

Dear Resident;

On behalf of City of Ward City Council, our staff, and myself, welcome to our community. Please visit [www.wardarkansas.org](http://www.wardarkansas.org) for a complete list of upcoming events and city services.

Ward is estimated to be the second largest city in Lonoke County and continues to be one of the fastest growing areas in the State. We are very proud of our growth and are continuing to update our city services and infrastructure.

- **Police Department:** Chief Steven Benton ([stevebenton@cityofward.com](mailto:stevebenton@cityofward.com)) and his staff work tirelessly to keep the city safe. **If you have an Emergency, call 911.** If you have a Non-Emergency, call 501-843-6351 or 501-843-2340.
- **Fire Department:** Ward's Fire Department is made up mostly with volunteer crew who provide outstanding fire and emergency medical response. The City's Class 3 Fire Rating ensures you are afforded the lowest possible fire insurance rates. **If you have an Emergency, call 911.** If you have a Non-Emergency, call 501-843-7686.
- **Parks and Recreation:** Karen Dawson ([dawsonparksandrec@cityofward.com](mailto:dawsonparksandrec@cityofward.com)) is the Director. We have very robust Parks and Recreation which offers a wide variety of sports and leisure activities for all ages to include our 4-legged canine friends. Please contact Karen at 501-843-7686 or visit [www.wardparkandrec.com](http://www.wardparkandrec.com) for more information.
- **Animal Control:** Kelli Zoller ([wardanimalshelter@cityofward.com](mailto:wardanimalshelter@cityofward.com)) heads our Animal Control section and facilities the Animal Control Shelter. Please contact Kelli at 501-843-7686, ext 309 for more information.
- **Recurring Meetings:**
  - **The City Council** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month at 6:30 pm in the Council/Court Room. The public is invited to attend.
  - **The Planning Commission** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 7:00 pm in the Civic Room. The public is invited to attend.
  - The **"Seniors"** meets weekly in the Cafeteria at noon for pot luck lunch and activities. Contact Don Howard (501-529-8010) for more information.

The City of Ward partners with various local non-profit and civic organizations in our Community.

- **Ward Chamber of Commerce:** The Ward Chamber and the City work side-by-side to help promote businesses and other activities within the City. The Chamber meets every first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. The Chamber also rents their facilities for special events to anyone whether or not you are a Chamber member. Visit [www.wardchamber.com](http://www.wardchamber.com).
- **Boy Scouts:** [www.scoutlander.com](http://www.scoutlander.com)
- **Girl Scouts:** [www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org](http://www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org)
- **Grace Community Church Food Ministry:** Grace Community Church provides free meals to anyone every Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at their church facility, 30 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, in downtown Ward. Go to [www.discovergrace.tv](http://www.discovergrace.tv) for further information.

**Ordinances:** Ordinances are Public Record and can be viewed during normal business hours at the City Municipal Complex. Below is a listing of various subject areas in which we have local Ordinances. This listing is not exclusive. We also adhere to all applicable state and federal code/laws.

- **Licenses and Permits:** Contact the 501-843-7686 for more information.
  - **Business License:** All businesses, including home-based businesses, MUST purchase a Business License to operate.
  - **Building Permits:** You MUST purchase a Building Permit if you plan on building any structure on your property. This includes but is not limited to fences and storage buildings.
  - **HVAC and Plumbing:** You MUST purchase a permit for any HVAC or plumbing work you have done. This includes but is not limited to replacement of your Furnace and/or Air Conditioner and Hot Water Heater. This includes but is not limited to fences and storage buildings.
  - **Yard/Garage Sales:** You MUST obtain a permit for each Yard and/or Garage Sale. There is no cost for the permit; however, you may only hold four (4) Yard or Garage Sales per calendar year.
- **Animal Control:** Pets are required to be on a leash or in a fence when outside the home. You are limited to five (5) dog and/or cats at any one time. Contact Animal Control for additional information about other species.
- **Outside Burning:** Burning limbs leaves and other yard waste is permitted. Burning of household trash is not permitted.

**NO BURNING IS PERMITTED WHEN THE CITY IS UNDER A BURN BAN**
- **Firearms:** Discharge of any firearm within the city limits IS PROHIBITED.
- **Fireworks:** Discharge, Shooting or Exploding of Fireworks within the city limits IS PROHIBITED except as allow per Ordinance on Special Occasions.

**Other Information:**

- **Ambulance Service:** Ward contracts with Southern Paramedic Service to provide Paramedic Level Emergency Services. If you have an **Emergency, call 911**. If you have a Non-Emergency, call 877.672.4595. Please visit [www.southernparamedic.com](http://www.southernparamedic.com) for more information.
- **Sanitation/Trash Service:** Ward contracts with WCA for household trash pickup. Contact WCA at 870-255-4001 or the City Water Department for more information.
- **Lonoke County CODE RED Operation:** The County utilizes a **CODE RED Warning System** to notify you via your cell phone of Weather Warnings/Watches and in the event of an emergency situation. Go to [www.coderedweb.com](http://www.coderedweb.com) to enroll.
- **City Rental Property:** The City rents various properties for your use such as the City's Gym, Cafeteria and Ball Fields. Visit [www.wardparksandrec.com](http://www.wardparksandrec.com) for more information.
- **Churches:** Ward is blessed to have many churches within our city limits or close by. Please visit [www.wardarkansas.org](http://www.wardarkansas.org) for a listing of area churches.

Once again, welcome to the City of Ward. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely;



Charles K. Gastineau  
Mayor (mayor@cityofward.com)