangburn | 8,811.43 | 8,217.84 |
| Batesville | 660,012.68 | 626,273.82 | Greenwood | 212,729.97 | 219,540.57 | Paragould | 322,046.99 | 315,974.71 |
| Bauxite | 15,046.19 | 20,314.32 | Greers Ferry | 20,401.81 | 20,996.21 | Paris | 79,126.47 | 72,968.91 |
| Bay | 9,166.65 | 8,864.06 | Guion | 6,457.12 | 5,408.15 | Patmos | 178.46 | 90.32 |
| Bearden | 11,876.38 | 11,709.51 | Cum Springs | 312.53 | 239.82 | Patterson | 1,067.11 | 1,276.35 |
| Beebe | 123,023.35 | 123,523.86 | Gurdon | 26,064.69 | 25,714.35 | Pea Ridge | 62,733.43 | 55,016.38 |
| Beedeville | 193.50 | 154.43 | Guy | 7,862.21 | 5,949.29 | Perta | 2,086.50 | 3,494.58 |
| Bella Vista | 175,315.73 | 165,201.71 | Hackett | 5,440.65 | 4,477.52 | Perryville | 23,655.08 | 23,526.74 |
| Belleville | 1,613.72 | 2,139.93 | Hamburg | 60,096.59 | 29,648.17 | Piggott | 66,739.23 | 66,243.02 |
| Benton | 1,503,581.18 | 1,476,517.23 | Hardy | 20,649.94 | 21,549.02 | Pine Bluff | 1,298,944.53 | 956,912.69 |
| Bentonville | 1,635,218.25 | 1,815,361.45 | Harrisburg | 53,228.51 | 53,322.48 | Pineville | 1,563.07 | 1,715.74 |
| Berryville | 255,703.67 | 239,793.67 | Harrison | 465,352.97 | 480,624.32 | Plainview | 4,757.46 | 3,157.10 |
| Bethel Heights | 76,509.86 | 78,614.30 | Hartford | 4,026.27 | 3,880.89 | Pleasant Plains | 11,824.30 | 8,348.48 |
| Big Flat | 372.32 | 350.93 | Haskell | 50,461.08 | 45,992.08 | Plumerville | 11,054.68 | 5,722.30 |
| Black Rock | 10,688.12 | 15,953.10 | Hatfield | 3,886.85 | 4,711.04 | Pocahontas | 263,686.50 | 248,916.72 |
| Blains | 3,416.07 | 2,347.07 | Havana | 4,425.26 | 3,690.41 | Portia | 3,393.27 | 3,144.78 |
| Blue Mountain | 104.05 | 300.59 | Hazen | 8,059.92 | 62,292.64 | Portland | 8,317.83 | 6,995.10 |
| Blynchville | 346,413.18 | 243,203.48 | Heber Springs | 141,624.88 | 143,613.59 | Portsville | 27,984.29 | 27,317.22 |
| Bonanza | 2,160.43 | 3,627.82 | Helena-West Helena | 230,034.62 | 241,098.25 | Prairie Grove | 109,339.03 | 102,745.17 |
| Bono | 16,906.35 | 18,594.74 | Hermitage | 5,367.30 | 5,327.29 | Prescott | 63,959.60 | 64,105.32 |
| Booneville | 110,650.09 | 106,942.41 | Higginson | 1,886.42 | 1,651.65 | Pyatt | 1,238.77 | 615.52 |
| Bradford | 10,443.00 | 12,488.61 | Highfill | 60,908.30 | 62,013.10 | Quitman | 20,904.71 | 22,392.55 |
| Bradley | 2,841.19 | 2,849.29 | Highland | 25,697.95 | 27,952.39 | Ravenden | 2,801.48 | 2,765.77 |
| Branch | 1,920.53 | 1,738.11 | Holly Grove | 6,030.91 | 7,162.38 | Rector | 28,305.97 | 28,002.42 |
| Briarcliff | 1,319.78 | 1,372.13 | Hope | 177,018.76 | 183,577.91 | Redfield | 16,937.48 | 24,304.35 |
| Brinkley | 148,594.40 | 109,456.43 | Horatio | 7,454.99 | 5,873.32 | Rison | 16,707.65 | 15,995.31 |
| Brookland | 67,478.57 | 64,492.42 | Horseshoe Bend | 24,880.49 | 22,869.43 | Rockport | 24,354.35 | 11,924.64 |
| Bryant | 1,099,035.68 | 1,088,239.68 | Hot Springs | 1,584,463.45 | 1,580,500.95 | Roe | 728.95 | 710.24 |
| Bull Shoals | 30,678.81 | 16,650.81 | Hoxie | 18,308.34 | 17,314.15 | Rogers | 3,286,736.34 | 3,270,601.31 |
| Cabot | 753,565.10 | 766,923.30 | Hughes | 6,776.55 | 6,732.73 | Rose Bud | 19,296.28 | 23,330.47 |
| Caddo Valley | 62,098.28 | 49,620.02 | Humphrey | 2,419.98 | 2,289.70 | Rudy | 8,328.62 | 10,216.52 |
| Calico Rock | 28,434.78 | 26,341.14 | Huntington | 3,480.42 | 2,553.63 | Russellville | 1,086,112.54 | 1,046,863.40 |
| Camden | 283,468.60 | 295,380.11 | Huntsville | 131,286.55 | 118,534.53 | Salem | 22,409.71 | 20,839.25 |
| Caraway | 6,179.01 | 4,371.64 | Imboden | 9,954.09 | 9,533.85 | Salesville | 3,649.86 | 4,451.95 |
| Caraway | 56,549.39 | 55,000.33 | Jacksonville | 594,806.49 | 626,205.76 | Searcy | 787,901.73 | 884,352.72 |
| Cash | 2,848.26 | 2,961.08 | Jasper | 30,476.85 | 22,261.27 | Shannon Hills | 10,687.92 | 10,827.80 |
| Cave City | 19,064.42 | 19,086.40 | Jennette | 203.56 | 124.30 | Sheridan | 200,481.34 | 195,873.79 |
| Cave Springs | 32,904.74 | 31,227.63 | Johnson | 55,094.14 | 59,515.90 | Sherrill | 1,127.36 | 1,163.36 |
| Cedarville | 5,401.65 | 5,944.85 | Joiner | 2,447.75 | 2,635.06 | Sherwood | 451,013.20 | 409,723.51 |
| Centerton | 248,773.91 | 193,859.56 | Jonesboro | 1,507,249.25 | 1,504,276.54 | Shirley | 2,332.80 | 3,034.54 |
| Charleston | 29,386.45 | 29,524.41 | Judsonia | 11,288.71 | 10,733.20 | Siloam Springs | 497,884.73 | 635,532.34 |
| Cherokee Village | 17,279.02 | 17,879.87 | Junction City | 6,574.23 | 6,401.48 | Sparkman | 3,810.30 | 3,455.70 |
| Cherry Valley | 4,785.61 | 5,011.44 | Keiser | 4,862.48 | 5,267.87 | Springdale | 2,538,343.99 | 2,462,441.66 |
| Chidester | 2,523.70 | 2,443.18 | Keo | 1,392.53 | 1,073.31 | Springtown | 197.40 | 216.56 |
| Clarendon | 41,506.10 | 41,914.10 | Kibler | 3,393.15 | 3,057.38 | St. Charles | 2,859.32 | 2,408.86 |
| Clarksville | 338,853.25 | 362,601.44 | Kingsland | 2,021.38 | 2,898.14 | Stamps | 14,111.49 | 19,945.00 |
| Clinton | 86,356.94 | 86,371.29 | Lake City | 13,078.99 | 12,008.70 | Star City | 76,257.49 | 74,491.70 |
| Coal Hill | 4,860.56 | 5,016.71 | Lake Village | 67,170.16 | 70,031.03 | Stephens | 5,531.44 | 5,224.50 |
| Conway | 2,577,155.47 | 2,048,665.00 | Lakeview | 3,535.80 | 3,740.07 | Strong | 8,866.11 | 12,759.35 |
| Corning | 71,375.75 | 73,422.86 | Lamar | 25,128.29 | 24,450.37 | Stuttgart | 539,574.99 | 586,722.07 |
| Cotter | 11,722.40 | 13,530.20 | Lead Hill | 5,830.80 | 6,146.69 | Sulphur Springs | 1,605.31 | 1,390.25 |
| Cotton Plant | 1,728.73 | 1,576.66 | Lepanto | 27,450.55 | 25,295.21 | Summit | 4,656.38 | 4,551.03 |
| Cove | 14,242.72 | 12,987.61 | Leslie | 5,441.71 | 4,455.48 | Sunset | 3,856.10 | 2,522.73 |
| Crawfordsville | 5,433.82 | 8,915.19 | Lewisville | 10,375.19 | 10,024.45 | Swifton | 3,671.06 | 4,092.90 |
| Crossett | 189,282.22 | 252,115.52 | Lincoln | 50,017.96 | 44,272.22 | Taylor | 10,004.28 | 10,214.56 |
| Damascus | 9,244.82 | 9,513.27 | Little Rock | 9,463.28 | 10,573.49 | Tarkana | 425,292.36 | 380,609.24 |
| Dandville | 46,509.55 | 43,268.81 | Little Rock | 6,320,875.71 | 6,175,305.32 | Tarkana Special | 193,091.59 | 188,129.28 |
| Dardanelle | 151,843.20 | 156,478.81 | Lockesburg | 5,931.96 | 5,012.04 | Thornton | 978.92 | 993.91 |
| Decatur | 28,865.37 | 25,142.12 | Lonoke | 222,477.76 | 127,016.04 | Tontitown | 212,055.20 | 135,655.06 |
| Delight | 4,230.12 | 4,426.77 | Lowell | 342,867.93 | 194,961.67 | Trumann | 148,737.53 | 145,215.29 |
| DeQueen | 121,476.76 | 108,963.14 | Luxora | 3,135.16 | 3,119.85 | Tuckerman | 14,518.69 | 17,180.24 |
| Dermott | 25,034.43 | 25,447.33 | Madison | 1,667.32 | 1,129.24 | Turrell | 8,248.50 | 3,253.03 |
| Des Arc | 56,804.02 | 20,855.93 | Magazine | 9,484.29 | 8,565.95 | Tyronza | 3,379.69 | 3,420.43 |
| DeValls Bluff | 12,673.99 | 15,153.34 | Magnolia | 487,457.18 | 482,177.23 | Van Buren | 676,042.38 | 643,458.94 |
| DeWitt | 182,628.96 | 173,215.57 | Malvern | 313,000.08 | 166,254.34 | Vandervoort | 373.57 | 345.32 |
| Diamond City | 2,543.29 | 2,547.25 | Mammoth Spring | 8,386.75 | 8,658.24 | Vilonia | 96,757.11 | 106,162.11 |
| Diaz | 7,097.44 | 14,173.27 | Manila | 39,941.23 | 37,008.18 | Viola | 6,983.17 | 6,659.03 |
| Dierker | 12,183.51 | 16,395.16 | Mansfield | 34,743.73 | 39,209.96 | Wabbaseka | 748.62 | 797.44 |
| Dowd | 22,120.64 | 21,558.04 | Marianna | 72,388.19 | 70,503.97 | Walden | 7,609.42 | 6,928.11 |
| Dumas | 151,517.57 | 148,223.36 | Marion | 267,151.06 | 237,782.72 | Waldron | 84,405.28 | 80,028.65 |
| Dyer | 2,614.74 | 2,371.80 | Marked Tree | 65,831.40 | 61,051.85 | Walnut Ridge | 76,399.84 | 73,700.46 |
| Earle | 18,813.02 | 20,457.55 | Marmaduke | 16,362.56 | 11,934.52 | Ward | 47,480.43 | 44,374.39 |
| East Camden | 5,289.96 | 5,116.79 | Marshall | 14,467.85 | 14,983.77 | Warren | 74,657.70 | 72,321.00 |
| El Dorado | 580,158.48 | 634,963.14 | Marvell | 20,880.90 | 19,551.35 | Washington | 431.63 | 2,351.41 |
| Elkins | 114,773.64 | 86,526.44 | Maumelle | 388,492.36 | 214,464.43 | Weiner | 13,903.85 | 13,902.81 |
| Elm Springs | 10,001.84 | 8,767.48 | Mayflower | 63,829.47 | 59,440.00 | West Fork | 72,956.73 | 59,590.20 |
| England | 72,222.97 | 68,856.61 | Maynard | 6,302.60 | 6,324.33 | West Memphis | 563,042.54 | 581,219.73 |
| Etowah | 501.84 | 648.81 | McCrory | 19,614.91 | 21,071.91 | Western Grove | 3,893.17 | 3,873.03 |
| Eudora | 32,046.41 | 27,218.39 | McGehee | 171,720.28 | 175,723.66 | Wheatley | 3,920.65 | 3,724.08 |
| Eureka Springs | 261,017.56 | 252,823.08 | McRae | 4,881.37 | 3,998.29 | White Hall | 75,526.71 | 68,904.25 |
| Evening Shade | 4,589.11 | 4,179.95 | McLbourne | 68,324.57 | 67,473.04 | Wickes | 5,823.34 | 4,893.43 |
| Fairfield Bay | 31,799.19 | 27,919.61 | Mena | 129,130.47 | 130,293.99 | Widener | 2,014.91 | 4,100.69 |
| Farmington | 153,716.31 | 130,441.02 | Menifee | 8,770.07 | 6,183.33 | Wiederkehr Village | 2,393.60 | 2,190.50 |
| Fayetteville | 3,789,108.97 | 3,593,138.97 | Mineral Springs | 5,206.41 | 8,611.18 | Wilmot | 1,549.12 | 1,783.48 |
| Flippin | 42,966.59 | 48,502.77 | Monette | 15,401.04 | 19,241.67 | Wilton | 7,689.19 | 4,713.69 |

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cash | 6,051.45 | 6,016.80 | Cave City | 2,223.42 | 2,157.85 | Bassett | 2,106.98 | 2,050.88 | Scott County | 141,906.09 | 151,498.69 |
| Egypt | 1,981.76 | 1,970.41 | Cushman | 6,203.60 | 6,020.66 | Birdsong | 499.34 | 486.05 | Mansfield | 6,677.93 | 7,129.35 |
| Jonesboro | 1,190,171.26 | 1,183,356.59 | Magness | 2,772.41 | 2,690.65 | Blytheville | 190,237.20 | 185,172.05 | Waldron | 26,711.73 | 28,517.40 |
| Lake City | 36,839.52 | 36,839.52 | Moorefield | 1,880.30 | 1,824.85 | Burdette | 2,326.20 | 2,264.27 | Searcy County | 68,954.20 | 68,183.49 |
| Monette | 26,559.14 | 26,407.06 | Newark | 16,140.35 | 15,664.38 | Dell | 2,715.93 | 2,643.62 | Big Flat | 6.74 | 6.67 |
| Crawford County | 763,796.26 | 724,062.79 | Oil Trough | 3,568.45 | 3,463.21 | Dyess | 4,993.42 | 4,860.47 | Gilbert | 188.85 | 186.74 |
| Alma | 55,585.56 | 52,693.94 | Pleasant Plains | 4,789.95 | 4,648.70 | Etowah | 4,274.86 | 4,161.04 | Leslie | 2,974.40 | 2,941.16 |
| Cedarville | 14,299.00 | 13,555.15 | Southside | 53,540.40 | 51,961.53 | Gosnell | 43,211.37 | 42,060.85 | Marshall | 9,139.04 | 9,036.89 |
| Chester | 1,630.95 | 1,546.10 | Sulphur Rock | 6,258.50 | 6,073.96 | Joiner | 7,015.15 | 6,828.37 | Pindall | 755.40 | 746.96 |
| Dyer | 8,985.60 | 8,518.16 | Izard County | 46,776.64 | 47,880.53 | Keiser | 9,243.92 | 8,997.80 | St. Joe | 890.30 | 880.34 |
| Kibler | 9,857.49 | 9,344.69 | Jackson County | 259,769.54 | 294,493.25 | Leachville | 24,272.90 | 23,626.63 | Sebastian County | 822,103.55 | 812,068.33 |
| Mountainburg | 6,472.50 | 6,135.80 | Amagon | 931.71 | 1,056.26 | Luxora | 14,346.95 | 13,964.96 | Barling | 75,136.32 | 74,219.15 |
| Mulberry | 16,976.21 | 16,093.09 | Beedeville | 1,017.28 | 1,153.26 | Manila | 40,702.48 | 39,618.76 | Bonanza | 9,293.05 | 9,179.61 |
| Rudy | 625.71 | 593.16 | Campbell Station | 2,424.35 | 2,748.42 | Marie | 1,023.04 | 995.80 | Central City | 8,113.24 | 8,014.20 |
| Van Buren | 233,779.38 | 221,617.94 | Diaz | 12,530.58 | 14,205.56 | Osceola | 94,473.11 | 91,957.72 | Fort Smith | 1,393,294.76 | 1,376,287.15 |
| Crittenden County | 1,334,470.65 | 1,326,916.64 | Grubbs | 3,669.81 | 4,160.35 | Victoria | 450.63 | 438.63 | Greenwood | 144,680.66 | 142,914.58 |
| Anthonyville | 1,083.36 | 1,077.23 | Jacksonport | 2,015.54 | 2,284.96 | Wilson | 10,997.73 | 10,704.86 | Hackett | 13,123.40 | 12,963.21 |
| Clarkedale | 2,496.45 | 2,496.45 | Newport | 74,907.79 | 84,920.80 | Monroe County | NA | NA | Hartford | 10,375.89 | 10,249.24 |
| Crawfordsville | 3,223.18 | 3,204.93 | Swifton | 7,586.80 | 8,600.94 | Montgomery County | 47,724.05 | 45,091.20 | Huntington | 10,262.76 | 10,137.48 |
| Earle | 16,243.74 | 16,151.79 | Tuckerman | 17,702.54 | 20,068.86 | Black Springs | 616.80 | 582.77 | Lavaca | 36,994.42 | 36,542.84 |
| Edmondson | 2,872.07 | 2,857.01 | Tupelo | 1,711.31 | 1,940.06 | Glenwood | 261.67 | 247.24 | Mansfield | 11,685.00 | 11,542.36 |
| Gilmore | 1,592.75 | 1,583.73 | Weldon | 713.04 | 808.36 | Mount Ida | 6,703.80 | 6,333.96 | Midland | 5,252.59 | 5,188.48 |
| Horseshoe Lake | 1,964.86 | 1,953.74 | Jefferson County | 406,913.55 | 704,571.00 | Norman | 2,355.05 | 2,225.13 | Sevier County | 330,344.65 | 301,529.00 |
| Jennette | 696.45 | 692.51 | Altheimer | 10,199.59 | 10,151.54 | Oden | 1,445.43 | 1,365.68 | Ben Lomond | 1,504.83 | 1,373.57 |
| Jericho | 800.75 | 796.22 | Humphrey | 3,177.51 | 3,177.51 | Nevada County | 120,098.66 | 118,295.37 | DeQueen | 68,433.59 | 62,464.20 |
| Marion | 83,069.19 | 82,598.96 | Pine Bluff | 508,766.97 | 506,369.74 | Bluff City | 1,105.67 | 1,089.07 | Gillham | 1,660.51 | 1,515.66 |
| Sunset | 1,199.11 | 1,192.31 | Redfield | 13,443.98 | 13,380.63 | Bodcaw | 1,230.50 | 1,212.02 | Horatio | 10,834.80 | 9,889.69 |
| Turrell | 3,724.49 | 3,703.40 | Sherrill | 870.70 | 866.59 | Cale | 704.42 | 693.84 | Lockesburg | 7,669.46 | 7,000.46 |
| West Memphis | 176,601.93 | 175,602.25 | Wabbaseka | 2,643.19 | 2,630.73 | Emmet | 4,235.42 | 4,171.82 | Sharp County | 79,069.04 | 82,231.52 |
| Cross County | 272,196.82 | 272,124.50 | White Hall | 57,279.42 | 57,009.55 | Prescott | 29,389.36 | 28,948.07 | Ash Flat | 9,457.79 | 9,836.07 |
| Cherry Valley | 6,991.52 | 6,989.66 | Johnson County | 115,341.84 | 118,833.38 | Rosston | 2,327.25 | 2,292.31 | Cave City | 16,811.70 | 17,481.10 |
| Hickory Ridge | 2,921.19 | 2,920.41 | Clarksville | 84,722.48 | 87,287.14 | Willisville | 1,355.33 | 1,334.98 | Cherokee Village | 37,425.82 | 38,922.72 |
| Parkin | 11,867.33 | 11,864.18 | Coal Hill | 9,341.81 | 9,624.60 | Newton County | 56,633.00 | 54,594.42 | Evening Shade | 4,169.15 | 4,335.90 |
| Wynne | 89,858.78 | 89,834.91 | Hartman | 4,790.91 | 4,935.94 | Jasper | 2,266.29 | 2,184.71 | Hardy | 7,045.09 | 7,326.87 |
| Dallas County | 123,333.53 | 134,277.55 | Knoxville | 6,747.89 | 6,952.16 | Western Grove | 1,867.50 | 1,800.28 | Highland | 10,085.09 | 10,488.46 |
| Desha County | 111,565.82 | 108,004.83 | Lamar | 14,815.83 | 15,264.30 | Ouachita County | 565,755.65 | 569,332.99 | Horseshoe Bend | 77.21 | 80.29 |
| Arkansas City | 4,317.76 | 4,179.95 | Lafayette County | 82,367.48 | 74,489.14 | Bearden | 8,683.33 | 8,738.23 | Sidney | 1,746.80 | 1,816.66 |
| Dumas | 55,517.47 | 53,745.45 | Bradley | 3,881.86 | 3,510.57 | Camden | 109,512.40 | 110,204.86 | Williford | 723.79 | 752.75 |
| McGehee | 49,772.25 | 48,183.61 | Buckner | 1,699.86 | 1,537.27 | Chidester | 2,597.81 | 2,614.23 | St. Francis County | 149,352.94 | 293,097.77 |
| Mitchellville | 4,246.98 | 4,111.42 | Lewisville | 7,912.07 | 7,155.30 | East Camden | 8,368.71 | 8,421.63 | Caldwell | 9,827.02 | 10,495.14 |
| Reed | 2,029.11 | 1,964.35 | Stamps | 10,464.96 | 9,463.99 | Louann | 1,474.19 | 1,483.51 | Coit | 6,693.00 | 7,148.04 |
| Tillar | 247.74 | 239.83 | Lawrence County | 308,558.52 | 316,858.22 | Stephens | 8,009.15 | 8,059.81 | Forrest City | 272,164.10 | 290,667.82 |
| Watson | 2,489.21 | 2,409.76 | Alicia | 832.64 | 854.96 | Perry County | 116,301.38 | 125,558.68 | Hughes | 25,514.84 | 27,249.52 |
| Drew County | 399,281.86 | 398,305.17 | Black Rock | 4,445.20 | 4,564.37 | Adona | 1,036.43 | 1,118.93 | Madison | 13,616.18 | 14,541.90 |
| Jerome | 498.19 | 496.97 | Hoxie | 18,667.15 | 19,167.59 | Bigelow | 1,562.09 | 1,686.43 | Palestine | 12,058.02 | 12,877.80 |
| Monticello | 120,931.99 | 120,636.17 | Imboden | 4,545.92 | 4,667.79 | Casa | 847.99 | 915.49 | Wheatley | 6,285.74 | 6,713.10 |
| Tillar | 2,605.91 | 2,599.53 | Lynn | 1,933.86 | 1,985.71 | Fourche | 307.46 | 331.93 | Widener | 4,833.82 | 5,162.48 |
| Wilmar | 6,527.54 | 6,511.58 | Minturn | 731.91 | 751.54 | Houston | 857.91 | 926.20 | Stone County | 87,333.94 | 91,539.40 |
| Winchester | 2,133.26 | 2,128.05 | Portia | 2,934.37 | 3,013.04 | Perry | 1,338.94 | 1,445.51 | Fifty Six | 1,594.93 | 1,671.73 |
| Faulkner County | 773,367.11 | 740,833.13 | Powhatan | 483.47 | 496.43 | Perryville | 7,240.17 | 7,816.47 | Mountain View | 25,334.50 | 26,554.45 |
| Enola | 2,354.90 | 2,255.83 | Ravenden | 3,155.96 | 3,240.56 | Phillips County | 106,936.80 | 110,974.14 | Union County | 557,872.54 | 567,916.80 |
| Holland | 3,880.70 | 3,717.45 | Sedgwick | 1,020.65 | 1,048.01 | Elaine | 11,970.70 | 12,422.65 | Calion | 16,263.78 | 16,556.61 |
| Mount Vernon | 1,010.24 | 967.74 | Smithville | 523.75 | 537.80 | Helena-West Helena | 189,687.73 | 196,849.30 | El Dorado | 692,492.90 | 704,960.99 |
| Twin Groves | 2,333.99 | 2,235.81 | Strawberry | 2,027.87 | 2,082.23 | Lake View | 8,338.08 | 8,652.89 | Felsenthal | 3,985.15 | 4,056.91 |
| Wooster | 5,991.74 | 5,739.68 | Walnut Ridge | 35,843.63 | 36,804.53 | Lexa | 5,383.05 | 5,586.28 | Huttig | 22,291.35 | 22,692.70 |
| Franklin County | 229,302.86 | 162,957.25 | Lee County | 32,219.32 | 33,266.31 | Marvell | 22,322.73 | 23,165.52 | Junction City | 19,884.02 | 20,242.03 |
| Altus | 7,123.52 | 6,384.37 | Aubrey | 998.41 | 1,030.86 | Pike County | 151,701.51 | 166,769.47 | Norphet | 25,088.25 | 25,539.96 |
| Branch | 3,448.99 | 3,091.11 | Haynes | 880.95 | 909.58 | Antoine | 972.87 | 1,069.50 | Smackover | 66,004.22 | 67,192.60 |
| Charleston | 23,701.22 | 21,241.93 | LaGrange | 522.70 | 539.68 | Daisy | 956.24 | 1,051.22 | Strong | 17,779.77 | 19,117.90 |
| Denning | 4,262.42 | 3,967.07 | Marianna | 24,167.43 | 24,952.77 | Delight | 2,319.93 | 2,550.36 | Van Buren County | 280,713.06 | 271,899.37 |
| Ozark | 34,621.45 | 31,629.65 | Moro | 1,268.57 | 1,309.79 | Glennwood | 18,176.91 | 19,982.36 | Clinton | 24,935.66 | 25,174.74 |
| Wiederkehr Village | 357.11 | 320.06 | Rondo | 1,162.86 | 1,200.64 | Murfreesboro | 13,645.15 | 15,000.48 | Damascus | 2,395.82 | 2,320.59 |
| Fulton County | 110,968.29 | 108,673.75 | Lincoln County | 55,997.72 | 54,609.68 | Poinsett County | 130,558.30 | 126,440.42 | Fairfield Bay | 20,651.94 | 20,003.52 |
| Ash Flat | 439.02 | 429.94 | Gould | 4,432.58 | 4,322.71 | Fisher | 1,952.72 | 1,891.13 | Shirley | 2,788.73 | 2,701.17 |
| Cherokee Village | 3,413.17 | 3,342.60 | Grady | 2,377.81 | 2,318.87 | Harrisburg | 20,157.63 | 19,521.85 | Washington County | 1,537,844.14 | 1,469,690.45 |
| Hardy | 180.77 | 177.04 | Star City | 12,042.63 | 11,744.13 | Lepanto | 16,576.19 | 16,053.37 | Elkins | 46,214.08 | 44,165.98 |
| Horseshoe Bend | 73.17 | 71.66 | Little River County | 218,409.62 | 213,297.70 | Marked Tree | 22,469.36 | 21,760.67 | Elm Springs | 30,646.50 | 29,288.31 |
| Mammoth Spring | 4,205.13 | 4,118.18 | Ashdown | 44,550.19 | 43,507.49 | Trumann | 63,887.95 | 61,872.89 | Farmington | 104,260.92 | 99,640.31 |
| Salem | 7,037.24 | 6,891.73 | Foreman | 9,536.36 | 9,313.16 | Tyrone | 6,672.51 | 6,462.05 | Yayetteville | 1,284,151.01 | 1,227,240.42 |
| Viola | 1,450.50 | 1,420.50 | Ogden | 1,697.87 | 1,658.13 | Waldenburg | 534.15 | 517.30 | Goshen | 18,691.57 | 17,863.20 |
| Garland County | 2,038,293.18 | 2,012,555.46 | Wilton | 3,527.79 | 3,445.23 | Weiner | 6,269.71 | 6,071.95 | Greenland | 22,583.47 | 21,582.62 |
| Fountain Lake | 6,975.07 | 6,832.45 | Winthrop | 1,811.07 | 1,768.67 | Polk County | 248,587.42 | 250,527.83 | Johnson | 58,535.51 | 55,941.35 |
| Hot Springs | 225,422.91 | 204,874.55 | Logan County | 281,957.65 | 289,093.30 | Cove | 7,456.64 | 7,514.86 | Lincoln | 39,250.55 | 37,511.06 |
| Lonsdale | 1,303.49 | 1,276.84 | Blue Mountain | 1,000.71 | 1,026.03 | Grannis | 10,814.08 | 10,898.50 | Prairie Grove | 77,244.53 | 73,821.23 |
| Mountain Pine | 10,677.55 | 10,459.22 | Booneville | 32,200.21 | 33,015.12 | Hatfield | 8,061.76 | 8,124.70 | Springdale | 1,120,359.80 | 1,070,708.05 |
| Grant County | 196,630.80 | 194,576.28 | Caulksville | 1,718.96 | 1,762.46 | Mena | 111,986.34 | 112,860.48 | Tontitown | 42,933.02 | 41,030.33 |
| Greene County | 540,474.74 | 520,779.75 | Magazine | 6,835.48 | 7,008.47 | Vandervoort | 1,698.24 | 1,711.50 | West Fork | 40,437.32 | 38,645.23 |
| Delaplaine | 1,394.14 | 1,343.34 | Morrison Bluff | 516.49 | 529.57 | Wicks | 14,718.12 | 14,832.96 | Winslow | 6,823.88 | 6,521.49 |
| Lafe | 5,504.44 | 5,303.86 | Paris | 28,504.05 | 29,225.41 | Pope County | 376,756.91 | 360,924.22 | White County | 1,105,247.61 | 1,198,615.18 |
| Marmaduke | 13,352.47 | 12,865.91 | Ratcliff | 1,630.19 | 1,671.44 | Atkins | 45,247.43 | 43,345.97 | Bald Knob | 34,167.47 | 37,053.83 |
| Oak Grove Heights | 10,684.38 | 10,295.04 | Scranton | 1,807.73 | 1,853.48 | Dover | 20,670.40 | 19,804.63 | Beebe | 86,273.76 | 93,561.87 |
| Paragould | 313,837.22 | 302,400.93 | Subiaco | 4,616.17 | 4,733.00 | Hector | 6,751.11 | 6,467.40 | Bradford | 9,951.71 | 9,707.92 |
| Hempstead County | 368,673.96 | 380,204.81 | Lonoke County | 276,439.31 | 279,591.11 | Garner | 3,349.52 | 3,349.52 | Garner | 3,349.52 | 3,632.48 |
| Blevins | 3,442.39 | 3,550.05 | Allport | 1,117.81 | 1,130.55 | Pottsville | 42,577.00 | 40,787.76 | Georgetown | 1,462.47 | 1,586.01 |
| Emmet | 469.91 | 484.61 | Austin | 19,809.54 | 20,035.40 | Russellville | 418,868.82 | 401,266.43 | Griffittville | 2,653.67 | 2,777.84 |
| Fulton | 2,196.57 | 2,265.27 | Cabot | 231,104.82 | 233,739.74 | Prairie County | 73,338.97 | 86,073.22 | Higginson | 7,324.13 | 7,942.85 |
| Hope | 110,320.24 | 113,770.68 | Carlisle | 21,520.28 | 21,765.64 | Biscoe | 3,047.57 | 3,576.74 | Judsonia | 23,812.26 | 25,823.84 |
| McCasill | 1,049.11 | 1,081.92 | Coy | 933.13 | 943 | | | | | | |

MUNICIPAL MART

To place a classified ad in City & Town, please email the League at citytown@arml.org or call (501) 374-3484. Ads are FREE to League members and available at the low rate of \$.70 per word to non-members. For members, ads will run for two consecutive months from the date of receipt unless we are notified to continue or discontinue. For non-members, ads will run for one month only unless otherwise notified.

CITY MANAGER—The City of El Reno, Okla., is currently accepting applications for the position of city manager. El Reno is a rapidly growing community in industrial and urban development while still offering a small town feel and rural living. This position reports directly to the city council comprised of the mayor and four council members. The ideal candidate should possess the following qualifications: a bachelor's degree from a four-year accredited college or university in Public Administration, Political Science, Business Management, or a closely related field, and have 5 years of progressive experience as a municipal administrator. The compensation package will depend on the candidate's qualifications. Candidates not living within the area must be willing to relocate to a residence that satisfies the statutory requirement. The successful candidate must pass a post-employment drug screen, physical, and extensive background check. Interested applicants can submit their resume in confidence to: Roger Rinehart, City Attorney, 115 S Rock Island, El Reno, OK 73036. EOE.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR—The City of Arkadelphia is accepting applications for a communications director. Applicants must have a college degree in Communications, Marketing, Public Relations, or related field. Applicants must have strong written and verbal communication skills, be well organized in thought and execution, and work well under pressure. Please visit cityofarkadelphia.com for full details of qualifications and applications. Salary range is DOQ. Offer and acceptance contingent upon passing a drug test and background check. Send applications and resumes to Human Resources Department, 700 Clay St, Arkadelphia, AR 71923. EOE.

CENTRAL RECORDS & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER—The City of Texarkana, AR is accepting applications for the position of CRC Manager. The position is responsible for managing and coordinating the activities and day to day operation of the Bi-State Justice Center Records/Information & Communication Center under the direct supervision of the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee (LEAC) Oversight Committee. Applicant must have 5 years experience in centralized multi-jurisdictional emergency communications center, with at least 3 years in a supervisory capacity or a combination of education, work experience and technical skills that demonstrate the ability to perform effectively in the position. A bachelor's degree in related field is preferred. Applicant is preferred to have knowledge or experience with State Wide Public Safety Radio Systems such as Arkansas Wireless Information Network (AWINS) and the Greater Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System (GATRRS), and must possess knowledge of dispatch communication systems, including VHF, 800 Mhz Analog and Digital Radio Systems. Applicant must have knowledge of the administration, proper storage, and retrieval of law enforcement records, as well as the ability to evaluate written and oral reports and to make recommendations of improved communication services. Applicant must possess knowledge of Federal, State, and local jurisdictions as they relate to communications and law enforcement recordkeeping. Applicant must be able to react calmly and quickly in case of emergency and to make correct decisions. Applicant must possess working knowledge of law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services and civil preparedness procedures, as well as familiarity with City and County geography or the ability to become familiar with the geography. Working knowledge of criminal law, budgetary control, procurement, training requirements, communications, central filing systems, and the powers/limitations of police officers and fire fighters is preferred. Salary range is \$70,000-\$75,000 with full benefits. Interested applicants can pick up application from Arkansas City Hall, 216 Walnut St., Texarkana, AR 71854, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., M-F, or access the job details and online application at www.arkansas.txkusa.org. For more information please contact Melissa Edwards at 870-779-4997 or email at melissa.edwards@txkusa.org.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN—The City of Sherwood is accepting applications for the position of engineering technician. Duties will include: assisting the city engineer with technical support for city-wide mapping, project plans, specifications; performing inspections relating to subdivision development; performing complex engineering solutions and surveying tasks; assisting city engineer in the preparation of sanitary sewer, storm drainage, street/roadway plans and specifications; and developing and maintaining mapping project for city-wide infrastructure inventory and planning purposes. Requirements include: graduation from HS/GED equivalent and five years experience in an engineering field. Preferred qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or GIS and knowledge of Autocadd, Arcview, or other mapping and design software. More information and online application found at: www.cityofsherwood.net. EOE.

FIRE CHIEF—The City of Gravette is accepting applications for the position of fire chief for a combination fire/EMS department. Must have five years of fire department experience, with three years of supervisory experience preferred. Salary range: \$46,818 - \$63,342 with full benefits package. Full job description can be found at www.GravetteAR.com. Please send resume to info@GravetteAR.com or to City of Gravette, 604 First Ave. SE, Gravette, AR 72736. Resumes accepted until Dec. 31, 2018.

HR MANAGER—Rogers Water Utilities seeks applicants for the position of human resource manager. Leadership role in proactively developing, implementing, managing, and integrating people strategies, programs, and guidelines in support of business and organizational objectives for approximately 70 employees in an enterprise business unit of the City of Rogers. Benefit plan selection and negotiation is performed by the city; however, position will be responsible for enrollment and eligibility of employees administered through an existing web-based city program. Duties include organizational development, building leadership capability, retention strategies, employee relations, compensation, performance management, merit pay program, training and development, integration of diversity and inclusion, and career coaching. Position requires independent judgment, initiative, and discretion based on knowledge of personnel policies and administrative procedures while performing daily activities. The preferred candidate will have a thorough knowledge and experience of all matters pertaining to effective and efficient handling of personnel administration in a similar setting. Relation skills and problem-solving ability are necessary since a large amount of the job is maintaining contact and communicating with managers, supervisors and employees to assist and explain personnel policies and procedures. Full benefits including APERS. \$62,000 - \$72,000. Preferred certificates, licenses, registrations: State/local government HR experience, degree in Human Resources, HRCI or SHRM certification. For more information please email brentdobler@rogersar.gov or call at (479) 621-1142.

POLICE CHIEF—The City of Elkins is accepting applications for the position of police chief. Ideal applicant must have at least 5 years of direct law enforcement experience and strong leadership skills and be certified. Experience in a supervisory position in the law enforcement field preferred. Starting salary will be based on experience. Resumes may be sent to City of Elkins, 1874 Stokenbury Road, Elkins, AR 72727; or email gaylastahman@elkins.arkansas.gov.

POLICE CHIEF—The City of Gillett (Arkansas County) is accepting applications for the position of police chief. Resumes may be sent to City of Gillett, P.O. Box 367, Gillett, AR 72055; email to gillet003@centurytel.net; or fax to (870) 548-3121. For more information, please call (870) 548-2541.



Obituaries

JIM HOUSE, 70, of Fayetteville, a former member of the Arkansas Legislature, died Dec. 5.

JUANITA HOUSTON PRUITT, 72, who has served as a Wynne council member since 2000, died Nov. 7.

TIMOTHY BRANDON THOMASON, 34, of Arkadelphia, who served 10 years as a fire fighter and inspector for the Arkadelphia Fire Department, died Dec. 4.

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