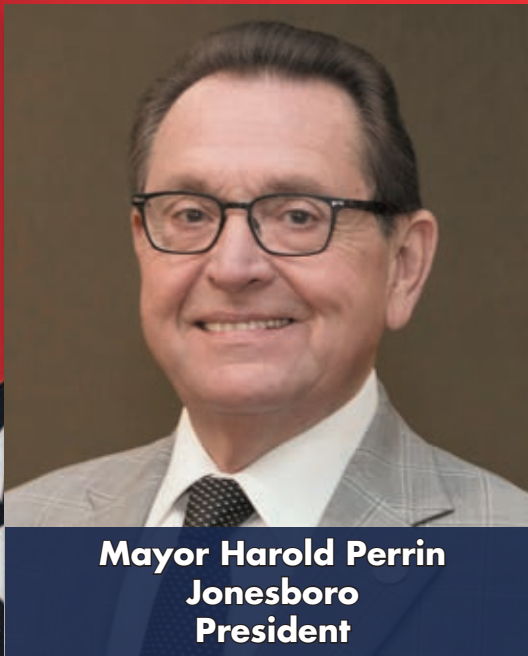


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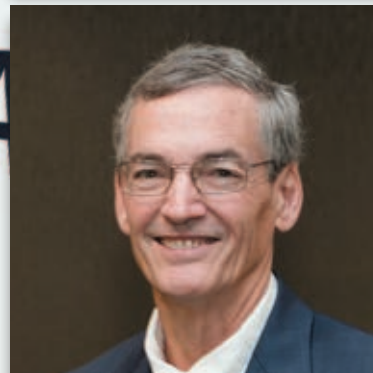
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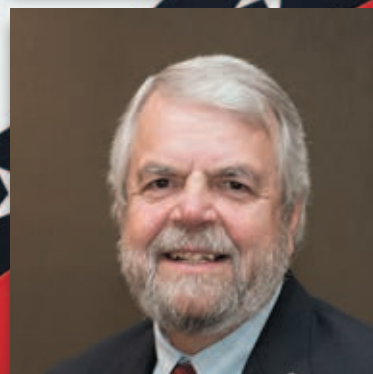
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# *How do you think new money becomes old money?*



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ON THE COVER—The League welcomes our new slate of officers for 2019-2020. They began their terms on June 14, the final day of a great 85th Convention in Little Rock. Beginning in the August issue, *City & Town* will visit with our president and district vice presidents and see what’s happening in their hometowns. Read our wrap-up of the Convention in this issue beginning on page 6. Read also about Siloam Springs’ new Memorial Park, the wrap party for *Small Business Revolution—Main Street* in Searcy, and more.—atm

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Dear friends and fellow public servants,  
Thank you for making my introduction as your 2019-2020 League president such a memorable occasion. I believe the 85th Convention was one of the best ever. The credit goes to our wonderful League staff, outgoing President Joe Smith of North Little Rock, and all of you who make this the invaluable organization it is. Because of you, I think it will be a landmark year.

We have selected a great slate of officers for the coming year, and we are now in the process of filling positions on the executive committee and the advisory councils. I am eager to get started, as I know you are eager to see what is in store.

As I announced at the Convention, my platform focuses on public-private partnerships. We are in a day and time in which we simply do not have the tax base to run our municipalities, whether you hail from the largest city to the smallest town. It is critical that we find other means of funding.

Seeking out public-private partnerships has always been among my priorities as I approach my 11th year as mayor of Jonesboro. It is private donors who each pay \$12,000 a year to keep our cloverleaf interchanges at each exit/entrance ramp along I-555 mowed and looking clean. I-555 is the gateway of Jonesboro, and I have always believed that we must appear welcoming when people come to town. We know the state cannot afford to mow all our many miles of highway roadsides as often as we would like. So we mow it ourselves, funded by private business owners who take pride in our appearance.

That is but one benefit of partnering with those who live in and care about our community. In the future I will share many more experiences of what we have done, and what we would like to do. We have learned that it doesn't take a monolith to provide the amenities that we enjoy, but it does take a lot of community buy-in and commitment.

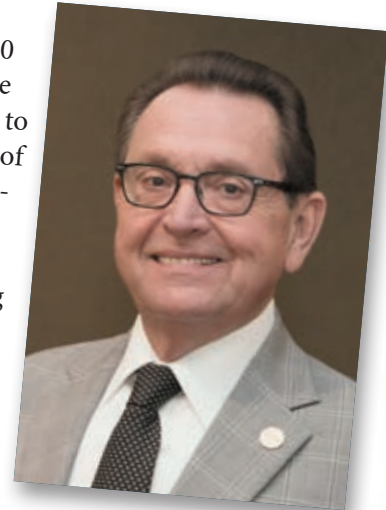
As we prepare for our Annual Planning Meeting Aug. 21-23 in Jonesboro, we have a lot to address. I am ready to get down to business, and I know you have a lot of issues and concerns about your community, as well as our state as a whole.

Please know that my doors are always open, and my phone (870-932-1052) and email ([hperrin@jonesboro.org](mailto:hperrin@jonesboro.org)) will always be answered. We are all in this together.

Warmly,



Harold Perrin  
Mayor, Jonesboro  
President, Arkansas Municipal League



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# League sets agenda for year at 85th Convention

By Andrew Morgan, League staff

The Arkansas Municipal League prepped its agenda for the coming year, elected officers for 2019-2020, and covered an array of issues important to cities and towns during the 85th Convention, held June 12-14 at the Marriott Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. It was the fourth largest Convention on record, with a total attendance of 1,388 including 774 delegates representing 230 cities and towns.

To celebrate the landmark 85th anniversary, the League produced a special history exhibit highlighting major accomplishments and milestones in the five years since the 80th Convention. The exhibit also featured a look at the history of the League's headquarters through the years, starting with one employee in a borrowed office in Old Main on the campus of the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville in 1934, up to the present campus in downtown North Little Rock, where more than 90 employees work each day to serve the 500 cities and towns of Arkansas.



Freeman-Wilson

The League was honored to welcome National League of Cities President and Gary, Ind., Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, who spoke to delegates to the 85th Convention on the morning of June 14. To begin to address the many challenges we face in our cities and towns, whether it's infrastructure, the opioid crisis, or the extreme partisanship of today's political climate, we must start from a place of love, she said. That idea was the impetus for the #LoveMyCity initiative, which Freeman-Wilson has made the cornerstone of her term as NLC president, and she declared this "the summer of love."

She related the story of a young boy named Bobby, who, after a basketball game at the Boys and Girls Club, approached her to confide that he was being bullied at school. She listened and gave him some suggestions on how to deal with his situation.

"Here's the thing," Freeman-Wilson said. "I had never seen Bobby before in my life, but because I was the mayor—because you're the mayor, because you are a member of the council, because you are the parks superintendent—people like Bobby, children like Bobby trust us to know how to make things better."

It's more than just fixing potholes or making sure the garbage is picked up, she said.

"When I talk about loving our city, it's really about loving and embracing our residents and giving them a sense of respite."

Serving with love and conveying that love gives citizens a sense of connection, a sense of buy-in, she said.

Freeman-Wilson encouraged Arkansas's city and town leaders to participate in the initiative and utilize the materials available at [www.mycity.love](http://www.mycity.love).

On the national scene, the NLC continues to advocate strongly for infrastructure funding, public safety, and affordable housing. She urged Arkansas cities and towns that have been declared Opportunity Zones to take advantage of the new program.

"It can be transformative for your city," Freeman-Wilson said, "but you have to be ready, because as we talk to those with financing and dollars to invest, they're looking for shovel-ready projects."

Gov. Asa Hutchinson addressed the Convention during the June 13 Awards Luncheon. He opened with a word of thanks for the city and town leaders who worked hard to keep their communities safe and assisted in recovery efforts for the record spring flooding across the state.



Hutchinson

"I want to applaud all of those who stood with us, who have been on the front lines, and have done an amazing job for our citizens," Hutchinson said.

The 92nd General Assembly of the Arkansas Legislature was a good one for cities, he said, including the passage of a highway bill that the League supported.

"It was historic in proportion and will make a difference in your budgets," he said.

He acknowledged that maintaining local control is a leading concern for cities as legislation affecting them moves through the Capitol.

"Ever since my dad was the mayor of Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, population 400, I have been mindful of the importance of local control, and that is something that we measure and look at as bills are passed, and I appreciate your advocacy for your local municipality."

The governor's office continues to market the state as a great place to do business, he said, and cited the recent decision of firearms manufacturer CZ-USA to locate a new plant in central Arkansas, which should produce 600 jobs that pay an average of \$22 an hour.

"This is the kind of job creation that we need in our state," Hutchinson said.

He'll soon be travelling to Europe, he said, to recruit more aero-defense industry, steel industry, and auto manufacturer investment in Arkansas, he said. Wherever new industry lands in the state, Hutchinson said, it's a victory for the entire state.

General sessions during the 85th Convention covered numerous important topics, including an overview of the recent session of the Arkansas Legislature, medical marijuana and the municipal workplace, attempts to privatize municipal water systems, small cell technology, the constitutionality of local sign ordinances, and Opportunity Zones and Opportunity Zone Funds.

Sharing the latest information and best practices are two of the core missions of the Arkansas Municipal League, and the 85th Convention featured 21 concurrent workshops covering a wide variety of topics important to cities. The topics included the 2020 Census, the collection of online sales tax, FOIA's new audio recording requirement, cybersecurity, building design regulations, street and infrastructure funding, municipal accounting and human resources best practices, achieving ADA compliance, and more.



Rigsby

A highlight and crowd favorite of the 85th Convention was keynote speaker, Dr. Rick Rigsby, who, true to his ministerial roots, gave a fiery and potent talk on 21st Century leadership.

"The goal everyday is to make an impact," Rigsby said.

Great leaders execute the basics better than the rest, he said, and must be adaptable.

"The 21st Century requires a new kind of leader," Rigsby said. "You'd better adapt to change every single day or you're going to be obsolete."

To be a great leader requires that you build human capital and work collaboratively.

"Your goal is to put yourself out of business. That's your goal. Your goal is to have such an influence that you're building other leaders all around you."



# New officers elected, state of the League report presented at annual business meeting

Delegates to the 85th Convention of the Arkansas Municipal League elected a new slate of officers for 2019-2020 during the annual business meeting, held the morning of June 14 at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. Outgoing President Joe Smith, mayor of North Little Rock, introduced the new officers at the Convention-closing New Officers' and Awards Luncheon later that day.

The new officers for 2019-2020 are: Jonesboro Mayor Harold Perrin, president; Mulberry Mayor Gary Baxter, first vice president; Fairfield Bay Mayor Paul Wellenberger, District 1 vice president; Wrightsville Council Member Allan Loring, District 2 vice president; Siloam Springs Mayor John Mark Turner, District 3 vice president; and Magnolia Mayor Parnell Vann, District 4 vice president.

One of Mayor Perrin's goals during his term as president is to work with cities and towns across the state to pursue public-private partnerships, which are crucial to better serve our citizens.



2019-2020 League President Harold Perrin, mayor of Jonesboro.

"We wouldn't exist without them," Perrin said in his acceptance speech. "We're in this thing together."

Perrin said he'd also continue the work of actively recruiting younger generations to be more engaged in local governance and to run for municipal office, which was one of the goals of his predecessor.

The League had a very good year, Executive Director Mark Hayes reported at the annual business meeting.

The optional programs offered to members each received clean audits, and participation rates remain strong.

The Municipal Legal Defense Program has its highest ever participation rate, with 468 members, 14 more than last year. The program has about 180 active cases and has responded to more than 2,000 legal inquiries from members in the past year.

The Municipal Health Benefit Program has 369 participants, a number that includes 257 cities or towns (49 more than last year) and 112 limited service members (down 86 from last year).



Hayes

The Municipal Vehicle Program has 411 members, down two overall from last year. That includes 24 limited service members. The program covers 22,332 units with an insured-to-value of \$806 million.

The Municipal Property Program has 340 members, up by three compared to last year. That includes eight limited service members. The program covers 8,211 properties with an insured-to-value of \$2.75 billion.

Participation in the Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit is down 11 to 198. The Firefighters Supplemental Income Protection and Death Benefit Program is up one to 233 participants.

The Arkansas Local Government Pension Management Trust and Municipal Other Post Employment Benefits Trust has nine participants, four less than last year. The drug-testing program for non-CDL employees has 105 members, eight more than last year. The ordinance codification service has remained the same with 143 members.



The League publication *State of the League 2018-2019: Arkansas Municipal League Annual Report* provides an overview of the League's programs and activities for the year in a concise format. It is available in print and available for download from the publications page on the League's website at [www.arml.org](http://www.arml.org).

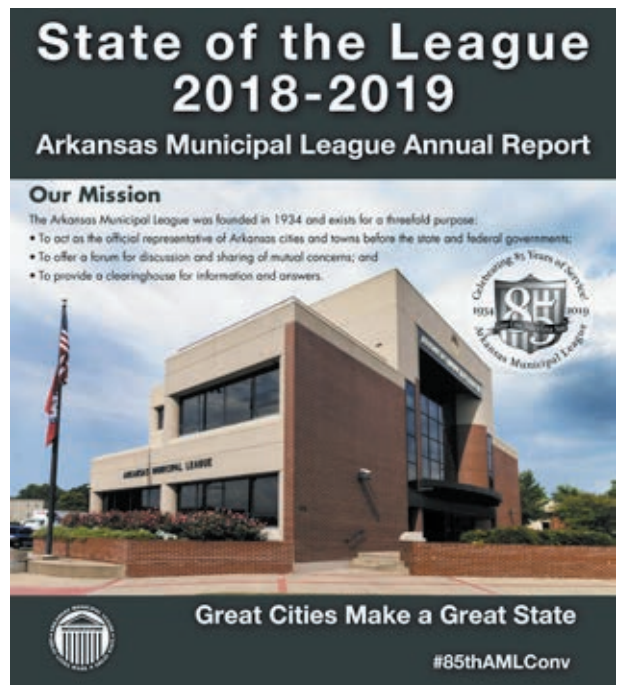
Hayes stressed that the League was created by and for cities.

"You are us, and we are you," Hayes said.

Infrastructure and broadband expansion are two of the key challenges facing cities and towns moving forward, he said, and the League is committed to helping members meet those challenges.

"We're in the business of service, and our job as your staff is to give you as many tools as possible and to save you as much money as possible to get that done," Hayes said.

As part of that mission, the League is exploring expanding in several areas, he said, including adding new optional program coverage areas, increasing training opportunities and adding tiered certification levels, implementing technological upgrades, and increasing our legislative presence. 🏛️



## League adopts resolutions, policies and goals for 2019-2020

The League's Resolutions Committee, which is comprised of one delegate from each member city and town, met twice during the 85th Convention to discuss and then vote upon a package of resolutions and our organization's policies and goals statement. The resolutions and policies and goals statement endorsed by the committee were adopted by the full membership during the annual business meeting on Friday, June 14.

The number of resolutions up for consideration is generally low in years when the annual convention follows a general session of the Arkansas Legislature, and this year there were just three resolutions on the table. Each passed. The resolutions are:

- A resolution supporting the continued study of the financial matters of the district court system

and for the passage of legislation that addresses the judicial and financial needs of local government.

- A resolution supporting the amendment of Arkansas's Freedom of Information Act to ensure that the constitutional right to legal counsel for public officials is equal to that of private citizens.
- A resolution in support of House Joint Resolution 1018 of 2019 proposing an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to continue a levy of a one-half-cent sales and use tax to fund state highways, county roads, city streets, bridges, and other infrastructure.

The new resolutions will appear in the League's updated *Policies and Goals 2019-2020* publication, which will be included as a supplement to the August issue of *City & Town*. 🏛️



# League honors individuals, cities for service

**L**ITTLE ROCK—The Arkansas Municipal League honored local officials and cities and towns for outstanding service to their citizens and to the League during the 85th Convention, held June 12-14 in Little Rock.

Five municipal officials received the Adrian L. White Municipal Leadership Award this year. The award is presented to city officials who have served with distinction and dedication on the League's boards, councils, or committees for six years. The award is named in honor of White, who was mayor of Pochontas from 1967-1974 and a former League president and vice president. The recipients are Little Rock Treasury Manager Scott Massanelli, Pine Bluff Council Member Steven Mays, Pine Bluff Finance Director Steve Miller, Siloam Springs Mayor John Mark Turner, and Sheridan Council Member Betty Cook.

Four municipal leaders who have served their cities and the League for 12 years received the Marvin L. Vinson Commitment to Excellence Award, named for the longtime Clarksville mayor who served from 1983 until 2001 and was League president in 1992-1993. The recipients are Batesville Mayor Rick Elumbaugh, Beebe City Clerk/Treasurer Carol Westergren, Brookland Mayor Kenneth Jones, and Smackover Mayor Bobby Neal.



From left, League Executive Director Mark Hayes and Clarksville City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard.

One city official received the Jack R. Rhodes Sr. Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to officials who have served their cities and the League for 25 years. Rhodes served as a mayor of Lake Village from 1957 until his retirement in 1990 and was League president in 1981. This year's recipient is Clarksville City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard.

Twelve cities and towns received the Four Star City Award for demonstration of excellence in loss control and employee safety, wellness, vehicle safety, and prevention of liability. They are: Amity, Biscoe, Calico Rock, Cove, Huntington, Imboden, Lincoln, Melbourne, Portland, Stephens, Summit, and Wilmar.

The League honored Dr. Ruth Hawkins, director of Arkansas State University Heritage Sites, with the John Woodruff "City Above Self" Award. The award is presented to a person who has provided lasting benefits to cities and towns of Arkansas, either collectively or individually, by being an outstanding example of dedication to their improvement.



From left, League Executive Director Mark Hayes, Dr. Ruth Hawkins, and League 2018-2019 President and North Little Rock Mayor Joe Smith.

Hawkins is retiring this year after a career dedicated to preserving heritage sites along the Mississippi Delta in Arkansas. Her dedication to promoting tourism in the 15-county region has resulted in such state gems as Lakeport Plantation in Lake Village, the



From left, League Executive Director Mark Hayes, Karen Holliday, and League 2018-2019 President and North Little Rock Mayor Joe Smith.

Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center in Piggott, and the Johnny Cash Boyhood Home project in Dyess.

The award is named in honor of the League’s former communications coordinator who, until his death in 2007, worked tirelessly and unselfishly for the cities of Arkansas.

The League presented a distinguished service award to Karen Holliday, senior legislative analyst with the Bureau of Legislative Research for her 23 years service to the City, County and Local Affairs Committee and to the cities and towns of Arkansas. Holliday is also retiring this year.

The Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders, and Treasurers Association named Paragould City Clerk Andrea Williams its Clerk of the Year. The award is presented each year to a member of the Association who has made significant contributions to the objectives of the



From left, Paragould City Clerk Andrea Williams and Batesville City Clerk/Treasurer Denise Johnson.

municipal clerk profession, to the improvement of local government, and to the clerk’s community. 🏛️

# ACCRTA, ACAA elect officers for 2019-20

The Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders and Treasurers Association (ACCRTA) and the Arkansas City Attorneys Association (ACAA) each held their annual business meetings and elected officers for the coming year during the League’s 85th Convention.

The new ACCRTA officers are Batesville City Clerk/Treasurer Denise Johnston, president; Paragould City Clerk Andrea Williams, vice president; Clinton Recorder/Treasurer Dena Malone, secretary; and Mansfield Clerk/Treasurer Becky Walker, treasurer.

The new ACAA officers are Cabot City Attorney Jimmy Taylor, president; Conway City Attorney Chuck Clawson, 1st vice president; Pine Bluff City Attorney Althea Hadden-Scott, 2nd vice president; Jacksonville City Attorney Stephanie Friedman, secretary; and Clinton City Attorney Chad Brown, treasurer.

The ACAA held two days of continuing legal education during the 85th Convention, meeting at the League’s North Little Rock headquarters June 13-14. 🏛️



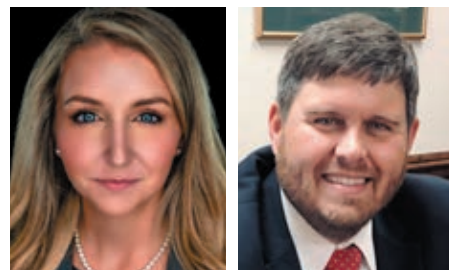
Clockwise from top left, Paragould City Clerk Andrea Williams, Batesville Clerk/Treasurer Denise Johnston, Clinton Recorder/Treasurer Dena Malone, and Mansfield Clerk/Treasurer Becky Walker.



Jimmy Taylor

Chuck Clawson

Althea Hadden-Scott



Stephanie Friedman

Chad Brown

# *Recognition for One Year of Service*

The Recognition for One Year of Service is given to those who have served on various boards or committees for the first time this past year. Recipients were recognized at the 85th Convention's New Officers' and Awards Luncheon.

**City Manager Gary Brinkley, Arkadelphia**  
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**Council Member James Reid, Cabot,** Advisory Council

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Advisory Council

**Council Member Don Bailey, Fairfield Bay**  
Advisory Council

**Council Member Robert Otis, Fairfield Bay**  
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**Council Member Jennifer Porter, Flippin**  
Advisory Council

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Executive Committee

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**Council Member Les Collins, Jacksonville**  
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**Mayor Rodney Robertson, Leachville,** Advisory Council

**City Director Lance Hines, Little Rock,** Executive Committee

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Advisory Council

**Clerk/Treasurer Tina Timmons, Maumelle**  
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# 85th Convention Snapshots



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# 85th Convention Snapshots







# 774 delegates represented 230 cities and towns at the 85<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Municipal League Convention



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Mayor Paul Mitchell  
Council Member Joe Pollard  
Council Member Harold Timmerman  
Council Member Juanita Wilson

## Alma

Mayor Jerry Martin  
City Attorney James Goldie

## Altheimer

Mayor Zola Hudson  
Recorder/Treasurer Doris Hudson-Gaddy  
Council Member Sheron Burton  
Council Member Tina Burton  
Council Member Linda Gipson  
Council Member Essie Robertson

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Mayor Veronica Post

## Anthonyville

Mayor Leroy Wright, Sr.  
Recorder/Treasurer Shirley Craig

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Building Inspector Deanna Graves  
City Clerk Jessica Davis  
City Director Roland Gosey  
City Director Chris Porter  
City Treasurer Tammy Beeler  
Communications Director Keith Beason  
Finance Assistant Chama Williams

## Arkansas City

Mayor Rick Hales

## Ash Flat

Recorder/Treasurer Charlotte Goodwin  
Council Member Fred Goodwin

## Ashdown

Council Member Lorene Pearson  
City Attorney Thad Bishop  
Clerk/Treasurer Kirk Mounts

## Atkins

City Attorney Clayton McCall

## Augusta

Mayor Jeff Collins  
City Clerk Essie Nichols

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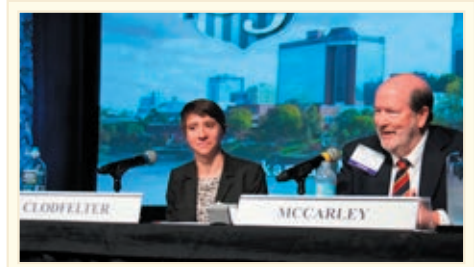
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# Siloam Springs celebrates new Memorial Park

**W**ith more than 1,500 in attendance, Siloam Springs celebrated the grand opening of its new Memorial Park on Saturday, May 25. This five-acre plot features a permanent promenade for the farmers market, a pavilion with space for a concessionaire, an interactive water feature, the KIA Veterans Memorial, the Chautauqua Amphitheater, lush green spaces, and plenty of area to enjoy relaxing by adjoining Sager Creek.

It is all overlooked by the Siloam Springs Public Library, whose back porch opens nicely into the park space.

The design of the park was funded by the Walton Family Foundation's Design Excellence Program grant, while a 3/8-cent sales tax, 50 percent of which is dedicated to quality-of-life projects such as this. CARBO Landscape Architecture created the design and Milestone Construction Completed the build, which took just over one year.

Throughout the day bands played while the crowd enjoyed ice cream and snow cones. Memorial Park overlooks downtown Siloam Springs and will feature free art events throughout the year including a summer concert series, plays, movies in the park, and more. Events can be found on [www.DiscoverSiloamSprings.com](http://www.DiscoverSiloamSprings.com). 🏛️



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Small Business Revolution—Main Street host Amanda Brinkman encourages Searcy to continue to “lead with love.”



Show co-host Ty Pennington.

# Searcy celebrates *Small Business Revolution* wrap

After a spring spent in Searcy, the *Small Business Revolution—Main Street* crew wrapped up filming June 21 at the city’s monthly Beats and Eats street party. Searcy learned in February that they had beat out thousands of small cities from across the nation for a coveted spot on the program. Along with being featured on the show, six small businesses get to split \$500,000 in prize money.

Show hosts Amanda Brinkman and Ty Pennington were on hand to praise the community spirit in Searcy and thank the people and businesses for their hard work over the past several months.

As part of the celebration, Deluxe, the show’s parent company, presented a check for \$15,000 to Searcy foster

care center Sparrow’s Promise to help continue their work in the community.

Searcy will continue to take this positive energy forward, even with the show coming to a close, Brinkman told the hundreds who gathered downtown for the wrap party.

“We know you’re going to continue to come together as a community,” she said. “We know that you’re



Mayor Kyle Osborne thanks his city for their strong work.








special and celebrate this incredible foster community that you have.”

The root of it all is love, Brinkman said.

“We want to continue to encourage you to think about every interaction and leading with love in every interaction we have with each other, because Searcy is certainly poised to prove what happens when a town truly does lead with love,” she said.



The new season of *Small Business Revolution—Main Street* premieres Oct. 8 on Hulu with episodes also streaming at [smallbusinessrevolution.org](http://smallbusinessrevolution.org). 



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# Arkansas Historic Preservation Program announces 2020 grant recipients

**T**he Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP), a division of the Department of Arkansas Heritage (DAH), has announced their 2020 Historic Preservation Restoration Grant and Downtown Revitalization Grant recipients. AHPP announced the grant awards at a presentation on June 25 at the DAH headquarters in Little Rock.

The purpose of the Historic Preservation and Restoration Grant program is to encourage and promote preservation of Arkansas's historic resources by providing financial assistance for restoration of historic properties, both public and privately owned. The program is financed through proceeds of the Real Estate Transfer Tax. This year, \$796,706 in grant funding was given out to 24 worthy recipients who completed applications for consideration. The amount of funding fluctuates each year depending on the taxes collected.

The municipal recipients, the proposed projects and award amounts are:

- Kingsland—structural stabilization, roofing and stucco, windows and doors (Magnolia Filling Station), \$16,683.33
- Little Rock—repair flagstone walkway and correct ADA deficiencies (Boyle Park Pavilion #1), \$56,667

- Little Rock—install exterior storm windows on north elevation (U.S. Arsenal Building), \$31,768
- Mena—electrical upgrades and ADA restrooms (Mena Depot), \$28,526.68
- Menifee—replace windows; doors; repoint masonry and exterior repair (Menifee Gym), \$59,445
- North Little Rock—replace roof (Park Hill Fire Station), \$50,000
- Osceola—structural repair of subfloor; install electrical, ADA restrooms, and windows (Coston Bldg), \$39,780
- Sulphur Springs—east facade window and door replacement, brick mortar and wood work (former Sulphur Springs School), \$32,755
- Warren—ADA restrooms and required mechanical system (Warren & Ouachita Valley Railway Station), \$45,000

The Downtown Revitalization grants are administered by Main Street Arkansas. This year, \$309,500 in grant funding was given out to 37 projects on Main Streets and in downtowns across Arkansas:

- Conway Downtown Partnership—\$15,000
- Downtown Jonesboro Association—\$15,000
- Downtown Little Rock Partnership—\$15,000
- Main Street Batesville—\$15,000

- Main Street Dumas—\$15,000
- Main Street El Dorado—\$15,000
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- Main Street Texarkana—\$15,000
- Main Street West Memphis—\$15,000
- Southside Main Street Project Inc., Little Rock—\$15,000
- Pine Bluff Downtown Development Inc.—\$15,000
- Argenta Downtown Council—\$15,000
- Main Street Blytheville—\$7,500
- Arkadelphia Downtown Network—\$1,000
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- Forrest City Downtown Revitalization Project Inc.—\$1,000
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- Wynne Downtown Revitalization Committee—\$1,000
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- Mena Downtown Partners—\$1,000
- Main Street Prairie Grove—\$1,000

Recipients of Downtown Revitalization Grants are allowed to use the money for a wide range of projects, such as building rehabilitations, parks, streetscape improvements, and other design-related projects that will have major long-term impacts in the local Main Street area. To be considered for the grant, the community must be certified as part of the Main Street Arkansas program, which is governed by guidelines set out by Main Street America. 🏠



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Recent trends and events remind our communities how little regard time and Mother Nature have for our grand strategies, but we press on.

# Beyond the plan: strategies, tactics, and decisions

By Jim von Tungeln

The world of public administration regards a plan as a policy. Further, it defines a policy as a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by a government. Local government simply regards a policy as a statement of intent.

Policies, standing alone, may generate discussion. They may even create disagreement as different groups within the city work on them. Reasonable people can differ on their value. Policies don't, however, normally cause upheavals or disasters.

The laws, strategies, tactics, and decisions used to implement policies can create controversy, however, when generated without careful foresight. That's one reason why so many plans remain dormant. It often seems safer to rest upon the comforting bed of unfulfilled plans than, as Hamlet feared, "... to take arms against a sea of troubles."

The leaders of our cities don't avoid troubles. They develop sound strategies and tactics to allow them to

make good decisions for their communities. Why is this important? Consider what Chinese military strategist Sun Tzu wrote some 2,500 years ago in his classic work *The Art of War*: "Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat." Planning for a community's future is not war, but some ideas can prove useful, no matter the source. Good leaders don't hesitate to create strategies and form tactics for achieving those strategies.

Let's take a look at these tools in more detail.

A strategy sets out a broad path through which a community might achieve the goals of its plan. Properly stated, it should create harmony among the various shareholders dedicated to the community's success. These shareholders include, among other groups, municipal departments. Well-formed strategies should help eliminate what public administration experts call "silos." These are departments that have individual priorities and tactics that may not mesh laterally with those of other



departments. In simpler terms, departments don't talk to one another.

A sound strategy focuses on the desired end result, i.e. a shared and stated goal. That strategy becomes a foundation for all activities within the various departments and organizations dedicated to the city's success. If properly crafted, it will guide decision-making as various teams work to achieve those goals.

For example, if the city's strategy is to grow its population, the strategy may be stated one way. If a city's strategy is to grow its people, its strategy may be stated another way. In the best of worlds, different strategies complement one another. Sometimes they don't. If a strategy concentrates on minimal budgets, a companion strategy of maintaining modern, up-to-day municipal functions may conflict. That is a reason why strategy formation can prove to be so complicated.

In simple terms, a strategy focuses on an end result and should be one of the building blocks of any priority among departments. It will provide alignment among those departments. Finally, it must provide for positive action. For example, the following is a published strategy for the strategic plan, *Impact*, prepared for Independence County and the city of Batesville.

*Establish Batesville as a nationally-recognized retirement community based on its position as a uniquely progressive, rural, southern college community in close proximity to beautiful outdoor recreation and adventure opportunities with the presence of a high-quality medical center and over 100 medical doctors.*

Tactics involve smaller steps aimed at carrying out strategies. While strategies may involve long periods of time, tactics involve less time and shorter steps. Those steps must also involve specific actions designed to support the stated strategy. One might think of strategy as thinking and tactics as acting.

At any rate, strategies and tactics should be in line and work together. Consider a strategy designed to promote the development of a diversified work force that will support planned economic development. A tactic designed to promote only large-scale, single-family development may work at cross-purposes with that strategy. When shareholders in a community understand the overall strategy, tactics make more sense to them. This is extremely important when tactics include regulations and restrictions. The public resents no regulation more than the one that doesn't make sense or fit into "the grand scheme of things."

Cities may put a lot of thought and planning into developing strategies. And cities may fashion tactics that will carry out those strategies effectively. Both the city

staff and those who will gain from tactics may know how they fit the grand strategy. And there may be full agreement in how things will work.

Eventually, though, someone must, as the saying goes, "pull the trigger." This is called making a decision and putting it into action.

A previous column mentioned management guru Peter Drucker, who said that "the manager who comes up with the right decision on the wrong problem is more dangerous than the manager who comes up with the wrong decision on the right problem."

Seasoned planners remember the days when the central business district began to lose its role as the dominant retail area to outlying malls. A number of strategies appeared that were sure to address this issue. Planners determined that the mall was the problem. Many agreed that the right answer, then, was to reconstruct downtown as a mall. The right tactic simply involved urban design.

Sound familiar?

It turns out the problem wasn't the mall at all, but the spreading of retail out toward growing suburbs coupled with the expanding mobility provided by the automobile. Planners finally surmised that this form of retail shopping was not likely ever to change.

Oh really?

This illustrates the need for developing sound strategies and tactics that can evolve over time to meet new challenges. Careful visioning, policy development, and planning should precede the creation of strategies, then tactics. Strangers to a city's daily operations should be able to see an unbroken thread from one end to the other. Consistency and continuity in planning and implementation are common characteristics of successful cities.

This discussion deserves a final note about timing. Strategies take time to come to fruition, sometimes a lot of time. As the digital world continues to shorten our time frame, and decision-makers face continuing election dates, it becomes more and more difficult to think strategically. One helpful tool is a long term and carefully crafted plan that can be updated to meet new crises.

*Correction: Last month's column mentioned standard planning statutes for the states as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce in the 1920s. It incorrectly identified the commissioner as J. Edgar Hoover when the commissioner was, of course, future president Herbert Hoover.*



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# Inhalant highs: Are they dangerous?

**I**nhalants are definitely dangerous and should be avoided at all costs. An inhalant is a vapor from a toxic substance that is inhaled to reach a quick high. More than 1,000 household and workplace products that could be abused as inhalants are dangerous.

Have you ever considered the following items to be drugs of abuse: glue, toluene, gasoline, lighter fluid, nitrous oxide, spray paint, correction fluid, locker room deodorizers, lacquer thinner or other paint solvents, and canned whipping cream? All of these items are dangerous, and abuse could result in brain injury or death.

Most of these products affect the body as an anesthetic (slows down the body's functions). Following an initial high and loss of inhibition there comes drowsiness, light-headedness, and agitation. The chemicals are rapidly absorbed through the lungs into the bloodstream and quickly reach the brain and other organs, and sometimes irreversible physical and mental damage can result.

How do you use an inhalant? The user inhales the chemical vapors directly from an open container (sniffing) or breathes the fumes from rags soaked in chemicals (huffing). Others may spray the substance directly into the nose or mouth, or pour it onto their collar, sleeves, or cuffs and sniff them periodically. Bagging is when the user may inhale fumes from substances inside a paper or plastic bag and this may greatly increase the chances of suffocation due to the ingestions being in a closed area.

Poppers and whippets are sold at some concerts and dance clubs. These are defined as poisonous chemicals that can permanently damage the body and brain (one such compound is amyl nitrite, a pale yellow liquid used to widen blood vessels).

There are numerous street names associated with inhalants. They include: Air Blast, Highball, Hippie Crack,

Satan's Secret, Snappers, Aroma of Men, Laughing Gas, Snotballs, Locker Room, Texas Shoe Shine, Toilet Water, Buzz Bomb, Poor Man's Pot, Whippets, Poppers, Quicksilver, Rush Snappers, Hardware, Whiteout, Toncho, Pearls, Bolt, Amys, Huff, Moon Gas, Thrust, Bolt, Oz and many more. Inhalant names are commonly identifiers associated with low costs, high buzz, fast effects, and the inhalant's source.

Inhalants affect the body in several ways. They can cause damage to the heart, kidneys, brain, liver, bone marrow, and other organs. Inhalants starve the body of oxygen and force the heart to beat irregularly and more rapidly. Users can experience nausea and nosebleeds and lose their sense of hearing or smell. Chronic use can lead to muscle wasting and reduced muscle tone. The poisonous chemicals gradually damage the lungs and the immune system.

Note: Inhalant users risk SSDS (Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome) and the death may occur the first time or the 100th time an inhalant is used.

Employers must be vigilant about cleaning products, constructions chemicals, and other items used in the workplace that could provide a source of inhalants for abusing employees. Any item that can be inhaled and abused must be kept in a secure, locked area with controlled access to prevent a drug abuse issue. We recommend regularly checking the inventory of products that could be abused to see if there is an increase of purchases without any justification. Caution and education can help employers maintain drug-free workplaces.

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With the help of the community, Wynne's historic downtown is on the rebound, and it has meant increased economic activity in the city.

# The road to downtown revitalization in Wynne

By Katie Weaver

**M**uch like a smile improves one's expression, revitalizing downtowns like the one in Wynne improves the face of north-east Arkansas.

Revitalization is important to cities and towns across the country. Restoring downtown communities can increase a municipality's economy and boost the sense of pride citizens have in their community. Most recently, Wynne has been bringing new life to its downtown and hosting events to draw attention to the area.

Wynne Downtown Revitalization Committee (WDRC) member Esther Witcher says this project is important because "it brings life back to a geographical area that is seen and traveled through by many daily."

Wynne has done an excellent job restoring the historic downtown area and giving it a fresh look and identity for citizens and visitors to enjoy. The city has held several recent events to showcase their hard work, including the Downtown Christmas hosted by the WDRC, the first Downtown Mardi Gras in March, and they installed a new splash park during the summer of 2018. The splash park was partially funded by

a grant provided by the Wynne Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Cross County Library is also expanding as part of the committee's efforts, Witcher says. "We foresee the expansion of our library to be able to offer services that are currently stifled by lack of space."

According to WDRC member Mary Anne Cruthirds, the committee hopes for all of the old buildings to be restored in the downtown area. To expand the library, the committee will use Wynne's Burnett Drug building.

Cody Slater, CEO of the Wynne Economic Development Corporation, notes that they are able to aid the WDRC by awarding grant funding and providing "statistical support and information for retail businesses interested in relocating or investing downtown." Additionally, "The Chamber holds our annual FarmFest festival in the downtown area which helps highlight the improvement being done each year," Slater says.

Wynne is working toward several goals in their downtown revitalization efforts. Although they have accomplished a lot already, the WDRC has no intention of slowing down. The WDRC hopes to award grants that will help improve the exterior of downtown buildings

in an effort to attract businesses to the area. They have already placed decorative lights and planted trees along downtown's streets.

The WDRC hopes to increase the number of businesses in downtown. Currently, the Merriman building and Downtown Charm are both places available for rent. The Bridge Church has taken up residence in the Merriman building and rents the building for Sunday morning services.

Wynne Mayor Jennifer Hobbs says she and the city have high hopes for a more vibrant downtown.

"There is one building under restoration for a restaurant, but I would love to see more restaurants or even a coffee shop open downtown," Hobbs says. "We need activities in Wynne that draw us together and give us all the feeling of community."

While the WDRC, Mayor Hobbs, and the Wynne Economic Development Corporation have played essential roles in restoring downtown, revival takes broad community involvement, with citizens and stakeholders participating in meetings, attending events, supporting fundraising efforts, and contributing their time.

"I feel [downtown revitalization] is extremely important for our future economic development," Hobbs says. "When you look to thriving communities, almost all, if not all, have a thriving downtown area. I am so proud Wynne is trying to preserve the Historical Downtown District of Wynne."

Investment in the city and job growth have gone hand in hand, Slater says.

"Over the last three years, the community has added 75 direct jobs to our economy and millions in investment," he says. "WEDC has also implemented a new grant program in Wynne to support exterior renovations to existing businesses and is in the early stages of creating a business incubator to assist with start-up ventures."

The city of Wynne has grown economically in recent years, and the revitalization of the downtown area, with the help of its citizens, can only push Wynne's development to new heights.

## HGTV stars coming to UCA for downtown revitalization event

The Center for Community and Economic Development at the University of Central Arkansas will host stars from HGTV's *Home Town* from 5:30–7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30 in UCA's McCastlain Ballroom. Mallorie and Jim Rasberry and Josh Nowell will present "Downtown Comeback," a story of how Laurel, Miss., revitalized its downtown through preservation, promotion, and economic development efforts. Learn more at [www.uca.edu/go/downtowncomeback](http://www.uca.edu/go/downtowncomeback).



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Installed last year, the city's downtown splash pad gives children and families a place to hang out and chill out in the summer heat.

# Return of measles should be a reminder to get vaccinated

By Robert H. Hopkins, Jr., MD

It seems like a weekly occurrence to see a story about measles in the news. That's troubling, because this disease was nearly eradicated in the U.S. nearly two decades ago.

Not so long ago, thousands of people would contract this extremely contagious viral disease every year; in fact, nearly everyone who was born in the U.S. before 1957 has had measles. Most of them would develop high fever and rash for several days followed by complete recovery. But not everyone recovered completely.

Measles causes complications in up to one-third of cases. Fortunately, death is uncommon in the developed world. Measles can cause inflammation of the brain leading to blindness or deafness and can lead to diseases in multiple organs. Also, this virus weakens your body's immune system, which places you at risk for bacterial infections like pneumonia for weeks and months after you've recovered. Measles during pregnancy can be devastating to the developing infant.

The question we must ask ourselves is: Why should we let it kill anyone?

## The importance of vaccination

We have had the current vaccine for measles since the mid-1960s. It is safe and highly effective for most of us. The vaccine is a live, attenuated viral vaccine, meaning it's been weakened enough that it should not cause disease, but will provoke an immune reaction that will provide lifelong immunity to the disease. Most people get this vaccination in two doses during childhood, the first between 12 and 18 months old and another dose before they start school.

Some adults, even though vaccinated as children, also need to get vaccinated. If you were vaccinated between 1963—when the vaccine first became available—and 1967, you may have received a “killed” version that does not provide life-long immunity. People who received this vaccine and those who can't remember if they were vaccinated or what kind of vaccine they received, may need a measles “booster” to remain immune.

Some who have a weakened immune system should not get the vaccine; for example, a child undergoing cancer treatment, as even the weakened virus can be dangerous.

It is critically important that nearly all people who can be vaccinated do so to protect themselves and to protect those who can't get the vaccine. Vaccination of a large proportion of society to provide protection of nearly all others is often termed “herd immunity” or “community immunity.” The idea is that, with most of the population vaccinated, the small number who can't be vaccinated are better protected from exposure to the disease.

## Risk of contagion

Community immunity is especially important for protection from measles because it is among the most contagious viruses known. Measles remains common in many other countries, and travelers can bring it here and spread it to others who are unvaccinated. This is what has led to the recent outbreaks in New York and other parts of the U.S.

While we haven't seen a measles outbreak in Arkansas yet, we have seen mumps, another contagious virus, in the last few years. That's particularly concerning because measles and mumps protection are usually provided together using a vaccine called MMR, which protects against measles, mumps, and rubella. Again, this is a safe vaccine for persons with a healthy immune system that we have been using very effectively for decades.

All U.S. states require children to be vaccinated before being enrolled in school. Arkansas law allows exemptions for medical reasons as well as philosophical and religious exemptions. A growing number of children are not getting vaccinated—an increase of about 25 percent in the last five years according to the Arkansas Department of Health. This places our children and families at increasing risk.

Prevention—vaccination—is our only available weapon against measles. There is no treatment beyond supporting the patient. The best way to fight against measles is to never contract it in the first place. Vaccination provides that protection.



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Elementary school students in Van Buren help mulch a tree that was planted as part of the Arkansas Forestry Commission's Shade Trees on Playgrounds (STOP) program. The goal of the STOP program is to improve the health of students by planting shade trees to reduce exposure to direct sunlight, which could lead to skin cancer later in life.



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# Healthy trees, healthy lives

By Krista Quinn

For many decades, trees have been considered nice things to have in cities and towns. A growing body of research, however, is providing strong evidence that having trees in cities is not just nice, but actually essential for human health and well being. Understanding how the trees in our communities affect our health may impact urban planning priorities, how cities decide where to locate green spaces, and how urban forestry is funded.

It can be difficult to quantify the health benefits trees provide since many are preventative rather than curative. However, a growing number of studies indicate that individuals living near parks and green spaces are healthier. Having access to green spaces promotes active living, which in turn leads to lower rates of obesity and improved heart health. Additionally, access to green space and high tree density has also been associated with other health benefits that are more difficult to directly link to trees.

Around 2002, the emerald ash borer, a non-native insect pest of ash trees, was first detected in North America. These insects spread rapidly across the Midwest and Canada, killing millions of ash trees along the way.

Medical researchers almost immediately noted increased human mortality rates in areas that lost large amounts of their tree canopies due to emerald ash borers. The increased mortality rates have been shown to occur in areas with widely different socioeconomic conditions, making a strong case that the pattern is due to tree loss rather than other factors. However, the actual cause of the association has not been determined.

A unique study in Louisville, Ky., called the Green Heart Project, is looking to determine the actual mechanisms by which trees can boost health. This is the first study of its kind that will compare baseline health data before a tree-planting project to health data after tree planting. Louisville has some of the highest levels of air pollution in the country and is losing about 54,000 trees per year due to emerald ash borers and other factors. Medical practitioners have noticed a decline in the health of their patients as the amount of tree canopy in the city has been decreasing and they are hoping to determine if replanting trees can improve the health of Louisville residents. The Green Heart Project will essentially test the hypothesis that nature can deliver health benefits similar to drug therapies.



While we wait for the conclusions from the Green Heart Project, there is plenty of research showing that one of the main ways trees improve health is by improving air quality. The United Nations estimates that about 4 million people worldwide die each year due to air pollution. Millions of others suffer with heart disease, asthma, or other respiratory illnesses that are exacerbated by pollution. Cities all over the world are looking for solutions and finding that planting trees is one of the most cost effective ways to improve air quality while having many other benefits for neighborhoods as well.

Trees and other types of vegetation reduce air pollution by directly removing particulate matter from the air and by reducing air temperature. Particulate matter in the air can cause inflammation of the airways and reduced lung function. However, plants with large leaf areas and “hairy” or sticky leaves are very effective at removing these pollutants. High air temperatures also lead to smog formation, which is primarily made up of ozone. Hospital admissions and respiratory deaths often increase during periods of high ozone levels in cities. Since trees can significantly reduce air temperatures, they can also be an effective means of preventing smog formation.

In addition, the presence of trees and green space benefit human health by promoting active living, improving mental health, reducing stress, and promoting social cohesion. In our modern world, sedentary lifestyles, low levels of social interaction, and high rates of depression and other mental illnesses are common. Additionally, health care costs are rising faster than average annual income. Adding trees and green spaces may be one way for communities to improve the health and well being of their residents.

As the number of people moving from rural areas to urban areas in Arkansas continues to increase, it is important for communities to view their trees as valuable community assets and manage them accordingly. Tree conservation, planting, and care is in everyone’s best interest and can be a cost effective way to address many community issues.



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With the availability of tree-shaded trails, Conway residents are able to exercise outdoors even on hot summer days.

# Revitalization through urban design: Streetscape enhancements

By Rodney McCain

A streetscape is defined in several popular dictionaries as “the visual elements of a street, including the road, adjoining buildings, sidewalks, street furniture, trees, and open spaces that combine to form the street’s character.” That’s a good definition.

However, even this somewhat simplified definition of what a streetscape should be highlights the disparities between what could exist on the streets of many Arkansas towns and cities, and what actually exists.

For many of our cities, the typical downtown street consists of the road itself with perhaps a sidewalk on either side, constructed right up against the face of the adjacent buildings. There might be a few streetlights, but there usually won’t be any trees, landscaping, or open spaces. In other words, there will be no “green” spaces of any kind, just hard surfaces. This makes for a bleak urban landscape, which is a shame for a state that proudly declares itself “The Natural State.” It’s something we as Arkansans should all be interested in changing.

Improvements to streetscapes can include improved street lighting, enhanced street landscaping and furniture (signage, seating, litter receptacles), increased sidewalk coverage/connectivity, bicycling infrastructure,

street-crossing safety features, and traffic calming measures. Projects typically include elements from more than one of these categories, and can be implemented in increments (as funding becomes available) or comprehensively, for several city blocks.

Let’s look at several of these elements more closely.

## Lighting

There are a multitude of styles and designs for street lighting columns and fixtures. Reviewing what has been done on completed streetscape projects across the nation can help inform us as to what works well and, perhaps more importantly, what doesn’t work so well. Lights should compliment the streetscape, not dominate or detract from it.

## Layout

Not all streets will have the necessary space to accommodate all of the elements that an improved streetscape might have. However, introducing low-impact designs such as bioretention swales within rejuvenated sidewalks or planted landscape beds can dramatically alter the appearance of even the most uninspiring urban street.



Camden Before



Springdale Before



Camden After



Springdale After

Improved streetscapes, such as these recent examples in downtown Camden, left, and Springdale, right, make our streets safer and more beautiful, and federal funding is available.

## Traffic calming

There are various innovative means of calming traffic in downtown areas. The use of color can be just as effective as physical, vertical grade-change methods. In Pine Bluff, we are proposing decorative colorful concrete pedestrian crosswalks at the narrowed sections of Main Street, where a form of ramp or bump would neither be acceptable to, nor popular with, motorists.

## Curb types

What do we want a curb to achieve? Is it to assist as a drainage barrier (in which case it may need to be a six-inch-tall standard curb), or can it be a softer, transitional boundary marker between the street and parking/pedestrian/planted features behind it? Choose appropriately.

## Bicycling infrastructure

Does the street form part of a route that is popular with cyclists? Is the current streetscape (devoid of any dedicated facilities for cyclists) inherently dangerous for their safety? Do we have the space to accommodate bicycling lanes? If so, would it not be desirable to provide a dedicated facility for cyclists to use and enjoy?

We have assisted several Arkansas cities with improvements to their downtown streetscapes in recent years, and there is little doubt that the end result in every case is a vast improvement on what preceded it.

What makes the lack of interest and investment in improving urban streetscapes within Arkansas cities hard to understand is the fact that federal financial assistance is available for all of our cities, no matter their size. One of the main programs set up to assist cities with funding for streetscape improvement work is overseen by the Federal Highway Administration under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act. The F.A.S.T. Act replaced the Transportation Alternatives Program with a set-aside of funding for transportation alternatives. In order to avoid confusion and for consistency, the Arkansas Department of Transportation continues to refer to this program as the "TAP grant."

The TAP grant is a competitive, reimbursement-type grant program. The program provides for an 80 percent federal share with a 20 percent match. The federal funds provided can only be used for project construction costs, not costs associated with professional design fees, right-of-way and utility adjustments, or construction inspection, all of which will be the responsibility of the eligible sponsor city.

Project sponsors begin the process by applying for TAP program funds through ARDOT. The TAP Advisory Committee reviews the applications, and grant money is allocated according to the merits of each application. All streetscape improvement projects submitted through ARDOT for consideration must have a

minimum requested federal funding amount of \$20,000 and a maximum amount of \$500,000.

In 2018, ARDOT received more than \$8 million in federal funding for distribution to award recipient sponsors. Several projects across the state received the maximum award of \$500,000, including the city of Pine Bluff, where the funds will improve streetscapes along several downtown city blocks.

I highly encourage all of our city administrations across the state to consider applying for TAP grant funding. It surely represents "low hanging fruit," of which many cities in Arkansas are not yet availing themselves.

If you are interested in finding out more about how a TAP grant could benefit your city, or simply wish to have more details on the program, please email Daniel Siskowski with ARDOT's Program Management Division at [LFP@ardot.gov](mailto:LFP@ardot.gov) or call (501) 569-2481. Additional information on the program can also be found on ARDOT's TAP webpage: [www.ardot.gov/tap/tap.aspx](http://www.ardot.gov/tap/tap.aspx).



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Site design has a significant impact on the quality and character of a city, and on the quality of life it brings to residents, the region and the state. At MCE, our Land Development team takes into consideration all factors that influence the design of a specific site. Client objectives, site context and the surrounding environment shape our site designs.

# 2019 State Turnback Funds

Actual Totals Per Capita						
	STREET		SEVERANCE TAX		GENERAL	
MONTH	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
January	\$5.3807	\$5.662	\$0.2314	\$0.246	\$2.1460	\$2.145
February	\$5.7121	\$5.675	\$0.2181	\$0.096	\$1.0867	\$1.087
March	\$4.9583	\$5.085	\$0.2452	\$0.438	\$1.0870	\$1.087
April	\$5.3609	\$5.401	\$0.2342	\$0.338	\$1.0854	\$1.085
May	\$5.6871	\$5.811	\$0.2369	\$0.227	\$1.0859	\$1.086
June	\$5.6422	\$6.017	\$0.1786	\$0.209	\$1.0872	\$1.088
July	\$5.9048		\$0.1625		\$2.9589	
August	\$5.5464		\$0.1504		\$0.9368	
September	\$5.5992		\$0.1999		\$1.0873	
October	\$5.7310		\$0.1746		\$1.0871	
November	\$5.2853		\$0.2317		\$1.0869	
December	\$5.4642		\$0.2511		\$1.0871	
<b>Total Year</b>	<b>\$66.2722</b>	<b>\$33.651</b>	<b>\$2.5145</b>	<b>\$1.554</b>	<b>\$15.8224</b>	<b>\$7.579</b>

Actual Totals Per Month						
	STREET		SEVERANCE TAX		GENERAL	
MONTH	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
January	\$10,171,403.10	\$10,702,464.91	\$437,461.72	\$464,101.95	*\$4,056,771.18	*\$4,054,867.57
February	\$10,797,904.69	\$10,728,532.32	\$412,277.48	\$181,468.75	\$2,054,332.65	\$2,055,501.82
March	\$9,372,912.56	\$9,611,591.51	\$463,496.06	\$828,851.20	\$2,054,888.05	\$2,055,055.19
April	\$10,133,933.55	\$10,209,400.74	\$442,746.74	\$638,095.99	\$2,051,743.46	\$2,051,915.02
May	\$10,750,634.53	\$10,985,547.22	\$447,755.63	\$428,651.27	\$2,052,679.36	\$2,052,767.40
June	\$10,665,832.80	\$11,374,227.00	\$337,582.28	\$395,730.25	\$2,055,168.34	\$2,056,915.45
July	\$11,162,170.00		\$307,247.09		** \$5,593,456.00	
August	\$10,484,657.00		\$284,348.41		\$1,770,842.80	
September	\$10,584,484.30		\$377,800.40		\$2,055,387.11	
October	\$10,833,617.52		\$330,015.80		\$2,054,971.77	
November	\$9,991,022.76		\$438,040.74		\$2,054,702.54	
December	\$10,329,322.67		\$474,599.17		\$2,054,975.16	
<b>Total Year</b>	<b>\$125,277,895.48</b>	<b>\$63,611,763.70</b>	<b>\$4,753,371.52</b>	<b>\$2,936,899.41</b>	<b>\$29,909,918.42</b>	<b>\$14,327,022.45</b>

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

\*\*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](http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov)

Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2019 with 2018 Comparison (shaded gray)								
Month	Municipal Tax		County Tax		Total Tax		Interest	
January	\$59,187,540	\$59,272,899	\$49,660,885	\$50,925,990	\$108,848,426	\$110,198,889	\$188,294	\$68,417
February	\$66,363,635	\$63,961,892	\$55,082,773	\$56,034,012	\$121,446,409	\$119,995,904	\$265,350	\$76,180
March	\$55,016,953	\$51,260,662	\$49,926,480	\$44,932,987	\$104,943,433	\$96,193,649	\$241,046	\$79,235
April	\$53,915,385	\$51,354,831	\$45,679,915	\$45,689,403	\$99,595,300	\$97,044,234	\$239,875	\$79,564
May	\$61,136,496	\$60,844,519	\$51,962,167	\$53,613,192	\$113,098,664	\$114,457,712	\$233,250	\$75,253
June	\$63,455,242	\$56,373,987	\$53,477,656	\$48,955,855	\$116,932,898	\$105,329,842	\$199,380	\$71,501
July		\$59,973,977		\$52,379,093		\$112,353,069		\$84,551
August		\$60,174,400		\$52,922,077		\$113,096,478		\$79,558
September		\$58,128,177		\$51,260,076		\$109,388,253		\$111,033
October		\$60,197,608		\$52,310,178		\$112,507,786		\$174,353
November		\$57,456,746		\$50,423,804		\$107,880,551		\$202,659
December		\$59,269,564		\$50,277,652		\$109,547,217		\$208,901
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$359,075,252</b>	<b>\$698,269,262</b>	<b>\$305,789,877</b>	<b>\$609,724,320</b>	<b>\$664,865,129</b>	<b>\$1,307,993,584</b>	<b>\$1,367,196</b>	<b>\$1,311,205</b>
Averages	\$59,845,875	\$58,189,105	\$50,964,980	\$50,810,360	\$110,810,855	\$108,999,465	\$227,866	\$109,267

June 2019 Municipal Levy Receipts and June 2019 Municipal/County Levy Receipts with 2018 Comparison (shaded gray)

CITY SALES AND USE . . . . .	AMOUNT	LAST YEAR	Garfield	10,744.34	Mountain View	178,436.16	161,611.31	COUNTY SALES AND USE . . . . .	AMOUNT	LAST YEAR
Alexander	107,933.30	111,239.32	Garland	4,627.00	2,305.52	Mountainburg	12,181.01	Arkansas County	294,965.53	270,691.37
Alma	223,044.50	201,752.32	Gassville	21,237.49	18,730.56	Mulberry	31,857.40	Ashley County	244,177.68	221,225.51
Almyra	2,500.27	2,079.84	Gentry	102,075.24	63,262.86	Murfreesboro	35,738.12	Crosssett	59,421.84	53,836.31
Alpena	4,974.80	5,152.11	Gilbert	253.12	227.04	Nashville	118,253.30	Fountain Hill	1,888.29	1,710.80
Altheimer	2,281.48	2,351.15	Gillett	8,733.36	8,354.02	Newport	203,499.43	Hamburg	30,827.71	27,929.97
Altus	6,565.51	5,842.32	Gillham	4,355.10	3,625.42	Norfolk	5,755.37	Montrose	3,819.74	3,460.70
Amity	12,972.52	12,553.94	Gilmore	485.02	366.11	Norman	4,767.04	Parkdale	2,988.90	2,707.95
Anthonyville	1,131.87	901.59	Glenwood	86,232.86	66,994.34	North Little Rock	3,039,953.38	Portland	4,639.80	4,203.67
Arkadelphia	177,697.72	174,524.79	Goshen	9,148.31	NA	Oak Grove	1,342.53	Wilmet	5,934.63	5,376.78
Asht Flat	98,149.65	86,958.07	Gosnell	14,674.58	16,349.51	Oak Grove Heights	5,292.72	Baxter County	508,904.45	853,662.25
Ashdown	120,617.23	123,770.71	Gould	14,519.00	12,350.44	Ola	18,563.39	Big Flat	1,540.64	1,355.68
Atkins	55,726.32	55,430.67	Grady	4,200.92	3,306.58	Oppelo	3,358.11	Briarcliff	3,482.62	3,076.35
Augusta	23,404.39	23,801.37	Gravette	116,867.47	206,021.45	Osceola	111,264.93	Cotter	14,369.45	12,644.34
Austin	32,798.44	30,300.58	Green Forest	103,611.41	89,164.59	Oxford	1,334.08	Gassville	30,783.21	27,087.56
Avoca	7,793.48	7,423.18	Greenbrier	225,274.03	181,679.15	Ozark	187,646.10	Lakeview	10,977.07	9,659.23
Bald Knob	54,784.13	54,989.97	Greenland	32,408.02	27,907.04	Palestine	26,723.34	Mountain Home	184,403.00	162,264.66
Barling	58,538.68	47,009.97	Greenwood	223,016.65	222,726.59	Pangburn	8,035.71	Norfolk	7,569.89	6,661.09
Batesville	723,020.67	617,891.42	Greers Ferry	21,736.12	19,116.24	Paragould	342,640.15	Salesville	6,666.25	5,865.93
Bauxite	12,448.85	14,377.39	Guion	3,532.69	5,342.84	Paris	76,134.87	Benton County	927,030.08	776,556.32
Bay	8,962.39	8,675.80	Gum Springs	342.06	334.07	Patmos	597.89	Avoca	10,648.75	8,920.26
Bearden	12,614.78	11,466.79	Gurdon	23,618.42	21,742.07	Patterson	1,090.45	Bella Vista	578,829.18	484,874.72
Beebe	142,947.63	117,959.11	Guy	6,469.23	6,189.14	Pea Ridge	67,723.05	Bentonville	770,310.21	645,274.92
Beehive	105.41	110.56	Hackett	5,991.58	5,572.36	Perla	3,717.71	Bethel Heights	51,759.89	43,358.32
Bella Vista	192,576.07	164,819.78	Hamburg	81,285.77	61,272.47	Perryville	22,979.42	Cave Springs	42,136.74	35,297.18
Belleville	2,016.34	2,227.60	Hardy	18,570.36	17,193.97	Piggott	67,351.54	Centerton	207,628.73	173,926.83
Benton	1,689,825.08	1,503,813.29	Harrisburg	59,638.40	60,774.36	Pine Bluff	1,279,893.80	Decatur	37,074.22	31,056.40
Bentonville	2,809,081.99	2,014,710.05	Harrison	515,280.37	481,899.41	Pineville	1,879.85	Elm Springs	2,989.50	2,504.25
Berryville	263,932.82	226,265.29	Hartford	4,430.48	3,228.34	Plainville	5,004.53	Garfield	10,954.24	9,176.17
Bethel Heights	92,549.03	66,307.62	Haskell	43,443.65	50,041.35	Plainview	4,612.58	Gateway	8,837.59	7,403.09
Big Flat	435.51	304.62	Hatfield	5,145.87	3,988.26	Pleasant Plains	9,761.54	Gentry	74,737.61	62,606.35
Black Rock	9,094.37	8,759.94	Havana	3,370.47	3,173.54	Plumerville	12,418.66	Gravette	67,929.40	56,903.23
Blevins	3,145.84	3,923.59	Hazen	77,425.00	49,972.22	Pocahontas	273,389.71	Highfill	12,721.76	10,656.79
Blue Mountain	112.48	105.98	Heber Springs	150,734.61	140,046.62	Portia	3,408.88	Little Flock	56,407.80	47,251.80
Blytheville	398,513.92	351,407.08	Hector	3,268.70	NA	Portland	9,003.77	Lowell	159,883.94	133,931.88
Bonanza	2,860.46	6,875.38	Helena-West Helena	252,169.61	227,086.68	Pottsville	31,398.08	Pea Ridge	104,610.84	87,630.60
Bono	17,481.07	14,944.23	Hermitage	3,668.82	5,384.77	Prairie Grove	123,146.51	Rogers	1,221,201.69	1,022,978.55
Booneville	120,528.51	108,377.88	Higginson	1,725.87	1,803.06	Priestcott	80,022.39	Siloam Springs	328,169.04	274,901.26
Bradford	14,311.94	11,958.84	Highfill	61,262.62	59,197.26	Pyatt	941.58	Springdale	142,972.51	119,765.48
Bradley	4,085.05	2,257.05	Highland	30,706.06	26,899.38	Quitman	21,277.67	Springtown	1,898.44	1,590.29
Branch	2,436.45	1,972.05	Holly Grove	6,338.04	6,899.39	Ravenden	2,541.15	Sulphur Springs	11,150.63	9,340.69
Briarcliff	1,225.76	736.45	Hope	173,067.30	165,988.40	Rector	29,885.62	Boone County	436,065.42	410,503.16
Brinkley	166,209.40	143,160.73	Horatio	6,496.99	5,577.21	Redfield	36,461.31	Alpena	4,601.44	4,331.70
Brookland	62,970.51	59,916.51	Horseshoe Bend	23,230.05	22,988.79	Rison	13,248.48	Bellefonte	6,548.75	6,164.86
Bryant	1,190,014.23	1,093,015.12	Hot Springs	1,950,527.44	1,586,648.03	Rockport	19,458.85	Bergerman	6,332.38	5,961.18
Bull Shoals	33,277.15	27,899.81	Hoxie	16,971.44	15,920.12	Roe	684.08	Diamond City	11,280.01	10,618.77
Cahto	888,375.84	794,707.24	Hughes	5,940.90	6,492.68	Rogers	3,479,688.37	Everton	1,918.47	1,806.01
Caddo Valley	56,765.71	52,096.13	Humphrey	2,505.75	2,480.45	Rose Bud	17,933.05	Harrison	186,697.14	175,752.91
Calico Rock	47,955.68	26,889.14	Huntington	3,473.46	5,212.36	Rudy	8,516.68	Ladell Hill	3,909.06	3,679.91
Camden	290,512.63	280,197.08	Huntsville	131,144.49	130,910.23	Russellville	1,158,561.99	Omaha	2,437.75	2,294.85
Caraway	5,251.22	4,751.57	Imboden	9,178.42	8,107.10	Salem	19,508.77	South Lead Hill	1,471.31	1,385.06
Carlisle	50,850.87	53,378.58	Jacksonville	675,534.49	619,762.24	Salesville	3,605.79	Valley Springs	2,639.70	2,484.96
Cash	4,178.91	2,552.73	Jasper	30,385.83	32,923.33	Scranton	3,316.49	Zinc	1,485.72	1,398.63
Cave City	20,127.93	17,873.47	Jennette	237.80	148.56	Searcy	874,053.58	Bradley County	132,292.59	125,697.47
Cave Springs	34,227.72	32,140.13	Johnson	54,394.47	50,970.69	Shannon Hills	12,470.43	Banks	1,021.50	970.58
Cedarville	5,833.65	5,050.10	Johnson	3,201.07	3,279.65	Sheridan	207,948.54	Hermitage	6,837.47	6,496.60
Centerton	251,132.58	218,559.00	Jonesboro	1,580,690.88	1,480,161.13	Sherrill	582.00	Warren	49,452.17	46,986.85
Charleston	29,554.65	29,643.36	Judsonia	10,327.73	9,714.21	Sherwood	806,499.45	Calhoun County	72,806.90	84,506.01
Cherokee Village	18,224.80	16,165.53	Junction City	6,033.86	5,266.59	Shirley	3,240.77	Hampton	20,637.20	23,953.32
Cherry Valley	4,903.42	4,685.65	Keiser	3,895.18	4,962.35	Siloam Springs	707,147.60	Harrell	3,959.10	4,595.28
Chidester	2,891.11	2,625.60	Keo	1,336.44	1,150.70	Sparkman	3,231.31	Thornton	6,343.92	7,363.30
Clarendon	45,759.68	43,740.89	Kibler	2,960.17	2,208.22	Springdale	2,639,970.40	Tinsman	841.68	976.93
Clarksville	408,531.89	348,810.38	Kingsland	1,975.06	1,383.68	Springtown	83.39	Carroll County	182,956.44	156,575.68
Clinton	95,903.71	75,423.54	Lake City	12,648.14	10,490.85	St. Charles	1,403.34	Beaver	669.78	573.20
Coal Hill	3,978.03	4,254.20	Lake Village	75,107.85	64,677.05	Stamps	12,960.68	Blue Eye	200.93	171.96
Conway	2,804,290.94	2,474,382.36	Lakeview	3,876.88	3,733.97	Star City	72,930.15	Chicot County	140,412.78	111,577.90
Corning	96,334.22	57,885.37	Lamar	24,211.10	24,720.22	Stephens	5,590.76	Dermott	20,315.66	20,315.66
Cotter	13,334.09	11,965.19	Lead Hill	5,841.76	5,476.46	Strong	9,722.19	Eudora	20,079.20	15,955.77
Cotton Plant	2,216.33	1,201.87	Lepanto	28,799.47	26,257.01	Stuttgart	557,436.38	Lake Village	22,787.10	18,107.59
Cove	11,982.44	13,626.42	Leslie	5,809.24	4,144.98	Sulphur Springs	1,934.68	Clark County	430,605.91	405,546.07
Crawfordsville	5,828.06	10,334.41	Lewisville	10,206.66	8,129.43	Summit	4,851.33	Clay County	99,642.60	92,956.67
Crosssett	177,365.40	291,419.83	Lincoln	44,382.67	49,213.00	Sunset	4,420.37	Corning	26,895.78	25,091.09
Damascus	9,733.15	8,346.40	Little Flock	12,880.30	11,252.45	Swiftown	6,366.40	Datto	1,194.66	1,114.50
Danville	44,558.13	34,302.21	Little Rock	7,196,262.12	6,075,096.95	Taylor	8,151.11	Greenway	2,496.84	2,329.30
Dardanelle	155,379.00	133,881.20	Lockesburg	5,372.92	4,668.34	Texarkana	434,830.44	Knobel	3,428.67	3,198.61
Decatur	31,151.85	24,183.96	Lonoke	236,200.78	225,975.45	Texarkana Special	194,334.43	McDougal	2,222.07	2,072.97
Delight	4,866.67	4,371.82	Lowell	614,089.42	304,885.78	Thornton	1,161.22	Nimmons	824.31	769.00
De Queen	123,348.71	109,900.13	Luxora	3,263.38	3,592.68	Tontitown	224,277.05	Peach Orchard	1,612.79	1,504.57
Dermott	29,670.14	29,512.42	Madison	1,752.98	1,265.45	Trumann	159,182.85	Piggott	30,654.98	28,598.05
Des Arc	60,394.35	50,814.90	Magazine	15,556.16	11,356.13	Tuckerman	12,449.98	Polk	2,652.15	2,474.19
DeValls Bluff	12,142.77	11,762.75	Magnolia	501,467.53	468,429.32	Turrell	5,206.08	Rector	15,745.62	14,689.10
DeWitt	210,767.30	160,343.56	Malvern	323,392.51	320,210.61	Tyronza	3,544.34	St. Francis	2,986.65	2,786.25
Diamond City	3,787.49	2,665.26	Mammoth Spring	7,420.43	7,295.31	Van Buren	704,454.37	Success	1,780.05	1,660.62
Diaz	6,089.15	16,538.70	Manila	32,971.06	31,675.95	Vandervoort	488.19	Cleburne County	401,452.43	362,409.11
Dierks	14,760.36	14,330.63	Mansfield	33,109.54	35,149.21	Vilonia	87,825.12	Concord	2,980.39	2,690.54
Dover	20,270.22	24,018.78	Marianna	71,814.93	67,287.27	Viola	7,698.07	Fairfield Bay	2,235.30	2,017.9

Caraway	23,325.57	21,679.73	Cave City	2,383.00	2,086.41	Birdsong	558.56	442.00	Waldron	26,724.25	26,869.73
Cash	6,237.17	5,797.08	Cushman	6,648.87	5,821.34	Blytheville	212,797.64	168,391.21	Searcy County	66,195.27	67,639.92
Egypt	2,042.58	1,898.46	Magness	2,971.40	2,601.57	Burdette	2,602.07	2,059.07	Big Flat	6.47	6.62
Jonesboro	1,226,699.04	1,140,143.39	Moorefield	2,015.25	1,764.43	Dell	3,038.02	2,404.05	Gilbert	181.29	185.25
Lake City	37,970.17	35,291.00	Newark	17,298.83	15,145.79	Dyess	5,585.60	4,420.00	Leslie	2,855.39	2,917.71
Monette	27,374.26	25,424.74	Oil Trough	3,824.57	3,348.56	Etowah	4,781.82	3,783.95	Marshall	8,773.37	8,964.84
Crawford County	751,209.00	701,642.63	Pleasant Plains	5,133.75	4,494.80	Gosnell	48,335.85	38,249.17	Pindall	725.18	741.01
Alma	54,669.52	51,062.31	Southside	57,383.27	50,241.26	Joiner	7,847.08	6,209.56	St. Joe	854.69	873.32
Cedarville	14,063.35	13,135.42	Sulphur Rock	6,707.71	5,872.86	Keiser	10,340.17	8,182.39	Sebastian County	828,578.04	798,421.57
Chester	1,604.07	1,498.23	Izard County	48,804.33	47,444.67	Leachville	27,151.45	21,485.51	Barling	75,728.06	72,971.90
Dyer	8,837.52	8,254.40	Jackson County	287,914.89	274,796.15	Luxora	16,048.38	12,699.41	Bonanza	9,366.24	9,025.35
Kibler	9,695.04	9,055.34	Amagon	1,032.66	985.61	Manila	45,529.43	36,028.39	Central City	8,177.13	7,879.52
Mountainburg	6,365.84	5,945.80	Beedeville	1,127.50	1,076.12	Marie	1,144.37	905.56	Fort Smith	1,404,267.68	1,353,158.69
Mulberry	16,696.45	15,594.78	Campbell Station	2,687.03	2,564.59	Osceola	105,676.78	83,624.24	Greenwood	145,820.09	140,512.90
Rudy	615.40	574.79	Diaz	13,888.24	13,255.43	Victoria	504.07	398.88	Hackett	13,226.76	12,745.36
Van Buren	229,926.72	214,755.68	Grubbs	4,067.42	3,882.09	Wilson	12,301.92	9,734.79	Hartford	10,457.61	10,457.61
Crittenden County	1,351,632.02	1,266,807.49	Jacksonport	2,233.92	2,132.13	Monroe	NA	NA	Huntington	10,343.58	9,967.12
Anthonyville	1,097.30	1,028.43	Newport	83,023.85	79,240.89	Montgomery County	180,122.45	44,359.37	Lavaca	37,285.77	35,928.73
Clarkedale	2,526.55	2,369.87	Swifton	8,408.81	8,025.67	Black Springs	669.52	573.31	Mansfield	11,777.02	11,348.39
Crawfordsville	3,264.63	3,059.75	Tuckerman	19,620.56	18,726.56	Glenwood	284.04	243.22	Midland	5,293.96	5,101.28
Earle	16,452.64	15,420.12	Tupelo	1,896.72	1,810.30	Mount Ida	7,276.86	6,231.16	Sevier County	267,747.89	279,463.94
Edmondson	2,910.22	2,727.59	Weldon	790.30	754.29	Norman	2,556.37	2,189.01	Ben Lomond	1,408.37	1,273.05
Gilmore	1,613.23	1,511.99	Jefferson County	394,358.09	728,875.12	Oden	1,568.99	1,343.53	De Queen	64,046.78	57,893.24
Horseshoe Lake	1,990.13	1,865.23	Alzheimer	9,884.88	10,501.71	Nevada County	131,123.50	103,435.87	Gilham	1,554.06	1,404.75
Jennette	705.40	661.14	Humphrey	3,094.05	3,287.12	Bluff City	1,207.17	952.26	Horatio	10,140.25	9,165.99
Jericho	811.05	760.15	Pine Bluff	493,686.79	523,836.92	Bodcaw	1,343.46	1,059.78	Lockesburg	7,177.82	6,488.19
Marion	84,137.46	78,857.24	Redfield	13,029.16	13,842.20	Cale	769.08	606.68	Sharp County	212,037.39	77,011.23
Sunset	1,214.52	1,138.30	Sherrill	843.83	896.49	Emmet	4,624.22	3,647.79	Ash Flat	9,829.08	9,211.65
Turrell	3,772.39	3,535.64	Wabbaseka	2,561.63	2,721.48	Prescott	32,087.24	25,311.80	Cave City	17,471.70	16,374.17
West Memphis	178,873.04	167,647.47	White Hall	55,512.06	58,976.08	Rosston	2,540.89	2,004.36	Cherokee Village	38,895.08	36,451.80
Cross County	273,209.06	254,838.79	Johnson County	129,850.83	114,786.50	Willsville	1,479.75	1,167.30	Evening Shade	4,332.82	4,060.64
Cherry Valley	7,017.52	6,545.67	Clarksville	95,379.92	84,314.56	Newton County	39,782.64	59,557.88	Hardy	7,321.66	6,861.74
Hickory Ridge	2,932.05	2,734.90	Coal Hill	10,516.93	9,296.83	Jasper	2,478.44	2,383.34	Highland	10,481.01	9,822.62
Parkin	11,911.46	11,110.55	Hartman	5,393.56	4,767.84	Western Grove	2,042.32	1,963.95	Horseshoe Bend	80.24	75.20
Wynne	90,192.95	84,128.48	Knoxville	7,596.72	6,715.40	Ouachita County	570,481.59	558,953.84	Sidney	1,815.37	1,701.33
Dallas County	143,803.71	132,359.40	Lamar	16,679.52	14,744.49	Bearden	8,755.86	8,578.93	Williford	752.23	704.97
Desha County	109,789.43	102,672.90	Lafayette County	84,565.58	74,448.74	Camden	110,427.20	108,195.79	St. Francis County	145,730.16	135,785.48
Arkansas City	4,249.01	3,929.60	Bradley	3,985.45	3,506.66	Chidester	2,619.51	2,566.57	Caldwell	9,588.64	8,934.32
Dumas	54,633.50	51,092.20	Buckner	1,745.22	1,536.44	East Camden	8,438.62	8,268.10	Colt	6,530.64	6,085.00
McGehee	48,979.76	45,804.93	Lewisville	8,123.22	7,151.41	Louann	1,486.50	1,456.46	Forrest City	265,562.32	247,440.26
Mitchellville	4,179.36	3,908.46	Stamps	10,744.24	9,458.87	Stephens	8,076.06	7,912.87	Hughes	24,895.92	23,197.02
Reed	1,996.80	1,867.37	Lawrence County	300,626.67	293,361.02	Perry County	105,906.58	112,135.16	Madison	13,285.90	12,379.26
Tillar	243.80	227.99	Alicia	811.16	791.56	Adona	1,062.05	999.31	Paletine	11,765.52	10,962.64
Watson	2,449.57	2,290.79	Black Rock	4,330.55	4,225.89	Bigelow	1,600.70	1,506.13	Wheatley	6,133.28	5,714.74
Drew County	414,555.23	335,521.28	Hoxie	18,185.70	17,746.19	Casa	868.95	817.61	Widener	4,716.60	4,394.71
Jerome	517.24	418.63	Imboden	4,428.68	4,321.64	Fourche	315.06	296.45	Stone County	91,029.66	85,980.43
Monticello	125,557.89	101,620.58	Lynn	1,883.99	1,836.45	Houston	879.11	827.18	Fifty Six	1,662.42	1,570.21
Tillar	2,705.59	2,189.77	Mintum	713.04	695.80	Perry	1,372.03	1,290.97	Mountain View	26,406.57	24,941.86
Wilmar	6,777.23	5,485.17	Portia	2,858.69	2,789.60	Perryville	7,419.11	6,980.80	Union County	586,046.01	552,234.03
Winchester	2,214.87	1,792.62	Powhatan	471.00	459.61	Phillips County	107,465.56	100,001.56	Calion	17,085.13	16,099.41
Faulkner County	820,557.10	740,460.19	Ravenden	3,074.56	3,000.25	Elaine	1,022.90	11,194.36	El Dorado	727,464.95	685,493.80
Enola	2,498.59	2,254.69	Sedgwick	994.33	970.30	Helena-West Helena	190,625.64	177,385.81	Felsenthal	4,186.41	3,944.87
Holland	4,117.50	3,715.58	Smithville	510.25	497.91	Lake View	8,379.31	7,797.33	Huttig	23,417.09	22,066.05
Mount Vernon	1,071.88	967.25	Strawberry	1,975.57	1,927.82	Lexa	5,409.67	5,033.95	Junction City	20,888.20	19,683.05
Twin Groves	2,476.41	2,234.68	Walnut Ridge	34,919.15	34,075.24	Marvell	22,433.09	20,875.01	Norphlet	26,355.26	24,834.69
Wooster	6,357.35	5,937.55	Lee County	30,685.32	31,413.35	Pike County	186,847.44	151,771.06	Smackover	69,337.54	65,337.10
Franklin County	242,813.98	225,522.88	Aubrey	950.88	973.44	Antoine	1,198.27	973.32	Strong	19,728.19	18,589.97
Altus	7,543.26	7,006.09	Haynes	839.01	858.91	Delight	2,857.40	2,320.99	Van Buren County	306,520.47	254,368.49
Branch	3,652.21	3,392.13	LaGrange	497.81	509.62	Glenwood	22,388.10	18,185.24	Clinton	27,228.13	22,595.48
Charleston	25,097.76	23,310.51	Marianna	23,016.79	23,562.88	Murfreesboro	16,806.44	13,651.41	Damascus	2,616.08	2,170.97
Denning	4,513.57	4,192.15	Moro	1,208.17	1,236.84	Pointsett County	129,182.18	120,061.46	Fairfield Bay	22,550.58	18,713.78
Ozark	36,661.43	34,050.72	Rondo	1,107.48	1,133.77	Fisher	1,932.13	1,795.72	Shirley	3,045.11	2,527.01
Wiederkehr Village	378.16	351.24	Lincoln County	118,151.32	53,620.23	Harrisburg	19,945.16	18,536.96	Washington County	1,557,933.25	1,496,188.51
Fulton County	167,901.23	97,123.37	Gould	4,002.46	4,244.39	Lepanto	16,401.47	15,243.47	Elkins	46,817.78	44,962.28
Ash Flat	421.57	384.25	Grady	2,147.08	2,276.86	Marked Tree	22,232.53	20,662.83	Elm Springs	31,046.84	29,816.37
Cherokee Village	3,277.49	2,987.33	Star City	10,874.05	11,531.34	Trumann	63,214.56	58,751.38	Farmington	105,622.89	101,436.80
Hardy	173.59	158.22	Little River County	202,363.08	212,593.47	Tyronza	6,602.18	6,136.04	Fayetteville	1,300,926.09	1,249,367.18
Horseshoe Bend	70.26	64.04	Ashdown	41,277.09	43,363.85	Waldenburg	528.52	491.21	Goshen	18,935.74	18,185.27
Mammoth Spring	4,037.97	3,680.48	Foreman	8,835.73	9,282.42	Weiner	6,203.63	5,765.62	Greenland	22,878.48	21,971.75
Salem	6,757.50	6,159.24	Ogden	1,573.13	1,652.66	Polk County	265,085.70	245,090.89	Johnson	59,300.16	56,949.95
Viola	1,392.83	1,269.52	Wilton	3,268.61	3,433.85	Cove	9,951.54	7,351.76	Lincoln	39,763.29	38,187.37
Garland County	2,417,536.89	2,021,600.19	Winthrop	1,678.00	1,762.82	Grannis	11,531.80	10,661.98	Prairie Grove	78,253.59	75,152.20
Fountain Lake	8,272.85	6,863.15	Logan County	317,599.34	284,857.88	Hatfield	8,596.82	7,948.38	Springdale	1,134,995.25	1,090,012.58
Hot Springs	267,364.98	205,795.29	Blue Mountain	1,127.21	1,011.00	Mena	119,418.66	110,411.18	Tontitown	43,493.86	41,770.09
Lonsdale	1,546.02	1,282.58	Booneville	36,270.58	32,531.43	Vandervoort	1,810.96	1,674.36	West Fork	40,965.56	39,341.99
Mountain Pine	12,664.20	10,506.23	Caulksville	1,936.25	1,736.64	Wickes	15,694.88	14,511.08	Winslow	6,913.04	6,639.07
Grant County	193,516.26	196,515.19	Magazine	7,699.54	6,905.79	Pope County	386,953.77	360,111.95	White County	1,189,985.50	1,109,492.66
Greene County	563,823.85	509,599.21	Morrison Bluff	581.78	521.81	Atkins	46,472.05	43,248.42	Bald Knob	36,787.05	34,298.70
Delaplaine	1,454.37	1,314.50	Paris	32,107.19	28,797.24	Dover	21,232.92	19,760.05	Beebe	92,888.25	86,605.12
Lafe	5,742.24	5,189.99	Ratcliff	1,836.25	1,646.95	Hector	6,933.83	6,452.85	Bradford	9,638.03	8,986.09
Marmaduke	13,929.32	12,589.69	Scranton	2,036.24	1,826.33	London	16,009.44	14,898.91	Garner	3,606.32	3,362.39
Oak Grove Heights	11,145.96	10,074.02	Subiaco	5,199.69	4,663.65	Pottsville	43,729.33	40,695.96	Georgetown	1,574.59	1,468.08
Paragould	327,395.33	295,908.75	Lonoke County	306,574.57	279,817.07	Russellville	430,205.43	400,363.38	Griffithville	2,857.12	2,663.86
Hempstead County	375,637.06	360,287.75	Allport	1,239.67	1,131.47	Prairie County	70,891.61	58,875.47	Higginson	7,885.66	7,352.26
Blevins	3,507.40	3,364.08	Austin	21,969.02	20,051.59	Biscoe	2,945.87	2,446.55	Judsonia	25,637.92	23,903.72
Emmet	478.79	459.22	Cabot	256,298.06	233,928.65	Des Arc	13,934.05	11,572.23	Kensett	20,926.84	19,511.31
Fulton	2,238.06	2,146.60	Carlisle	23,866.25	21,783.25	Coy	5,023.40	4,171.93	Letona	3,238.07	3,019.04
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## Crossett named Competitive Community by AEDC

Crossett is the latest Arkansas city to be designated a Competitive Community by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC), *Arkansas Money & Politics* has reported. With an estimated population of 4,913, the city is the smallest community to complete the Competitive Communities Initiative (CCI).

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of the Competitive Community Initiative," Mike Smith, executive director of the Crossett Economic Development Foundation, said in a statement. "Like every other community, Crossett has its challenges. But this process has helped our community leaders better identify and understand those challenges so that we can address them and turn them into opportunities. Crossett is a great place to live and work, and now we are more competitive than ever for better jobs and investment."

Crossett is the sixth Arkansas city or town to be named a Competitive Community. It follows Paragould, Newport, Russellville, Jonesboro, and Little Rock. Every Competitive Community is required to be re-evaluated every two years to maintain the designation.

Founded in 2018, the CCI was developed to identify the ways in which Arkansas communities can be more economically competitive. Each community is evaluated to determine how they can improve their economic development structures, funding, workforce, and more. After an assessment of strengths and weaknesses, each community is tasked with developing an action plan for improvement. Once the community reaches the AEDC's required standards, it will be designated as a Competitive Community.

"The great thing about our Competitive Communities Initiative is that all communities can benefit, regardless of location or size," AEDC Executive Director Mike Preston said. "Crossett may be small compared to our other certified communities, but this process has shown that by focusing on its strengths, Crossett is ready to compete for jobs and projects. With the recent announcement of layoffs at Georgia Pacific, they have an unparalleled ready workforce."

## Smackover and Portland receive ANRC loans

Two South Arkansas cities have been approved for loans from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, *MagnoliaReporter.com* reported June 14.

The city of Smackover will get a \$482,932 loan from the Arkansas Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for correcting wastewater discharge violations.

The city of Portland will get a \$1.5 million loan from the same fund to replace the existing mechanical plant with a three-cell oxidation pond.

Loan repayment schedules will not exceed 30 years or the life of the projects. The commission will establish the combined annual borrower rate and additional loan terms and conditions, including the requirement to establish and maintain a depreciation reserve fund.

## Berryville nets \$1.5M federal grant for industrial park

Berryville is getting a \$1.5 million federal grant to help develop a 160-acre industrial park, the U.S. Department of Commerce said in a news release June 21. The funds from the department's Economic Development Administration will pay for the project's infrastructure, including street and drainage improvements and wastewater extensions.

With an additional \$401,100 in local funds, the project is expected to create or retain more than 400 jobs and spur more than \$330 million in private investment, the news release said.

The industrial park will be located in a designated Opportunity Zone created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Opportunity zones are intended to spur economic development by giving tax incentives to investors in economically distressed communities.

Regional planning efforts by the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District made the project possible, according to the release. The Economic Development Administration funds the development district "to bring together the public and private sectors to create an economic development roadmap to strengthen the regional economy, support private capital investment and create jobs."



## Fayetteville mayor receives national recognition for city's solar project

Fayetteville Mayor Lionel Jordan was honored during the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Climate Protection Awards for his role in the city's wastewater solar power and storage project, KFSM reported June 28. He was recognized at this year's U.S. Conference of Mayor's 87th Annual Meeting in Honolulu. The Mayors' Climate Protection Awards Program, an initiative sponsored by The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Walmart, recognizes the nation's mayors for their successful and innovative energy and climate-protection efforts. Fayetteville's Wastewater Solar Power and Storage Project was honored in the small city category (under 100,000 population).

Mayor Jordan was one of the 12 honored during the award luncheon.

"Climate change is affecting cities around the world," Jordan said. "The city of Fayetteville is committed to honoring goals of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Climate Agreement, starting right here in our own community. We want to lead by example for our residents, students, businesses, and utility partners—showing the nation that supporting low-carbon initiatives not only promotes renewable energy and efficiency, it also creates opportunities for good jobs and investments in the Northwest Arkansas region. Fayetteville's Wastewater Solar Power and Storage Project demonstrates our commitment."

The project features 87 acres of sun-tracking solar photovoltaic panels and on-site battery storage. The capacity of the entire system totals 10 megawatts of solar power generation and 24 megawatt-hours of battery storage. The system will produce more than 18 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of clean energy each year and offset 100 percent of the electricity consumed at the wastewater treatment facility properties, which are the city's largest electricity-consuming accounts. On-site batteries allow Ozarks Electric Cooperative to draw from stored solar electricity instead of purchasing it from the grid.

The project will raise clean energy consumption by city facilities from 16 percent to 72 percent and is expected to reduce the city's carbon footprint by 10,245 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent

greenhouse gas emissions annually. The project will save the city approximately \$6 million over 20 years. Fayetteville will see a 3.9-year return on its initial \$717,000 investment of onsite electrical upgrades.

Ozarks Electric will upgrade and maintain existing electricity connections at the sites. TPI will own 99 percent of the solar systems, and Fayetteville will own one percent. Today's Power Inc. (TPI) will own 100 percent of the storage systems and will operate both the storage and the solar array systems.

Construction began in March, and net metering for the project was approved by the Arkansas Public Service Commission on June 21. Power generation and storage is expected to go online in late July. 🏛️



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**FIRE MARSHAL/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**—Tontitown is accepting applications for the position of fire marshal/code enforcement officer. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age and possess HS diploma or equivalent and a valid DL. Applicants should have a clean criminal background free of felony convictions. Preference will be given to candidates who possess FF1 and FF2 certifications as well as Inspection 1 certification, and who are familiar with the International Fire Code and International Building Code. Applications may be found at [www.tontitown.com](http://www.tontitown.com). Please mail applications and resumes along with salary requirements to City of Tontitown, P.O. Box 305, Tontitown, AR 72770; or email [adminasst@tontitownar.gov](mailto:adminasst@tontitownar.gov).

**POLICE CHIEF**—Fort Smith is seeking a new police chief. Fort Smith is located on the Arkansas River at the Arkansas-Oklahoma border, "where the New South meets the Old West." Fort Smith is the second largest city in the state with a population of just over 89,000. The city employs over 1,000 staff members and has an FY2019 operating budget of \$131 million. The Fort Smith Police Department is made up of 164 sworn officers and 54 non-sworn staff members. The department is organized into three divisions: the Administrative Services Division, the Patrol Division, and the Criminal Investigations Division. Each division is led by a deputy chief who reports to the police chief. The police chief functions with wide latitude under the administrative direction of the city administrator. The chosen candidate will hold a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or related area with at least 15 years of experience in law enforcement and seven years of supervisory and command experience. Graduation from the FBI National Academy is preferred. The city of Fort Smith is looking for qualified candidates who have continued their educational training with an emphasis on leadership. The salary for this position is up to \$111,904, depending on qualifications and experience, plus a \$450/month car allowance. View complete position profile and apply online at: <http://bit.ly/SGRCurrentSearches>. For more information contact: Gary Holland, senior vice president, Strategic Government Resources, [GaryHolland@GovernmentResource.com](mailto:GaryHolland@GovernmentResource.com).

**POLICE CHIEF**—Hackett is accepting applications for the position of police chief. Must have a minimum of three years' experience in law enforcement and proficient in computer skills. Resumes and qualifications may be mailed to City of Hackett, P.O. Box 209 Hackett, AR 72937; or email [hackettcityoffice@centurytel.net](mailto:hackettcityoffice@centurytel.net).

**POLICE CHIEF**—Tontitown is accepting applications for the position of police chief. Resumes and qualifications may be mailed to City of Tontitown, P.O. Box 305, Tontitown, AR 72770.

**POLICE OFFICER**—The Osceola Police Department is soliciting highly motivated individuals for the full-time position of police officer. Arkansas certified officers are preferred, however non-certified applicants will be considered. Those selected to fill open positions will be enforcing local, state, and federal laws, as well as investigating crimes, enforcing traffic regulations, investigating traffic collisions, and assisting the public. Pay starts at \$19.43 per hour, DOQ. Includes generous benefits package, paid holidays, sick, and vacation time. Qualified applicants must have above-average written and verbal skills. Requirements: Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, 21 years of age or older at the time of application, and have a HS diploma or equivalent, college preferred. Applicants must have a clean criminal record, verified by a background investigation and possess a valid DL. Applicants must pass a general physical examination with drug test, a psychological examination and have vision correctable to 20/20. Work schedule requires weekend, holiday, rotating shift work, overtime, and court appearances. If hired, applicant must live within the Osceola city limits. EOE.

**POLICE OFFICER**—City of Rison is accepting resumes for a full-time, preferred certified police officer. Will consider non-certified on individual basis. Resumes may be mailed to Mayor Vernon Dollar, P.O. Box 405, Rison, AR 71665; or email [judgevern2003@yahoo.com](mailto:judgevern2003@yahoo.com).

**SANITATION DIRECTOR**—North Little Rock seeks a sanitation director. General responsibilities: Directs the activities and employees of the Sanitation Department by performing the following duties personally or through subordinate managers. Minimum requirements: Bachelor's degree in a related field from an accredited college or university and two years' experience managing a solid waste or sanitation facility; or HS diploma or equivalent and six years progressively responsible experience with solid waste or sanitation management; or equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the necessary skills, knowledge, and abilities. A Class D driver's license and good driving record are required and must be maintained throughout employment. Salary: \$65,159.96- \$77,000. Closing date: Open until filled. Applications must be completed and returned by the closing date. Only online applications are accepted at [www.nlr.ar.gov/jobs](http://www.nlr.ar.gov/jobs). EOE.

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