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Winter Conference tackles issues
Arkansas may be between legislative sessions, but there is no shortage of hot button topics to hash out. The new streamline sales tax, proposed lottery, severance tax initiative and the continued struggle with rural water districts were among the many issues local, state and national leaders took on at the League’s January Winter Conference.

Agencies have much to offer
From employee training, to grant writing workshops, to surplus federal property available for pennies on the dollar, state agencies are there to help cities and towns grow and prosper.

Woodruff award debuts
The Arkansas chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators has unveiled the John K. Woodruff Award, in honor of the late League communications coordinator. The organization also has named North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays its Communicator of the Year.

Election season approaches
For many municipal positions across the state, 2008 is an election year. Act 1049 of 2007 changed the filing period for municipal elections. Mark the new dates and read the breakdown of Arkansas statutes governing local elections inside.

Correction
The Rev. Steve Copley of the Benefit Bank of Arkansas was mistakenly listed on page 10 of January’s City & Town as Rev. Steve Copley, Esquire.
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League Winter Conference looks at challenges ahead

At this time last year, the League was busy working with state legislators to promote issues of concern to cities and towns during the 86th Arkansas General Assembly. That program was largely successful, and those changes and other issues affecting municipalities during this non-legislative year dominated discussion during the League’s Winter Conference, held Jan. 9-11 at the Statehouse Convention Center and Peabody Hotel in Little Rock.

Gov. Mike Beebe, speaking at the Volunteer Community of the Year Luncheon, Thursday, Jan. 10, again thanked state representatives and senators for a great job accomplished in record time during 2007’s productive and relatively short legislative session. He thanked also the League and the Association of Arkansas Counties for working with him and the legislature for the good of the people.

With the 87th General Assembly less than a year away, it’s not a time to relax, however. It’s time for input and collaboration to prepare for “the next battle,” Beebe said. He urged city leaders not to burn bridges on issues where there is disagreement, but to give and take input.

“Do what you did before the last assembly with me: collaborate.”

Through collaboration with state leaders, he reminded municipal leaders, cities saw the first increase in state turnback in 25 years.

Beebe pledged also to continue hacking away at the state sales tax on food, which was lowered by half to 3 percent. The League initially was apprehensive about lowering the tax, fearing it would adversely affect cities but ultimately went along with the Governor. We can get there, Beebe said, with “a magic word: trust.”

The Governor repeated what has become his mantra: “to leave this place better than we found it.”

“What other reason to be an elected official?” he asked.

AG reflects on first year, looks forward to second

Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, speaking at the Conference’s general session, echoed Gov. Beebe’s sentiments when it came to making a lasting difference in the state.

“Why else are we here?”

McDaniel, who is entering his second year as the state’s chief law enforcement officer, said his greatest victory came in his first six months in office with the settlement of the Lake View case, ending nearly 20 years of court battles over equitable public school funding in the state. It was a huge win, McDaniel said, and when it was over he danced in his office.

“It’s amazing what you can get done if you don’t care who gets the credit.”

The Attorney General’s Office has several initiatives in the works to further protect Arkansas consumers, McDaniel said, including a lawsuit against Ferrellgas, which has consolidated old contracts and takes advantage of consumers, especially seniors in rural areas; a crackdown on unscrupulous online pharmacies sending prescription medicines through the mail; and working to avoid future housing and foreclosure crises.

Streamline sales tax and lottery proposal stir emotions

Representatives from the state Department of Finance and Administration have attended several League meetings and seminars over the past year to explain the switch to the streamline sales tax. City officials present during those presentations tended to not ask too many questions, perhaps because they weren’t sure exactly what to ask about the somewhat complicated new system (see “Streamline sales tax takes off,” December 2007 City & Town).

City and town leaders weren’t so silent this time around as DFA Excise Tax Administrator Tom Atchley covered the ins and outs of the new system, which went into effect Jan. 1.

Arkansas is now one of 19 states that have
entered a compact to administer the streamline tax as a way to “even the playing field” by making it easier to collect sales and use tax on goods and services, especially those provided by out-of-state sellers and Internet sales. The biggest change municipalities will experience with the streamline sales tax is a shift to destination-based taxing of goods and taxable services on deliveries. They have until now been taxed at the point of sale.

Some believe the new system doesn’t bode well for local sales tax collection, however. “It’s insane; it’s ludicrous,” said Bethel Heights Mayor Fred Jack during the question and answer period following Atchley’s presentation. Judging by the applause, many city leaders present agreed with his blunt assessment.

Businesses in his community that deliver goods and services almost exclusively as opposed to selling on-site are “now essentially parasites,” Jack said. They use city infrastructure and services but the city now will lose much of their local sales tax. Why continue to court these businesses, Jack asked?

Nashville Mayor Mike Reese wondered how accountability for the new tax system will be established and who will be responsible for delivering taxes collected to the cities and towns.

Atchley admitted that there were issues that needed further work and that the DFA is committed to working with cities and towns. Not all city leaders were so averse to the streamline tax. “It’s a good thing for us,” Elkins Mayor Jack Ladyman said. With few delivery businesses in town and most of the small city’s residents doing their shopping in nearby Fayetteville, Elkins stands to benefit from point-of-delivery taxes, he said.

League Executive Director Don Zimmerman weighed in on the subject later during the general session. “There are going to be winners, and there are going to be losers,” Zimmerman said of the new system. The first sales tax receipts affected by the streamline tax will come at the end of March, Zimmerman said, and cities and towns at that time can make a comparison.

Lt. Gov. Bill Halter defended his intention to bring a proposed state lottery before Arkansas voters this year. Proceeds from the lottery, which has twice before appeared on the ballot and failed, would go exclusively toward higher education, Halter said.

Economic development is statistically tied to higher education, Halter explained, and Arkansas has traditionally been at the bottom of the nation in areas related to higher education. The state ranks 48th in citizens with college degrees and 50th in citizens with master’s degrees, Halter said.

Several states surrounding Arkansas, including Louisiana, Texas and Missouri, already have lotteries benefiting their public education systems. Rather than Arkansans crossing state lines to play the lottery, it’s time for voters to decide to spend that money here, Halter said.

The lottery is a controversial subject, he admitted, “But I don’t think we should shy away from that.” “What this is really about is hope; what this is really about is education.”

Though Halter did find some support in the room, not everyone was convinced that lotteries are simply about hope and education.

Gentry Councilmember Clara Garrett, playing devil’s advocate, asked Halter about lotteries’ negative side, especially the perceived tendency of low-income families to waste money chasing the “golden carrot” dangling in front of them.
Halter cited a Gallup poll that found low-income families less likely to spend money on the lottery than those with middle and upper-middle incomes. Voters should learn the facts and separate fact from myth, Halter said.

“How can you base hope on something that is unsure like a lottery?” Green Forest Councilmember Willia Kerby asked Halter. Education takes hard work and perseverance, she said, while a lottery teaches you that you get something for nothing. She asked Halter if his mother had ever asked him if he would jump in front of a train just because everyone else was doing it.

“Just because 42 other states have the lottery doesn’t mean it’s the best for Arkansas,” Kerby said.

“Yes, my mother told me just because everyone else is doing it doesn’t make it right,” Halter responded. She also taught him to learn from others’ experiences and be enlightened, he said. Halter encouraged city leaders to visit the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries Web site, www.naspl.org, and www.hopeforarkansas.org, a site promoting an Arkansas lottery, to learn the facts and make informed decisions.

Halter and lottery supporters have until July 7 to gather the nearly 78,000 signatures necessary to put the proposal on the ballot in November.

State Rep. Eric Harris, District 94, discussed during the session Referred Amendment No. 2, which proposes 30-day legislative sessions in even-numbered years to supplement the biennial regular sessions. The proposed even-year sessions would be dedicated strictly to state fiscal matters.

With the legislature meeting every two years, state lawmakers are forced to be reactionary in fiscal matters, Harris said. They must try to project what will happen 30 months down the road.

Speaking as a private business owner with 35 employees, Harris said, “I’d be in dire straits without regular budget checkups.” Holding a separate session to deal with the state’s budget makes common sense, he argued.

Sen. Bill Pritchard, District 35, agreed with Harris on annual sessions. Holding even-year fiscal legislative sessions will help the state handle economic swings, he said.

The amendment also includes measures making it more difficult to extend the regular legislative sessions. Doing so would force the assembly to “get to work on the first day,” Pritchard said.

Randall Young, director of the state Natural Resources Commission (NRC), discussed the general obligation water bond program, also on the November ballot. The bond program offers competitive rates on loans to municipal and rural water services. The bond program has been very successful over the years, Young said. This will be the fourth time it has been on the ballot.

Currently there are 176 water projects under construction across the state, Young said, at a cost of $443 million. An additional $400 million is needed for other projects, he said.

Paragould Mayor and League President Mike Gaskill, expressing a major concern of the League, asked Young if the NRC requires rural water districts to have fire protection. No, Young replied, but the NRC is willing to talk about the possibility.

League staff ponders severance tax, rural water, other issues facing cities in ’08

The League supports Gov. Beebe in his efforts to increase the state’s severance tax on natural gas, which at a mere three-tenths of one cent, lags far behind other states. If Arkansas were to raise its severance tax to five percent of market value, the state stands to bring in an estimated $15 billion over the 30-year life of the shale deposits, the Governor believes.

Money from a higher tax would be dedicated to street and highway funding, Beebe has said. By supporting the raise, League Executive Director Zimmerman said, cities put themselves in a position to benefit locally from increased street funds.

The state legislature has not been receptive to raising the severance tax. Minus their support, Beebe intends to bring the issue before the people in an initiated act.

Rural water issues continue to dog cities across the state, League planning consultant Jim vonTungeln told conferees. Though he’s not opposed to rural water districts, which serve a purpose, he said, they have now spread “like tentacles,” hampering cities’ ability to grow, especially in their five-mile planning zones.

By filing a city plan—including the planning zone—with the state water plan, cities can fare much better when clashes with rural water systems arise, vonTungeln said.

The state fire code is also a great ally in fighting rural water system encroachment, vonTungeln said. Two-inch pipes that don’t provide fire protection
often supply rural water. With a vote on water bonds approaching, cities are in a great position to negotiate, vonTungeln said, and NRC Director Randy Young says he is ready to talk.

Zimmerman added that the November 2008 General Election would be the best time for annexation voting and just in time for the decennial census of 2010.

During the 2007 legislative session, a bill establishing a statewide trauma system flew through the House and slowed down in the Senate before stalling, which was a good thing for cities, explained League legislative liaison Jimmy Wallace. The proposed funding source was a mandated increase in traffic tickets, which the League opposed.

Estimates on the amount it would take to run a statewide trauma system were also low, Wallace said. It would take $100 million or more as opposed to the proposed $15 million, he said. Either way, a new source of funding is needed.

“We’ll support it,” Wallace said, “but not on the backs of cities.”

League General Counsel Mark Hayes discussed the ongoing issue between cities and counties over who is responsible for paying for municipal prisoners in county jails.

“So I guess some of y’all are still arresting people, and some of them are still going to jail,” Hayes said. “Someone’s gotta pay for it.”

Part of the controversy stems from the definition of a municipal prisoner, Hayes said. An Attorney General opinion describes a municipal prisoner as 1) one arrested but not yet sentenced for a municipal ordinance violation or state misdemeanor, or 2) one sentenced to jail for a municipal ordinance violation.

“I believe the statute is even more narrow than that,” Hayes said. Simply stated, a municipal prisoner is someone convicted of a municipal ordinance violation, he said.

Cities can make agreements with counties, Hayes said, but to avoid future conflict, they should do so in writing, making it clear for both sides what the charges are and who is responsible.

Agencies offer cities and towns variety of services, funding opportunities

By Andrew Morgan, League Staff

State and federal agencies shared information with municipal officials about state and federal funding sources and assistance programs available to cities and towns.

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) through its technology transfer program offers free training for cities and towns in areas such as infrastructure management, street/bridge maintenance and employee development—all at zero cost to cities. And AHTD will “train to meet the need,” said Staff Research Engineer Mark Bradley. www.arkansashighways.com

The Arkansas Forestry Commission offers several programs to cities and towns, said the Commission’s Patti Erwin. Its federal excess fire equipment program helps communities receive much-needed firefighting equipment (FireWise.org). Its urban forestry program offers grant money for, among other things, hiring an arborist, employee training and tree management. The Commission also continues to partner with the Arbor Day Foundation to promote the Tree City USA program, which recognizes the urban forests improving quality of life across the state. www.forestry.state.ar.us
In addition to providing 500 inmates a day with work skills and experience and reducing the recidivism rates, **Arkansas Correctional Industries** also works with cities to furnish the products they need, said Sales Manager Steve Edwards. Office furniture fabrication and refurbishing, regulatory and street signage fabrication, printing and garment making are among ACI’s many offerings. New products and services offered include foam hand cleaner and print shop services, all at competitive prices, Edwards said. [www.acicatalog.com](http://www.acicatalog.com)

Butch Calhoun of the **Department of Rural Services** (DRS) had some exciting news for municipalities across the state: The population limit for cities and towns the DRS can assist has been raised from 3,000 to 20,000. Calhoun said, “This means more help in more places.” The DRS mission is to enhance life in rural Arkansas, especially for those with low to moderate incomes. They offer grant money and grant matching for community development projects such as enhanced fire protection. [www.arkansas.gov/drs](http://www.arkansas.gov/drs)

The **Arkansas Department of Aeronautics** is a “small agency with a big job,” the agency’s Richard Mills said. The agency keeps the 91 airports in the state safe and provides aeronautical maps and airport directories. The agency also administers a grant program for fuel systems, hangars and economic development. Airports bring money into Arkansas, Mills said. In Paragould for example, he said, the airport has had a benefit to the city of almost $3 million, just by being there. [richard.mills@mail.state.ar.us](mailto:richard.mills@mail.state.ar.us)

If anyone needs a trailer, “there are a few left,” joked James Smith of **Federal Surplus Property** about the infamous FEMA trailers used during hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. If you can imagine it, Smith said, they probably have it or can get it for your city. At any given time, they have about $8 million of equipment and products available for a handling charge. Inquire too about their law enforcement support program. They’ll even work out a payment plan that will fit your budget, interest-free. [jim.smith@ark.gov](mailto:jim.smith@ark.gov)

Tourists spent more than $5 billion in Arkansas last year, said Donna Perrin of the **Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism**. Tourism is big business, and the agency is there to help cities and towns take advantage. [www.arkansas.com](http://www.arkansas.com)

The **Grant Book Company** works with federal and state agencies to compile its handy and exhaustive reference to the many grants and gifts available to cities and towns. CEO Kevin Smith compares the resource to a matchmaking service linking communities with money. “It’s a way to make your passion a reality,” Smith said. The company is also a League partner with services available to League members. [www.thegrantbook.com](http://www.thegrantbook.com)

**Legacy Consulting**, led by former DeQueen Mayor Chad Gallagher, is the League’s newest partner. A supplement to the services of the Grant Book Company, Legacy helps cities and towns take advantage of grant money for community development. “The money’s out there, and someone’s going to get it,” Gallagher said. “It might as well be your city.” [www.legacyincorporated.com](http://www.legacyincorporated.com)
Pryor addresses Conference
“With awesome military might comes great responsibility,” U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor, who has made U.S. troops and their families a top priority, told conferees Jan. 9 at the Winter Conference opening night banquet. He’s always surprised, he said, when he hears fellow Congressmen say their constituents don’t like the military.

“In Arkansas, that’s just not the case,” Pryor said. “People here value the military.”

Pryor has helped secure Earned Income Tax Credits on combat pay for soldiers, gotten troops five additional days of rest on leave and is working to make sure troops aren’t sent into battle without proper training and equipment.

“I try to do the right thing, even though sometimes it’s expensive.”

Immigration is another issue of national concern that strongly affects Arkansas. It’s important, Pryor said, to come to terms with the reality of the immigrant situation. His two main objectives are to secure the nation’s borders and to enforce the laws already on the books. Increased trucking security is also a priority, he said.

Congress is still hashing out the details of the new Farm Bill, and “there may be some help on the way,” Pryor said, especially if funding for the Rural Renaissance Act stays in the bill. The Act provides a way to get development capital into rural areas.

Reducing the national debt and promoting fiscal conservatism is another of Pryor’s goals, he said.

Pryor encouraged municipal leaders to call his office if he could help with local issues on a federal level.

“We can’t govern without you.”

Snyder gives D.C. Update
“There are no January doldrums this year,” U.S. Rep. Vic Snyder said in his update on goings-on in the nation’s capital. National security, economic recovery, healthcare and education are all issues that “relate to our ability to compete” and top the agenda in Washington, Snyder said.

Energy, too, is a great concern. “It’s bigger than just the cost of a tank of gas.” Energy sources, environmental concerns, trade relations and world population are just a few of the facets of the issue.

Snyder addressed also the current wave of public dissatisfaction with “the process” of government. Democracy was never meant to be as efficient as a dictatorship, Snyder said.

“Democracy is a nasty business. It’s our substitute for shooting each other.”

Snyder encouraged openness and bipartisan cooperation to combat the dissatisfaction.

Critcher tells municipal leaders: "Your state needs you"
Arkansas Sen. Jack Critcher, who was the League’s 2007 Person of the Year for his role in helping secure increased state Turnback funds for cities and towns, encouraged city officials to continue their public service by running for state office.

Critcher, who is a former mayor, recalled his first day on the job in the city of Grubbs. It was Jan. 1, 1991, and he spent his first day in office floating through his flooded downtown in a boat. The city was broke, so Critcher immediately eliminated the $50 per month mayor’s salary and the $25 per month councilmembers’ salaries and went to work securing funds for a levee to protect the city from future floods.

City leaders, he said, bring a unique and valuable perspective to the legislature.

“You almost have an obligation to step up to the next level, because your state needs you.”

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By Andrew Morgan, League Staff

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- Best interior design project and best facade renovation over $10,000—Garrett Building, Main Street El Dorado
- Best window displays—Co-winners Hoffman Architectural of Main Street Searcy and Flowers by William of Dumas
- Best new exterior signage—Daisy BB gun sign, Main Street Rogers
- Best special event—Downtown Texarkana’s Blues & BBQ, Main Street Texarkana
- Best promotional publication—“Showdown at Sunset” trading card set, Main Street El Dorado
- Best heritage promotion program—Main Street Searcy’s historic photograph traveling exhibit
- Best new downtown business—Co-winners Elm Street Baker of Main Street El Dorado and Cotton & Kudzu Mall, Main Street Helena
- Best upper floor development—Larry and Joy Pennington residence, Main Street Argenta
- Outstanding Main Street merchant—Mary Gay Shipley of That Bookstore, Blytheville
- Best business commitment to downtown—Co-winners Beth Guest of Rogers and Rivertowne BBQ in Ozark
- The Royce Bolding Volunteer of the Year—Ron Bird, Main Street Rogers
- The Judy Thacker Board Member of the Year—Ed McClure, Main Street Rogers
- The Spirit of Main Street award—Ed Holler, Main Street Batesville
- Executive Director of the Year—Michael Drake, Main Street Argenta

The Department of Human Services Division of Volunteerism presented the 2007 Volunteer Communities of the Year Jan. 10 during the Winter Conference awards luncheon. The winning cities and towns are Fort Smith, Mountain Home, Van Buren, Caraway, Piggott, Heber Springs, El Dorado, Texarkana, Dumas, Maumelle and North Little Rock.

Michael Drake of Main Street Argenta, second from right, accepts the Executive Director of the Year award with, from left, State Historic Preservation Officer Cathie Matthews, Main Street Arkansas Director Cary Tyson, and, at right, U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor.

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Conference snapshots

Patti Erwin, left, and John Slater man the Arkansas Forestry Commission booth in the Statehouse Convention Center’s exhibit hall. They were among 28 agencies and business exhibiting at this year’s Winter Conference.

Lake City Mayor Billy Anderson voices his opinion during a Q&A session. Addressing Lt. Gov. Bill Halter’s proposed lottery, Anderson said he believes lotteries hurt families and children. People sometimes can’t pay their water bills in his town after wasting money on the lottery, Anderson said.

Clerk/Treasurer Phyllis Endrihs of Cherokee Village, left, and the League’s Pat Planek share a laugh at the Municipal Health Benefit Fund table at the League services area of the Winter Conference exhibit hall.

Fresh popcorn was a popular between-session and between-meal snack for conferees.

The League’s Chris Hartley, left, snaps a shot of Mayor Kenneth Jones of Brookland for his photo ID.

League President Mike Gaskill, mayor of Paragould, left, and League Vice President JoAnne Bush, mayor of Lake Village, find time to discuss the issues between general sessions.
The Arkansas Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC/Arkansas) posthumously recognized veteran journalist and former League Communications Coordinator John Woodruff as the first recipient of a new award established in his honor at the IABC/Arkansas Bronze Quill Awards ceremony, held Oct. 30, 2007, at the Governor’s mansion in Little Rock, the organization has announced.

The John K. Woodruff Award honors lifetime achievement in Arkansas professional communications.

“In establishing our group’s lifetime achievement award, we could not have selected a more appropriate or deserving recipient and namesake than John Woodruff,” said Ron Standridge, IABC/Arkansas immediate past president and public relations coordinator for the Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute.

“Over the years, John’s contributions in promoting and advancing our organization were immeasurable, as was his impact on the Arkansas communications industry as a whole,” Standridge said. “His friends and colleagues at IABC/Arkansas are pleased to be able to honor and remember him in this way.”

Woodruff joined the League staff in 1991 after working more than 20 years as a reporter for the Arkansas Gazette. He died March 27, 2007, after a long battle with cancer.

IABC/Arkansas at the same ceremony named North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays their 2007 Communicator of the Year for his ability to communicate and implement his vision for the recent and continuing growth of North Little Rock.

“By effectively communicating his hopes, his vision and his plans for the city, Mayor Hays has helped to bring North Little Rock out of the shadows of the capital city to stand on its own as a primary example of an Arkansas city ripe and ready for growth,” Standridge said.
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- **Primary election:** From 12 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2008, until 12 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2008. ACA 7-7-203(c)(1).

- **General election:** From Aug. 6, 2008, until 12 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008 (Independents). ACA 14-42-206(b)(1); ACA 7-6-102(a)(3).

- **OR, by city ordinance:** From April 30, 2008, until 12 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2008. ACA 14-42-206(e).

- **Preferential primary election:** Tuesday, May 20, 2008. ACA 7-7-203(b).

- **General primary election runoff:** Tuesday, June 11, 2008. ACA 7-7-203(a).

- **General election:** Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008. ACA 7-5-102.

- **General election runoff:** Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008. ACA 7-5-106.

- **Political Practice Pledge**
  For Candidates in Preferential Primary Election: 12 p.m., March 10, 2008. ACA 7-6-102.
  For independent candidates: At time of filing petition for nomination. ACA 7-6-102.

- **Financial Disclosure Statement**
  For candidates in preferential primary election: March 17, 2008.
  For independent candidates: First Monday following close of filing period (unless as an incumbent you filed on or before Jan. 31, 2008). ACA 21-8-702(c).

- **Officials elected take office:** Jan. 1, 2009.

These dates may be confirmed with the Secretary of State’s office online at www.sosweb.state.ar.us.

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**Mayor-council form of government**

- **Important statutes**
  14-42-206. Municipal elections—nominating petitions
  (a)(1) The city or town council of any city or town with the mayor-council form of government, by resolution passed before Jan. 1 of the year of the election, may request the county party committees of recognized political parties under the laws of the state to conduct party primaries for municipal offices for the forthcoming year.

  (2) The resolution shall remain in effect for the subsequent elections unless revoked by the city or town council.

  (3) When the resolution has been adopted, the clerk or recorder shall mail a certified copy of the resolution to the chairs of the county party committees and to the chairs of the state party committees.

  (4) Candidates nominated for municipal office by political primaries under this section shall be certified by the county party committees to the county board of election commissioners and shall be placed on the ballot at the general election.

  (b)(1) Any person desiring to become an independent candidate for municipal office in cities and towns with the mayor-council form of government shall file not more than 90 nor less than 70 days prior to the general elec-
tion by 12 12 p.m. with the county clerk the petition of nomination in substantially the following forms:

(A) For all candidates except aldermen in cities of the first class and cities of the second class:

Petition of nomination
We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city (town) of __________, Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of __________ be placed on the ballot for the office of __________, at the next election of municipal officials in 20__.

Printed Signature Street Address Date of Birth Signing

(B) For candidates for alderman elected by ward in cities of the first class and cities of the second class, the nominating petitions shall be signed only by qualified electors of the ward in the following manner:

Petition of nomination
We, the undersigned qualified electors of Ward __________ of the city of __________, Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of __________ be placed on the ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward __________, position __________, of the next election of municipal officials in 20__.

Printed Signature Street Address Date of Birth Signing

(C) For at-large candidates for alderman of a ward in cities of the first class and cities of the second class, the nominating petitions shall be signed by any qualified elector of the city in the following manner:

Petition of nomination
We, the undersigned qualified electors of the city of __________, Arkansas, being in number not less than ten (10) for incorporated towns and cities of the second (2nd) class, and not less than thirty (30) for cities of the first (1st) class, do hereby petition that the name of __________ be placed on the ballot for the office of Alderman, Ward __________, position __________, of the next election of municipal officials in 20__.

Printed Signature Street Address Date of Birth Signing

(2) The county clerk shall determine whether the petition contains a sufficient number of qualified electors.

(3) Independent candidates for municipal office shall file a political practices pledge [available from the Secretary of State's office, Elections Division] at the time of filing their petitions.

(c)(1)(A) If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the general election, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the office to be filled shall be the nominees for the respective offices, to be voted upon in a runoff election pursuant to § 7-5-106.

(B) In any case, except for the office of mayor, in which only one candidate has filed and qualified for the office, the candidate shall be declared elected and the name of the person shall be certified as elected without the necessity of putting the person’s name on the general election ballot for the office.

(2) If the office of mayor is unopposed, then the candidate for mayor shall be printed on the general election ballot and the votes for mayor shall be tabulated as in all contested races.

(d)(1)(A) The governing body of any city of the first class, city of the second class or incorporated town may enact an ordinance requiring independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination as independent candidates with the county clerk:

(i) No earlier than 20 days prior to the preferential primary election; and

(ii) No later than 12 12 p.m. on the day before the preferential primary election.

(B) The governing body may establish this filing deadline for municipal offices even if the municipal offices are all independent or otherwise nonpartisan.

(2)(A) The ordinance shall be enacted no later than ninety 90 days prior to the filing deadline.

(B) The ordinance shall be published at least one time a week for two consecutive weeks immediately following adoption of the ordinance in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city.

(e) Nothing in this section shall repeal any law pertaining to the city administrator form of government or the city manager form of government.

(f) This section does not apply in any respect to the election of district judges.


7-5-106. Runoff elections for county and municipal officers

(a) Whenever there are more than two candidates for election to any county elected office, including the office of justice of the peace, or for any municipal office at any general election held in this state and no candidate for the municipal or county office receives a majority of the votes cast for the office, there shall be a runoff general election held in that county or municipality three weeks following the date of the general election at which the names of the two can-
candidates receiving the highest number of votes, but not a majority, shall be placed on the ballot to be voted upon by the qualified electors of the county or the municipality, as the case may be.

(b) In the event that two candidates receive the highest number of votes and receive the same number of votes, a tie shall be deemed to exist and the names of the two candidates shall be placed on the runoff general election ballot to be voted upon by the qualified electors of the county or the municipality, as the case may be.

(c)(1) If there is one candidate who receives the highest number of votes, but not a majority of the votes, and two other candidates receive the same number of votes for the next highest number of votes cast, a tie shall be deemed to exist between the two candidates.

(2) The county board of election commissioners shall determine the runoff candidate by lot at a public meeting and in the presence of the two candidates.

(d) If one of the two candidates who received the highest number of votes for an office but not a majority in the general election withdraws prior to certification of the result of the general election, the remaining candidate who received the most votes at the general election shall be declared elected to the office and there shall be no general election runoff.

(e)(1) The person receiving the majority of the votes cast for the office at the runoff general election shall be declared elected.

(2) However, in the event that the two candidates seeking election to the same county or municipal office shall receive the same number of votes in the runoff election, a tie shall be deemed to exist, and the county board shall determine the winner by lot at an open public meeting and in the presence of the two candidates.

(f)(1) For the purposes of this section, the term “municipal officers” shall include officers of cities of the first class and cities of the second class and incorporated towns and shall include aldermen, members of boards of managers or other elective municipal offices elected by the voters of the entire municipality or from wards or districts within a municipality.

(2) The term “municipal officers” shall not include officers of cities having a city manager form of government.

(3) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to election of members of the boards of directors and other officials of cities having a city manager form of government.

(g) The provisions of this section are intended to be in addition to and supplemental to the laws of this state pertaining to the election of county and municipal officers at general elections.


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**• Officials to be elected in 2008, officials not to be elected and other pertinent information**

**The following offices will be elected in 2008:**

**Incorporated Towns**

**City attorney**—for a four-year term if the office was converted from an appointed to an elected position after the 2006 elections. *ACA 14-42-112(e).*

**Aldermen**—five elected for two-year terms if there has been no approval of a four-year election procedure. Aldermen run by position Nos. one, two, three, four or five. *ACA 7-7-304(d).* Voted on by all electors of the town. *ACA 14-45-102.* If the voters have approved a four-year election cycle then initially, positions one, three and five shall have four-year terms with alderman representing positions numbered two and four to have two-year terms and thereafter four-year terms.

**Marshal** (if elected)—two-year term. Council may provide by ordinance for appointment or election of city marshal or may create police department. *ACA 14-45-109; 14-52-102 and 14-52-103.*

**Cities of the Second Class**

Each ward shall have at least one voting precinct; provided, however, cities electing their aldermen city-wide may have only one voting precinct. *ACA 14-44-103(b)(1)(C) and (d), 14-43-307(a)(2)(B)(ii).*

**Recorder**—elected for four-year term. *A.C.A. 14-44-115.*

**Treasurer**—if separate from recorder, elected for four-year term. *ACA 14-44-109 (this became a four-year term starting with the 2004 election—see ACA14-44-115).*

**Aldermen**—two from each ward elected for two-year term, must reside in ward. File by position number one or two, and elected city-wide unless otherwise provided by ordinance. *ACA 14-44-103(b)(1)(A) and (B) and (c)(1)(A) and (B).* Note: Aldermen may, by ordinance referred to the voters, be elected to four-year staggered terms. *ACA 14-44-103(a)(4, 5, 6 and 7).* Some alderman will initially be elected to two-year terms in order to create the staggered terms.

**City attorney**—for a four-year term if the office was converted from an appointed to an elected position after the 2006 elections. *ACA 14-42-112(e).*

**Marshal** (if elected)—two-year term. Council may provide by ordinance for appointment or election of city marshal or may create police department. *ACA 14-44-111, 14-52-102 and 14-52-103.*

**Collector** (optional)—two-year term. *ACA 14-44-117.*

**Cities of the First Class**

**with less than 50,000 population**

**Aldermen**—two from each ward elected for two-year term; must reside in ward; file by position No. one or No. two and elected city-wide unless otherwise provided by ordinance. *ACA 14-43-312, 14-43-307.* However, any first class
city may, by ordinance referred to the voters, elect its aldermen to four-year staggered terms as provided in ACA 14-43-312. Note that this will mean some alderman will initially be elected to two-year terms in order to create the staggered terms.

Cities of the First Class
with over 50,000 population

Mayor—elected to a four-year term. ACA 14-43-303(a)(1)(A)(i).
City clerk, clerk/treasurer—elected to a four-year term. ACA 14-43-303(a)(1)(A)(ii) and 14-44-405.
Aldermen—one from each ward for four-year term, must reside in the ward, elected citywide unless city council passes ordinance to provide otherwise. ACA 14-43-303(a)(1)(A)(iii) and 14-43-307.

District courts elections

District judge—beginning in 2004, all district judges were elected to four-year terms. ACA 80 secs. 16, 19.

Election of aldermen

Aldermen in cities of the first and second class are elected citywide if the city council has not adopted one of the following two options:
Option 1—All the aldermen can be elected by wards.
Option 2—One alderman from each ward can be elected citywide and one alderman from each ward can be elected by ward. ACA 14-43-307 and 14-44-103.

No election in 2008 of the following offices:

Incorporated Towns

Mayor—ACA 14-45-104.
City attorney—if it is established by ordinance that the office of the city attorney will be appointed or if the position was on the ballot for a four-year term during the 2006 elections. ACA 14-42-112(e).
Recorder/treasurer—ACA 14-45-108.

Cities of the Second Class

Mayor—ACA § 14-44-105.
City attorney—if it is established by ordinance that the office of the city attorney will be appointed or if the position was on the ballot for a four-year term during the 2006 elections. ACA 14-42-112(e).

Cities of the First Class
with less than 50,000 population

Mayor—ACA 14-43-305(a).
City attorney—ACA 14-43-315(a).
City clerk, treasurer or clerk/treasurer—ACA 14-43-316 and 14-43-405. (Note: Treasurer can be appointed or elected as designated by ordinance. If elected the office follows the election cycle of the clerk or clerk/treasurer and will be next elected in 2010.)

Cities of the First Class
with over 50,000 population

City treasurer—unless the office has, by ordinance, been combined with the city clerk or is appointed rather than elected. ACA 14-43-303(a)(3)(A)(ii) and 14-43-405.

• Independent candidates

Deadline for filing

Filing deadline for independent candidate (provided that no ordinance was passed pursuant to ACA 14-42-206(e)(l) to shorten the filing period to 12 p.m. of the day before the preferential primary election) is not more than 90 days, nor less than 70 days before the general election. This translates to Aug. 6, 2008, until 12 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008. (Independents) ACA 14-42-206(b)(P); ACA 7-6-102(a) (3).

City council may fix filing deadline for independent candidates for municipal office:
(i) No earlier than 20 days prior to the preferential primary election; and
(ii) No later than 12 p.m. on the day before the preferential primary election (May 20, 2008). See ACA 14-42-206(d).

The council must enact this ordinance 90 days prior to the filing deadline and publish it for two weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. The deadline may be established even if all offices are independent or otherwise nonpartisan.

Petitions must be signed by not less than 10 electors for incorporated towns and cities of the second class and not less than 30 electors for cities of the first class filed with the county clerk. ACA 14-42-206. The county clerk shall determine whether the petition contains a sufficient number of qualified electors. For city administrator and city manager cities, petitions must have at least 50 signatures. ACA 14-48-109(a)(5) and ACA 14-47-110(a)(3)(A)(i).

Political practice pledge

[Available from the Secretary of State’s office, Elections Division.] Filed with county clerk between 12 p.m. on March 3, 2008, and 12 p.m. on March 10, 2008, a pledge in writing stating that candidate is familiar with the requirements of ACA 7-1-103, 7-1-104, 7-3-108, 7-6-101 through 7-6-1-04 and 7-6-102 will in good faith comply with their terms. ACA 7-6-102.

Financial disclosure statement

A candidate for municipal office must file a financial disclosure statement with the city clerk or recorder on the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for the elective office. Any incumbent office holder who has filed the statement for the year 2006 prior to Jan. 31 of that year shall not be required to file an additional statement. ACA 21-8-701 and 703.
**Defeated candidates in primary**
A person who has been defeated in a party primary shall not be an independent candidate in the general election for the office for which he or she was defeated in the party primary. *ACA 7-7-103(e).*

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**Who may seek municipal office**
1. Must be a US citizen.
2. Must be a resident of municipality or ward represented. *ACA 19 sec. 3; ACA 14-42-201(c).*
3. Be at least 18 years of age (*Amend. 26, US Constitution*).
4. Qualified elector and eligible at time of filing, or in case of age, at time of taking office. *ACA 7-5-207(b).*
5. Free from felony conviction, or pardoned by governor. In case of conviction, or conviction of embezzlement of public money, bribery, forgery or other crime involving dishonesty, including misdemeanors, a person may not run for office unless the conviction has been expunged. The following circumstances may lead to a conviction being expunged: a first-time offender who fulfills the terms and conditions of court-imposed probation (*ACA § 16-93-303*) (except for some sexual offenses); a minor convicted felony while under 16 years of age who subsequently receives a pardon (*ACA § 16-90-601*); a person convicted of a nonviolent felony while under 18 (*ACA § 16-90-602*); and an offender pardoned by the governor (*ACA § 16-90-605*).
6. Must not claim the right to vote in another county or state.
7. Must not presently be judged mentally incompetent by a court. *Amend. 51, § 6.*

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**No write-in votes**
In all general elections held in cities of the first class, cities of the second class and incorporated towns for the election of officials of these municipalities, no ballots shall be counted for any person whose name is written in thereon. Only votes cast for the regularly nominated, or otherwise qualified candidates whose names are printed on the ballot as candidates in the election, shall be counted by the judges and clerks. *ACA 14-43-202.*

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**Appointed municipal officials may seek election**
Officials who have been appointed to their office may run for the office to which they were appointed. Amendment 29 to the Arkansas Constitution prohibits this for federal, state, district, circuit, county and township offices, but Amendment 29 does not apply to municipal offices.
City administrator
form of government

Deadlines for filing and other important dates

**Tuesday, June 3, at 12 p.m.**—Deadline for filing statement of candidacy and petition, no more than 90 days (May 14, 2008) or less than 70 days (June 3, 2008) before a municipal primary election, which is Aug. 12, 2008. ACA 14-48-109(a).

**Thursday, June 29, at 12 p.m.**—Deadline for election proclamation to be signed by mayor, and published in a paper with bona fide circulation in the municipality 60 days before municipal primary election, which is Aug. 12, 2008. ACA 14-48-109(a).

**Tuesday, Aug. 12**—Primary election for directors and mayor when two or more are seeking the office (second Tuesday in August preceding the municipal general election, which is Nov. 4, 2008). ACA 14-48-109(a)(2).

**Tuesday, June 3**—Deadline for clerk to certify name of candidate on the petition and election proclamation to county board of election commissioners 70 days before municipal primary election which is Aug. 12, 2008). ACA 14-48-109(a)(6)(B).

These dates may be confirmed with the Secretary of State’s office online at www.sosweb.state.ar.us.

14-48-109. Election of directors and mayor—oath
(a) Candidates for the office of director and mayor shall be nominated and elected as follows:
(1)(A)(i) A special election for the election of the initial membership of the board of directors and mayor shall be called by the Secretary of State as provided in § 14-48-108.
(ii) The proclamation shall be published in accordance with § 7-5-103(a).
(iii) For the initial election of directors and mayor, any person desiring to become a candidate shall file within 20 days following the date of the proclamation by the Secretary of State with the city clerk or recorder a statement of candidacy in the form and with the supporting signatures as provided in this section. In all other respects, the initial elections shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter for holding municipal elections.
(B)(i) Special elections to fill any vacancy under § 14-48-115 shall be called through a resolution of the board.
(ii) A proclamation of the election shall be signed by the mayor and published in accordance with § 7-5-103(a).
(iii) For the initial election of directors and mayor, any person desiring to become a candidate shall file within 20 days following the date of the proclamation by the Secretary of State with the city clerk or recorder a statement of candidacy in the form and with the supporting signatures as provided in this section. In all other respects, the initial elections shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter for holding municipal elections.

for those nominations for offices to be filled at the municipal general election shall be held on the second Tuesday of August preceding the municipal general election.

(ii)(a) The elections shall be under the supervision of the county board of election commissioners, and the election judges and clerks appointed for the general election shall be the judges and clerks of the primary elections.
(b) Primary elections shall be held in the same places as are designated for the general election, so far as possible, and shall, so far as practicable, be conducted in the same manner as other elections under the laws of this state.
(3) Any person desiring to become a candidate for mayor or director shall file with the city clerk not less than 70 days nor more than 90 days prior to the primary election by 12 p.m. a statement of his or her candidacy in substantially the following form:

State of Arkansas, County of ______. I, ___________, being first duly sworn, state that I reside at _________Street, city of __________, county and state aforesaid; that I am a qualified elector of said city and the ward in which I reside; that I am a candidate for nomination to the office of __________, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on the ___ day of ____, 20__, and I hereby request that my name be placed upon the official primary election ballot for nomination by such primary election for such office and I hereby deposit the sum of $10, the fee prescribed by law.
(4) The statement of candidacy and the petition for nomination supporting the candidacy of each candidate to be voted upon at any general or special election shall be filed with the city clerk or recorder not less than 70 days nor more than 90 days before the election by 12 p.m.

(5) The name of each candidate shall be supported by a petition for nomination signed by at least 50 qualified electors of the municipality requesting the candidacy of the candidate. The petition shall show the residence address of each signer and carry an affidavit signed by one or more persons in which the affiant or affiants shall vouch for the eligibility of each signer of the petition. Each petition shall be substantially in the following form:

The undersigned, duly qualified electors of the city of __________, Arkansas, each signer hereof residing at the address set opposite his or her signature, hereby requests that the name of __________ be placed on the ballot as a candidate for election to position No. __ on the board of directors (or mayor) of said city of __________ at the election to be held in such city on the __ day of __________, 20__. We further state that we know said person to be a qualified elector of said city and a person of good moral character and qualified in our judgment for the duties of such office.

(6)(A) A petition for nomination shall not show the name of more than one candidate.

(B) The name of the candidate mentioned in each petition, together with a copy of the election proclamation if the election is a special election, shall be certified by the city clerk or recorder to the county board of election commissioners not less than 70 days before the election unless the clerk or recorder finds that the petition fails to meet with the requirements of this chapter.

(C)(i) Whether the names of the candidates so certified to the county board of election commissioners are to be submitted at a biennial general election or at a special election held on a different date, the county board of election commissioners shall have general supervision over the holding of each municipal election.

(ii)(a) In this connection, the election board shall post the nominations, print the ballots, establish the voting precincts, appoint the election judges and clerks, determine and certify the results of the election, and determine the election expense chargeable to the city, all in the manner prescribed by law in respect to general elections; it is the intention of this chapter that the general election machinery of this state shall be utilized in the holding of all general and special elections authorized under this chapter.

(b) The result of the election shall be certified by the election board to the city clerk or recorder.

(7) The names of all candidates at the election shall be printed upon the ballot in an order determined by draw. If more than two candidates qualify for an office, the names of all candidates shall appear on the ballot at the primary election.

(8)(A) If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the primary, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for mayor and for each director position to be filled shall be the nominees for those respective offices to be voted upon in the general election.

(B) If no more than two persons qualify as candidates for the office of mayor or for any director position to be filled, no municipal primary election shall be held for these positions, and the names of the two qualifying candidates for each office or position shall be placed upon the ballot at the municipal general election as the nominees for the respective positions. Primary elections shall be omitted in wards in which no primary contest is required.

(C) In any case in which only one candidate shall have filed and qualified for the office of mayor or any director position, or if a candidate receives a clear majority of the votes cast in a primary election, that candidate shall be declared elected. The name of the person shall be certified as elected without the necessity of putting the person's name on the general municipal election ballot for the office.

(9) Any candidate defeated at any municipal primary election or municipal general election may contest it in the manner provided by law for contesting other elections.

(b) Each member of the board of directors, before entering upon the discharge of his or her duties, shall take the oath of office required by Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, Section 20.

City manager form of government

Deadlines for filing and other important dates

**Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 12 p.m.**—Deadline for all candidates for office for petitions of nomination and political practice pledges not more than 90 (Aug. 26, 2008) or less than 70 (Aug. 6, 2008) days before general election, which is Nov. 4, 2008.

**Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008**—Deadline for city clerk to certify names of candidates for director to county board of election commissioners, unless petition fails to meet standards 35 days before general election, which is Nov. 4, 2008. ACA 14-47-110(a)(3)(D).

These dates may be confirmed with the Secretary of State’s office online at www.sosweb.state.ar.us.

**• Important statutes**

14-47-110. Election of directors

(a) Candidates for the office of director shall be nominated and elected as follows:

(1)(A)(i) A special election to elect the initial membership of the board shall be called by the mayor as provided in § 14-47-106.

(ii) The mayor’s proclamation shall be in accordance with § 7-5-103(a).

(B)(i) A special election to fill any vacancy under § 14-47-113 shall be called through a resolution of the board of directors.

(ii) A proclamation announcing the holding of the election shall be signed by the mayor and published in accordance with § 7-5-103(a);

(2) The petition mentioned in subdivision (a)(3) of this section supporting the candidacy of each candidate to be voted upon at any general or special election shall be filed with the city clerk or recorder not more than 90 days nor fewer than 70 days before the election by 12 p.m.;

(3)(A)(i) In respect to both special and general elections, the name of each candidate shall be supported by a petition, signed by at least 50 qualified electors of the municipality, requesting the candidacy of the candidate.

(ii) The petition shall show the residence address of each signer and shall carry an affidavit signed by one or more persons, in which the affiant or affiants shall vouch for the eligibility of each signer of the petition.

(B) Each petition shall be substantially in the following form:

“'The undersigned, duly qualified electors of the city of ________, Arkansas, each signer hereof residing at the address set opposite his or her signature, hereby request that the name __________ be placed on the ballot as a candidate for election to Position No. __ on the board of directors of said city of ________ at the election to be held in such city on the __ day of ___, 20__, We further state that we know said person to be a qualified elector of said city and a person of good moral character and qualified in our judgment for the duties of such office.'”

(C) A petition for nomination shall not show the name of more than one candidate.

(D)(i) The name of the candidate mentioned in each petition, together with a copy of the election proclamation if the election is a special election, shall be certified by the city clerk or recorder to the county board of election commissioners not less than 35 days before the election unless the clerk or recorder finds that the petition fails to meet the requirements of this chapter.

(ii)(a) Whether the names of the candidates so certified to the county board of election commissioners are to be submitted at a biennial general election or at a special election held on a different date, the election board shall have general supervision over the holding of each municipal election.

(b) In this connection, the board shall post the nominations, print the ballots, establish the voting precincts, appoint the election judges and clerks, determine and certify the result of the election and determine the election expense chargeable to the city, all in the manner prescribed by law in respect to general elections. It is the intention of this chapter that the general election machinery of this state shall be utilized in the holding of all general and special elections authorized under this chapter.

(c) The result of the election shall be certified by the election board to the city clerk or recorder; and

(4) The candidate for any designated position on the board of directors who, in any general or special election, shall receive votes greater in number than those cast in favor of any other candidate for the position shall be deemed to be elected.

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NLC announces 2008 Congressional agenda

Efforts to secure continued federal funding to support local initiatives including transportation, public safety and energy and the environment, as well as finding solutions to the crisis in the housing market are among the top issues that the National League of Cities (NLC) will bring to Congress as lawmakers return this month. Working on behalf of the nation’s cities and towns, NLC also will work to refocus federal attention on the need for immigration reform.

Concluding a leadership planning meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla., in January, NLC officials said the upcoming year was a critical time to address looming problems that directly affect the future quality of life in their communities.

“People come to our country to make a better life for themselves and their families,” said NLC President Cynthia McCollum, council member from Madison, Ala. “These same people are now struggling to keep their homes, pay their mortgage and put food on the table. At a time when the economy is so uncertain, it is even more critical for our nation to focus on investing in infrastructure and ensuring that there is a stable housing market. The answers to these challenges will help determine the type of country we will be living in during the next 20 years. We cannot delay.”

The meeting of NLC’s officers and Board of Directors, which included 39 mayors, council members, and representatives from several state municipal leagues from across the nation, led to strong consensus and the development of the 2008 federal lobbying agenda and strategies for working with Congress.

NLC’s federal lobbying agenda for 2008 includes urging Congress to:

- Provide full funding for federal transportation programs and collaborate with local elected officials on the reauthorization of the surface transportation infrastructure program.
- In response to the mortgage foreclosure crisis, support legislation that would strengthen and stabilize America’s housing markets.

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Municipal investment laws govern city’s Walton Arts Center investment

Opinion: 2007-178
Requestor: Smith, Lindsley—State Representative

Can the $1.5 million contribution from the city of Fayetteville to the Walton Arts Center Foundation (created by Interlocal Cooperation Agreement) be invested pursuant to state law governing nonprofit corporations (and the determination of the Foundation’s board) without further statutory restrictions that would control investments of municipal revenues? **RESPONSE:** No. The funds that were contributed by the city to the Foundation from the city’s general fund to capitalize the Walton Arts Center endowment fund in my opinion must be invested pursuant to the laws governing the investment of municipal funds, and the relatively limited investment authority there under. See ACA 19-1-504; 19-8-101; 19-8-104; 19-8-111. [The opinion notes that the city’s contribution may be constitutionally suspect under ACA 12, Section 5.]

Workers’ comp coverage can be required of solo contractor

Opinion: 2007-274
Requestor: Glover, Bobby L.—State Senator

In light of the provisions of ACA 17-25-514, as amended by Act 398 of 2007, and ACA 11-9-102 and -108, as amended by act 546 of 2007, can the Residential Building Contractors Committee require a contractor with no employees that excludes him or herself from workers’ compensation coverage under ACA 11-9-108 to obtain and furnish current workers’ compensation coverage in order to be licensed under ACA 17-25-514? **RESPONSE:** Yes.

EMTs considered health care professionals under Good Samaritan Act

Opinion: 2007-296
Requestor: Burris, Mike—State Representative

Are volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMTs) covered under the protections of the “Good Samaritan” Act? **Q2** Are EMTs considered “health care professionals” for the purposes of the “Good Samaritan” Act? **Q3** Does the language of Act 1038 of 2007 take precedence over the language contained in Act 683 of 2007? **RESPONSE:** Q1) “Yes,” although the immunity afforded under the Good Samaritan Act, ACA 17-95-101 (Repl. 2002), will be qualified in the manner discussed in Ark. Ops. Att’y Gen. Nos. 2007-174 and 2007-174A—i.e., the immunity will not be available to any EMT who receives compensation for his services as a good samaritan. Q2) “Yes.” Given that an EMT will of necessity fall within the definition of “[e]mergency medical technician” set forth at ACA 20-13-202(10) (Repl. 2005), which is contained within the Emergency Medical Services Act, ACA 20-13-201 through -214 (Repl. 2005 & Supp. 2007), he will, in my estimation, qualify as a “health care professional” for purposes of applying the Good Samaritan Act. Q3) “Yes,” insofar as Act 1078 of 2007, which was enacted later than Act 683 of 2007 and must consequently prevail in the event of a conflict, affords qualified immunity under the Good Samaritan Act to “[a]ny health care professional,” whereas the earlier legislation extended such immunity only to a health care professional “licensed as a physician or surgeon.”

Incorporated towns may exercise territorial jurisdiction

Opinion: 2007-297
Requestor: Pierce, Bobby J.—State Representative

May an incorporated town exercise territorial jurisdiction pursuant to provisions of ACA 14-56-413; specifically, does 14-56-413(a)(1)(B), pertaining to municipalities that are less than 10 miles apart, apply to incorporated towns? **RESPONSE:** Yes, based upon the statute’s legislative history. See [full] opinion for discussion of ACA 14-56-413 and 14-56-402.

City entitled to road tax funds, but must perform own work

Opinion: 2007-301
Requestor: Hutchinson, Donna—State Representative

Is the city of Bella Vista entitled to one-half of county road tax fund levied in late 2006 and collected within the city during the year 2007? **Q2** Does the county’s refusal to perform any roadwork within or provide road tax funds to the city of Bella Vista violate the constitution or laws of the state? **RESPONSE:** Q1) This is not entirely clear, but the plain language of ACA 26-79-104 appears
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Let’s all slow down!

Speeding on city streets is a very real public safety issue, but first examine the facts and seek smart solutions before admitting defeat and installing those speed bumps.

By Jim vonTungeln

One of the many ill-effects of living in a society dominated by the automobile is that a minority of drivers can’t resist terrorizing our neighborhoods. Elected officials, of course, receive the complaints about such behavior. A common reaction is over-reaction.

Drastic measures, such as four-way stops, can limit the ability of a street to move traffic at all. Before long, our streets may prove incapable of fulfilling their multiple functions of providing access to property, moving traffic and assuring reliable municipal services. Nobody wants that to happen, now do they? Why don’t we look at the situation calmly while the coffee cools?

Many of our neighborhoods took shape in more gentle times when cars were a new phenomenon. Streets were wide and straight and laid out in grid patterns that offered long vistas. These are the very conditions that prove irresistible to a teenager with dreams of NASCAR fame.

Add to this the neglect over the last 30 years in requiring sidewalks in our neighborhoods and we have a dangerous situation. You may have noticed your voters are upset about it. Their concerns are real and should be taken seriously, so following are some suggestions to deal with the situation.

First of all, get the facts. I have examined cases in two cities recently in which area residents were demanding action for areas where, according to them, speeding was rampant. In both cases, measuring devices were set up and the speeding problem proved to be vastly overstated. Periodic instances of speeding occurred but not at rates that would justify drastic measures.

In cases like this, are the residents lying? Probably not, but they may be exhibiting a case of what researchers call “cognitive bias.” They note the few drivers that are speeding but fail mentally to record the vast number of cars observing the speed limit. It’s similar to the way your children remember each punishment but don’t seem to notice the good times.

We are not demeaning the concerns of your residents but simply pointing out that public policy and expenditure of tax dollars should reflect measurable facts.

In cases where the facts do justify action, we suggest the simplest (and by implication the cheapest) method of preventing speeding as the wisest one.

And the winner is … a traffic cop.

Our experience and research suggests that a few well-chosen traffic tickets are worth more than a bone-wracking bushel of speed bumps or a forest of four-way stops. If you don’t believe us, I will provide you with the location of several sites in our state where you can either observe—or test—the system as you please.

Another simple approach involves the use of portable signs that announce the speed of approaching vehicles. One mayor whom I interviewed for this article stated that this worked well by making drivers aware that they were breaking the law. Of course it doesn’t work with drivers who don’t care that they’re breaking the law, but then … what does?

There are other traffic-calming measures that are generally unobtrusive, such as “throating down” the traffic lanes at intersections. This simply reduces the width of the vehicle lane and relies upon the accepted principle that vehicle speeds drop as the width of the traffic lane diminishes.

Speed tables change the elevation and the type of travel surface at key locations but generally don’t cause a lot of shock to the automobile. Even the inexpensive step of striping pedestrian or bike lanes may create a feeling of a narrower lane and reduce speeds.

Some municipalities, as a last possible resort, have tried speed bumps, but we don’t recommend them. They seem to create more problems than they solve and are most effective at creating ill-will by the general public toward local government. They pretty much serve to announce to the world that the traditions of civilized society have broken down in your community. We sympathize with the lady in California who laid her body across the street on her block in order to prevent the installation of a speed bump. That’s urban planning where the rubber meets the road, eh?

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**City attorney must live in city served**

*Opinion:* 2007-302  
*Requestor:* Critcher, Jack—State Senator

Under Art. 19, Sec. 3 of the Arkansas Constitution, does an attorney seeking the office of city attorney in a first class city have to live within the city limits where he is seeking office? Q2) Under the same Article, once elected to the office of city attorney in a first class city, does the individual have to continue living within the city limits throughout his or her term? Q3) If the answer to the aforementioned question is “yes,” is ACA 14-22-106 [sic] in conflict with the state constitution? RESPONSE: In my opinion, with respect to Question 1, the answer is “yes” because Article 19, Sec. 3 of the Arkansas Constitution requires elected municipal officers to reside within the political subdivision the officer serves. Q2) Absent legislative clarification or judicial interpretation to the contrary, in my opinion an elected city attorney for a city of the first class must continue to reside within the city throughout his or her term of office pursuant to Article 19, Sec. 3. Q3) ACA 14-43-314 (Supp. 2007) does not conflict with the Arkansas Constitution.

**Lake Hamilton designation unresolved without facts**

*Opinion:* 2007-308  
*Requestor:* Faris, Steve—State Senator

Would Lake Hamilton qualify as a “navigable stream” for purposes of ACA 14-56-413? RESPONSE: I regret that I am unable to offer an official Attorney General’s Opinion on this matter. The question of whether Lake Hamilton is a “navigable stream” for purposes of ACA 14-56-413 is a question of fact that this office cannot answer. It may only be resolved by a fact finder with full access to the relevant evidence, testimony, and information.
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Matter—anything that takes up space—has three states: solid, liquid and gas.

Matter changes from solid to liquid at the melting point, and then from liquid to gas at the boiling point.

As we all know, water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit and boils at 212 F at sea level. Water is unique matter in that it achieves its maximum density at 36 F and expands as it solidifies into ice at 32 F. This expansion is powerful and can fracture pervious or cracked rocks in small pieces.

Water has a specific gravity of one with a density of 62.4 pounds per cubic foot. Most rocks have a density from two to 2.2 pounds per cubic foot. Therefore, a rock with a specific gravity of two weighs 124.8 pounds per cubic foot. A rock emerged in water will be buoyed by the weight of the water displaced, thereby reducing the emerged rock weight to 62.4 pounds per cubic foot.

When compounds such as sodium chloride (salt) are dissolved in water, the specific gravity of water is increased, making it denser and also capable of greater buoyancy. Glacier silt that runs out from the bottom of a melting glacier has a higher specific gravity than granite!

One gallon of water traveling at four feet a second down a ditch has the kinetic energy of about two foot-pounds. That is the same energy that a half-pound steel ball would have on impact when dropped from four feet. Water has the power to lift and move heavier objects. Water is definitely a powerful force. Water can erode mountains and create canyons.

The force of water is the square of its velocity. If we reduce the velocity from four feet per second to two feet per second, we reduce the energy by 75 percent.

When water is heated, the molecules become more active and the space between the molecules is increased, making the water a more aggressive cleaner and scourer, capable of containing a greater amount of suspended solids.

Water comes to earth in the form of precipitation. This precipitation is mostly rainfall. When the rainfall hits the earth it takes one of four paths: evaporation back into the atmosphere; percolation down into the ground water and aquifers; transpiration, where water is taken in through the plant roots and released into the atmosphere through the foliage; and, finally, runoff.

Runoff is the source of all drainage problems, but without runoff, we wouldn’t have rivers, streams and surface water.

Energy dissipaters and detention ponds are the two best ways to slow down runoff and minimize erosion. Make energy dissipaters and small detention ponds a part of your stormwater pollution prevention plan.
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finance system by reforming the mortgage process, curbing predatory lending and providing foreclosure mitigation assistance.

• Help local communities address recent violent crime trends by supporting federal crime intervention and prevention programs, as well as law enforcement programs.

• Provide full funding ($2 billion) for the new Energy and Environment Block Grant Program.

• Enact comprehensive immigration reform that addresses border security, interior as well as workforce enforcement, guest workers, legalization of undocumented workers and support for services provided by cities and towns.

In addition, the leadership meeting focused on the upcoming presidential elections and the transition to a new administration and Congress. NLC officials outlined several critical concerns that they would like to see addressed in the ongoing campaign.

“Seven out of 10 Americans live in a city, town or village in this country,” McCollum said. “When our communities thrive, our country thrives. We need to talk about what we must do as a country to remain strong.”

Grants available for local historic districts

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP), an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, will accept applications for its Certified Local Government Grant program through April 15, AHPP Director Frances McSwain has announced.

Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants are available to any Arkansas city or county government that has a historic district commission or that is seeking to join the CLG program. CLG grants can be used for the development of local preservation programs, including training and staff for historic district commissions, architec-

(see Briefs, page 35)
Urban forestry helps trees, communities grow

As urban areas continue to expand—they now cover 69 million acres nationwide and are increasing at a rate of 1.3 million acres per year—it becomes increasingly important that we strive to maintain and manage existing trees, as well as initiate programs to plant and care for new trees. The Mid-Atlantic Center for Community Forestry in cooperation with state urban and community forestry partners outlines the ways urban foresters can help your community grow.

By John Slater

Public trees are a relatively low-cost investment with high returns that have allowed many cities and towns to effectively improve their livability. Trees increase in value the minute they are planted and continue to become more valuable as they mature. They add to property resale and rental values by improving curb appeal, not to mention the numerous other economic, environmental and health benefits they provide. Well-maintained trees also supply year-round aesthetic interest that adds to the quality of life for all citizens.

There is no doubt we must ensure that future generations continue to receive the beauty and benefits offered by trees—even during tough economic times. That’s why state urban foresters with the Arkansas Forestry Commission are available to help you maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of your community’s tree care programs. These foresters are more than happy to meet with elected officials, city staff, volunteers and citizens to enlist their support and begin organizing a comprehensive tree care program if one doesn’t already exist.

Urban foresters are experts on trees of all varieties and how to best plant and maintain them. They can help you assess the health and condition of public trees and develop recommendations for their care.

They can also share what other communities are doing to care for their urban forests. Instead of constantly reinventing the wheel, they are able to pool ideas from towns across the state and country.

Urban foresters can help your community organize by ...

- Meeting with elected officials, city staff, volunteers and citizens to educate them and enlist their support for creation or expansion of local tree care programs;
- Assisting with Tree City USA designation, which helps improve public image and community pride (call the National Arbor Day Foundation at 402-474-5655 or visit www.arborday.org for more information);
- Designing tree ordinances that fit your community’s needs (visit the Arkansas Forestry Commission’s Web site, www.forestry.state.ar.us, to find sample tree ordinances);
- Outlining what’s needed to start your program (someone has to be in charge—preferably a municipal employee or tree board);
- Developing an action plan that lays out clear objectives for tree management, with time lines, jobs and activities to ensure you accomplish goals;
- Documenting results and accomplishments; and
- Fostering ideas for citizen involvement (tree maintenance is a popular environmental program).

Urban foresters can offer your community technical assistance by ...

- Assisting with tree selection, planting and maintenance;
- Assessing the health and condition of public trees;
- Helping identify trees needing removal due to structure, disease, pest damage or old age;
- Sharing best information; and
- Providing tree care workshops for your staff and volunteers.

Urban and community forestry is a cost-effective way to improve the social, economic, and environmental health of your community.

Make a memory ... plant a tree

John Slater is urban forestry partnership coordinator with the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Contact him at 501-984-5867, or at john.slater@arkansas.gov.
Arkansas cities currently active in the CLG program include Little Rock, North Little Rock, Fort Smith, Van Buren, Hot Springs, Eureka Springs, Helena-West Helena, Rogers, El Dorado, Osceola, Conway, Texarkana, Pine Bluff and Morrilton.

A single, one-time Preserve America grant also is available to a current CLG city or non-profit organization that will receive funding to hire a Preserve America community agent who will help raise awareness of historic preservation and heritage tourism in Arkansas and will develop the federal Preserve America initiative in the state.

For guidelines, write AHPP Grants, 1500 Tower Building, 323 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201; fax 501-324-9184; or e-mail joia@arkansasheritage.org. All applications must be delivered to the AHPP office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.
Rural senior clinics put health care within reach

Regional Centers on Aging throughout the state put most Arkansas seniors within one hour of geriatric health care teams.

By Claudia J. Beverly, Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N.

Arkansans and their caregivers who have made the sometimes distant trek to Little Rock for geriatric care are learning that they have a more convenient alternative.

Our state, thanks to the foresight of the citizens of Arkansas, now provides access to geriatric health care and education that’s unmatched by any other state.

With financial support from the state’s share of the Master Tobacco Settlement, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Arkansas Aging Initiative has established seven Regional Centers on Aging throughout the state.

Geriatric care one hour away

These centers—plus four outreach sites—put 90 percent of Arkansans age 65 and older within 60 miles of an interdisciplinary geriatric health care team. The team includes a specially trained geriatric social worker, a geriatric nurse practitioner and a geriatrician.

The centers are:
- Center on Aging Northeast in Jonesboro;
- Delta Center on Aging in West Memphis, which includes an outreach site called the Delta Center on Aging in Helena-West Helena;
- South Central Center on Aging in Pine Bluff;
- South Arkansas Center on Aging in El Dorado;
- Texarkana Regional Center on Aging;
- West Central Center on Aging in Fort Smith; and
- Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education in Springdale. The Schmieding Center has three outreach sites: Bella Vista, Harrison and Mountain Home.

The Arkansas Aging Initiative (AAI) is a program of the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging at UAMS. The AAI was created in 2001 and has been funded annually with $1.3 million to $2 million from the state’s share of the tobacco industry legal settlement. The program works in partnership with local regional hospitals, which own and operate the senior clinics.

Helping patients and families

At each of the Centers on Aging, the goal is to improve the quality of life for older adults and their families. Educational programs are available for health care professionals, students in health care disciplines, older adults, their families and the community.

The centers see patients who need primary care and those who have complex health care needs. The geriatric teams at the centers also work closely with families to help make the best decisions about the care of a loved one, particularly those with complex health care needs.

The services provided by these centers also complement, rather than duplicate, services provided by other organizations. The centers work in partnership with their local Area Agency on Aging programs, for example, contracting with the Area Agency on Aging for some educational services.

A foundation for future demand

While improving access for patients today, the Centers on Aging have established a foundation for meeting higher demands for geriatric care as baby boomers reach retirement age and beyond.

Last year, in Arkansas House and Senate resolutions, the AAI was commended for its “efforts in designing, implementing, and operating the comprehensive program of specialized geriatric health services for our senior citizens and their families.”

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**Private support vital**

The AAI also depends on private support and raised more than $1.5 million in fiscal years 2006 and 2007 to assist with programming. Many grants and donations have been obtained from community and statewide foundations such as the Assisi Foundation and the SHARE Foundation, the Arthritis Foundation and Blue & You. Such private support, including thousands of volunteer hours, will be vital to the continued success of the AAI.

The AAI is off to a great start and will continue its work to make high quality geriatric care accessible to all of Arkansas’s senior residents.

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Climbing the mountain’ keeps city leaders ahead of challenges

Making time to view the big picture can help city and town leaders keep communities growing even amidst the din of everyday battles.

By Chad Gallagher

Serving as an elected official at the local level is a rewarding yet challenging job. The satisfaction of helping solve problems, improve lives and the community certainly far outweighs the many challenges facing the job of a public official. The challenges, however, are very real. The daily trials you face may often cause you to become bogged down, losing focus on the bigger picture. We must learn how to handle our daily problems while continuing to work toward our long-term vision. There are three steps to keeping your long-term vision a daily priority: Understand your vision, lead others to your vision and take the necessary steps to make your vision a reality.

To make a long-term change in your community, you must have an accurate idea of what you want to change. An important responsibility for community leaders is to craft, carry and articulate the community vision. I have emphasized in earlier articles the importance of a needs assessment to help you better understand the strengths and weaknesses of your city. With a strong needs assessment, you will be able to craft your community vision, giving your city tangible steps to take as it develops over the months and years ahead.

A second component of carrying out your long-term vision is to lead others to your vision. Most local officials are elected because they have successfully given voters a glance into the kind of community they want to build. Your community’s vision is a projection of future expectations and hopes. This is important because it creates common goals for the community to rally behind and support. Each community should go through a deliberate process of discovering and rediscovering itself, its vision for the future and what strategic steps must be taken to reach the desired end. Do not expect someone else to pick up and carry your vision for you. You have been elected to lead and your citizens need your guidance and leadership in crafting a better community.

Finally, take the necessary steps to make your vision a reality. This is not easy in the midst of a trash complaint, a sewage back-up, employee disputes, animal control chaos and a litany of hundreds of other issues that come across your desk. Municipal officials deal with a very diverse set of challenges and are expected to master them all!

In the middle of all of this, you must do what good leaders do: You must lead. Good leaders are deliberate. Carve out time for long-term planning and hold community meetings to articulate plans and hear citizen concerns. Make time in your schedule to get away from the chaos in order to think clearly, analyze the larger challenges and chart a course to make your community’s dreams come true. Scheduling occasional strategy sessions and retreats for community leaders are important to a community’s long term success. Leaving the front-lines and climbing the mountain is crucial because it gives leaders the perspective they so desperately need.

Most of all, leaders must remember that building a successful community is a process and not an event. It is important to constantly ask yourself, other elected officials, community leaders and city employees, “How does this help us reach our destination?” Applying these tips will help minimize day-to-day distractions. Look to invest your time and energy most on the issues that will further the community’s ultimate goals and learn to delegate the issues that can be handled as efficiently by others as it could by you. This type of strategic planning and balanced approach will position your community for success on every front.

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Approximately 90 percent of the municipalities across Arkansas that offer employees and officials medical benefits have joined the Municipal Health Benefit Fund and receive $1,000,000 major medical coverage with stop-loss, employee life, accidental death and dismemberment, dependent life, dental and vision coverages.

The Municipal Health Benefit Fund provides quality health protection for your officials and employees at a reasonable rate.

For further information, call 501-978-6100.
Local Option Sales and Use Tax in Arkansas

| KEY: | Counties with countywide tax (shaded is 1¢ unless otherwise noted) |
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Source: Debbie Rogers, Office of State Treasurer
See also: www.arkansas.gov/dfa

Sales and Use Tax Year-to-Date 2008 with 2007 Comparison (shaded)

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The Key to Your Child’s Mental Health.

As parents, it’s difficult to watch a child going through tough times. How long should you muddle through on your own, supporting your child as best you can? At what point does concerning behavior cross the line into scary behavior?

Questions bring more questions: “If I take my child for mental health help, will he be on drugs for the rest of his life? Will she be doomed to carry a label throughout her school years? Where will it end?”

David Streett, MD, offers words of reassurance: “Most of the kids we treat are just briefly deviating from their normal, healthy developmental path. If they get help early on, chances are they’ll never need it again.”

This father of three is a psychiatrist specializing in the care of children and adolescents. He serves as the Medical Director at Pinnacle Point Behavioral HealthCare System, Little Rock’s premier provider of outpatient and inpatient mental health services for children and teenagers.

Most kids, he says, will do fine with outpatient treatment. Therapy and perhaps medication will get them back on track. “The key,” he says, “is early intervention.”

Pointing out that most parents wouldn’t hesitate to seek treatment for a child’s possibly-broken limb, Dr. Streett urges parents to trust their instincts. “If you think something is wrong, do something about it,” he advises. “Call us. One of our professionals will provide a free assessment of your child’s behavioral health and recommend an appropriate level of service.”

Families in Crisis  
Don’t Have to Wait

Pinnacle Pointe offers free, confidential assessment and referral services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as a community service. Dr. Streett suggests that parents seek help if a child exhibits:

- Aggression toward other children
- An inability to cope with feelings
- Frequent crying
- Pleas for help
- Fears of everyday things and/or possible disasters such as the deaths of family members
- No interest in playing
- Isolation
- Discussions of death and dying; statements like “I wish I were dead.”
- Trouble sleeping
- Sexually provocative behavior
- Self-mutilation
- Harm to animals
- Unusual weight gain or loss
- Drug or alcohol use

Where to go for help

Pinnacle Pointe Behavioral HealthCare System
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