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WEDNESDAY -FRIDAY
July 29-31, 2026



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WEDNESDAY
29 January, 2026



3303 Pinnacle Hills Pkwy
Rogers, AR 72758

8:00AM- 8:15AM

Welcome from the Mayor's Office
Mayor Greg Hines, Rogers

8:15AM-9:05AM

Cybersecurity & A.I. - What Every Business Needs To Know
Teri Westbrook, Pinnacle IT

9:05AM-9:20AM

Sponsor Time - Pinnacle IT

9:20AM-9:30AM

Break

9:30AM-9:45AM

Sponsor Time - Mitchell Williams Law Firm

9:45AM-10:35AM

Sales & Use Tax 101
Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration

10:35AM-10:50AM

Sponsor Time - J.P. Morgan Chase

10:50AM - 11:10AM

Break

11:10AM - 12:00PM

GASB Updates
Stacey Atchison, Megan Riekhof, Beccas Kizer, Forvis Mazars

12:00PM - 1:30PM

Lunch

1:30PM - 2:20PM

1099s Update
Stacey Atchison, Megan Riekhof, Beccas Kizer, Forvis Mazars

2:20PM - 2:35PM

Sponsor Time - Forvis Mazars

2:35PM - 3:25PM

Purchasing/ Procurement - TBD

3:25PM - 3:40PM

Sponsor Time - Andrews Technology

3:40PM - 4:00PM

Break

4:00PM - 4:50 PM

Internal Revenue Compliance & Tax Exempt Bonds
John Albritton, Landmark/ Michele Allgood, Mitchell Williams Law Firm
Ryan Bowman, Friday, Eldredge, Clark/ Jason Holsclaw, Stephens, Inc

4:50PM - 5:00 PM

Sponsor Time - Springbrook Software



THURSDAY
30 January, 2026



3303 Pinnacle Hills Pkwy
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8:00AM- 8:30AM

Breakfast

8:30AM-9:20AM

Investing in Financial Markets

It's More Than Stocks & Bonds!!

Mimi Hurst, CFA Managing Director, Stephens Inc

9:20AM-9:35AM

Sponsor Time - Euna Solutions

9:35AM-9:45AM

Break

9:45AM-10:35AM

Grants & Other Finance Updates

Caran Curry, Arkansas Municipal League

10:35AM-10:50AM

Sponsor Time - Enterprise Fleet Management

10:50AM - 11:40AM

Tips on How to Pass a Successful Audit

Candice Gasaway & Joe Archer, Arkansas Legislative Audit

11:40AM - 12:00PM

Sponsor Time - Raymond James

12:00PM - 1:30PM

Business Meeting & Lunch

1:30PM - 2:20PM

Basic Grant Writing

Caran Curry, Arkansas Municipal League

2:20PM - 2:35PM

Sponsor Time - OpenGov

2:35PM - 3:25PM

Issue 3 - Economic Districts

John Wilkerson, Arkansas Municipal League/ Gabe Holstrom

3:25PM - 3:40PM

Sponsor Time - Corvani

3:40PM - 3:50PM

Break

3:50PM - 4:40 PM

Passing a Sales Tax Bond - What Works?

Mayor, Molly Rawn, City of Fayetteville/ Mayor Joe Hurst, City of Van Buren
 George Shelton, Company Politics/ Leigh Ann Biernat, Stephens, Inc

4:40PM - 4:55 PM

Sponsor Time - Carty, Harding & Hearn





FRIDAY
31 January, 2026



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8:00AM- 8:30AM

Breakfast

8:30AM-9:20AM

Ask a Director!!!

Joy Black, City of Bryant/ Tyler Winningham, City of Conway
Casey Wilhelm, City of Rogers

9:20AM-9:30AM

Final Giveaway

9:30AM-10:20AM

Ethics

Blake Pennington, Sr Assistant Attorney, City of Fayetteville

10:20AM-10:40AM

Break - Allow time for checkouts

10:40AM - 11:30AM

News Arkansans Can Use from Washington D.C. - ARPA

Closeout, No Tax on Overtime, and Pennies Galore

Emily Brock, GFOA

11:30AM - 12:00PM

That's a Wrap!!!

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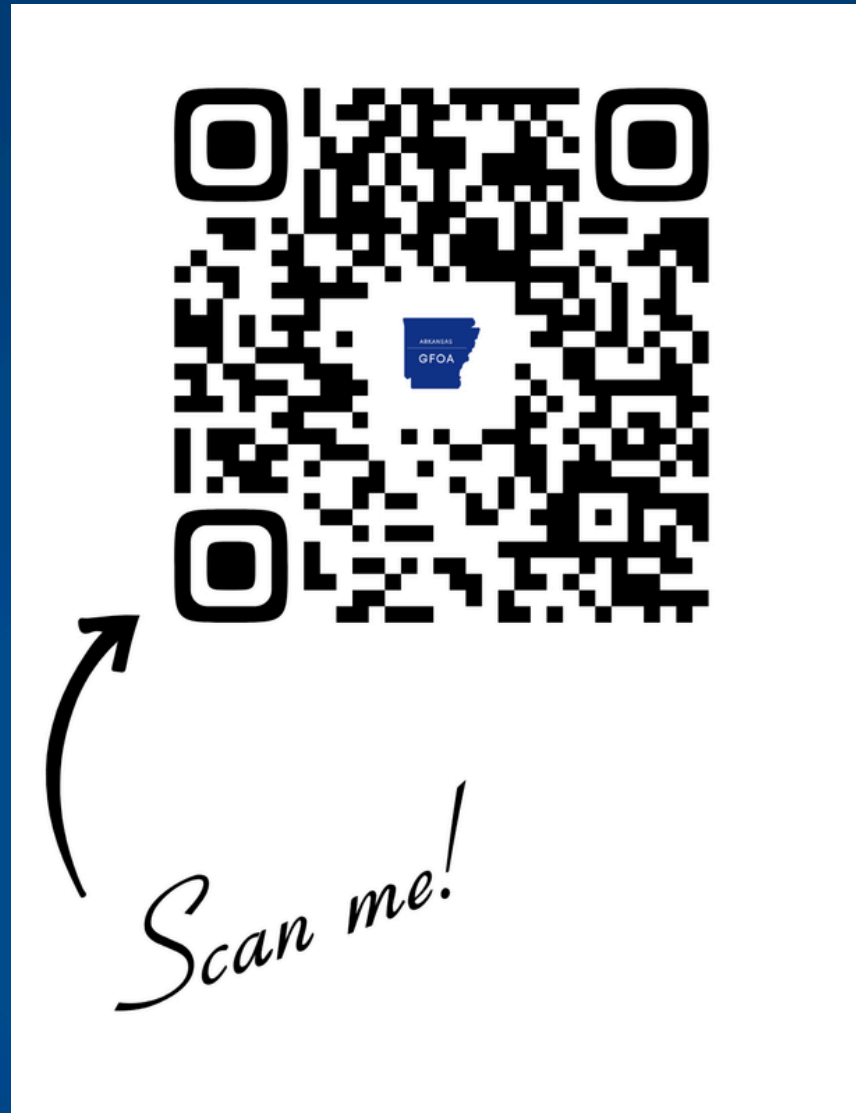
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SPEAKERS

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