



## Newcomer Services

BRADFORD & UDOUJ REALTORS is a full-service real estate company with a staff of full-time sales associates experienced in relocation of employees.

### Company Characteristics

- Member Multi-List Service (MLS)
- Member Employee Relocation Council
- Member local, state and national associations of Realtors
- Developer of Fianna Hills, the only golf course subdivision in Fort Smith
- Experienced in relocation business and national markets Services Offered
- Provide newcomer packet with local information prior to arrival
- Meet newcomer at airport and transport to lodging
- Tour of Fort Smith's points-of-interest and residential areas
- Computerized Multi-List for immediate access to all properties
- All listings available on internet
- Assistance in obtaining most favorable mortgage terms and introduction to local mortgage officers

## Bradford & Udouj Realtors Company Profile

Bradford & Udouj Realtors founded in 1978 by Bob Bradford and Ronnie Udouj, is Fort Smith's most complete real estate company. Its staff of full time realtors provide residential and commercial real estate services, as well as property management and land development. In 2006 Tom Cannava became Ronnie Udouj's partner and is co-owner of Bradford & Udouj. In 2008 Tom and Margaret Cannava purchased Bradford & Udouj and together with their daughter Rachel Cannava-Brown run and manage the most successful Real Estate Company in Fort Smith Regional Area. In 2016 Rachel became Principal Broker of the Top Real Estate Company in Fort Smith.

Bradford & Udouj is known for the high level of professionalism of its associates and the high quality of services provided to its customers and clients. One of its agents was the number one producer in the area and ten others each closed transactions over one million dollars in the last year. The company utilizes the computerized multi-listing service for immediate access to all properties.

All listings are also on the internet in addition to the multi-list. It also is a member of the Employee Relocation Council and the local, state and National Associations of Realtors. In addition to complete brokerage service, the company principals each have 25 years of

## HISTORY OF FORT SMITH

French voyagers, traders and trappers were among the first European settlers of the Fort Smith Region in the 1700s and 1800s. Where the Arkansas River converged with a little stream (which the French named the Poteau River), they found a beautiful spot — a sandstone bluff surrounded by grassy vales. This attractive place, where the two rivers met, they called Belle Point. To this day, Belle Point remains at the heart of Downtown Fort Smith. In 1817, on this bluff overlooking the convergence of the two rivers, Major William Bradford, head of a company of U.S. Army riflemen, established a military post. He chose Belle Point because of its commanding position, and because of the natural beauty of the spot. The post was named Camp Smith — and later Fort Smith — in honor of General Thomas A. Smith, the commander of the western frontier forces. One of the first settlers to make a permanent home in Fort Smith was Captain John Rogers, a veteran of the War of 1812. He laid out Fort Smith as a city and home seekers began to settle near the beautiful bluff. Fort Smith grew and soon became a trade center for the entire Southwest. Famous historical figures have occupied prominent places in the city's colorful past. General Sam Houston, the hero of Texas, once lived in Fort Smith, and legend has it that it was here that he claimed an Indian bride. General Zachary Taylor, of Mexican War fame and later 12th President of the United States, was stationed at the fort for a time. The chimney of his home still stands at the east end of Garrison Avenue near the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Albert Pike, soldier, poet and famous Mason, and Sequoyah, Chief of the Cherokee Indians, both lived near Fort Smith. Famous explorer L.E. Booneville chose Fort Smith as a home when he retired. General William O. Darby, founder of the famed Darby's Rangers group that fought in World War II, grew up in Fort Smith. William S. Sessions, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, is a Fort Smith native, as was jazz pioneer Alfonso Trent. Elvis Presley, the King of Rock N' Roll, was inducted into the U.S. Army and received his first military haircut at Fort Chaffee located just east of Fort Smith. The most interesting chapter of Fort Smith's history was written when the city was headquarters for Judge Isaac C. Parker, Chief Justice for the U.S. District Court for Western Arkansas. Known as "The Hanging Judge," Parker came to Fort Smith in 1875 as judge for the only seat of justice in the major part of the Southwest. Into this court were brought notorious desperados fresh from shooting scrapes and escapades; the jail which held these outlaws while awaiting trial was known as "Hell on the Border." Nearly 14,000 people faced the court during Parker's 21 years on the bench. He ordered the hanging of 79 men. In 1901, in Mansfield, just a few miles from Fort Smith, geologists digging a well discovered natural gas. This new supply of gas, which could provide cheap fuel for factories, began to attract industry to Fort Smith, and the city became a manufacturing center. Industries of all kinds were established, including steel and iron works, smelters, glass factories, brick plants, cotton oil plants, lumber mills, canning plants, furniture factories and the largest sorghum mill in the world. Coal mining in the Fort Smith area was another large industry which provided jobs for hundreds of people. Through the years, Fort Smith has built upon its rich past to create a dynamic present complete with modern business and industrial operations. The city's business and industrial development continues to show strong, steady and stable growth.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

### Police Department

Emergency

**911**

Non-Emergency

**785-4221**

### Fire Department

Emergency

**911**

Non-Emergency

**783-4052**

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Newspaper:

Southwest Times Record (Daily and Sunday)

3600 Wheeler Avenue, P.O. Box 1359, Fort Smith, AR 72902

479-785-7700 - [www.swtimes.com](http://www.swtimes.com)

### Television:

KFSM-TV (CBS) KPOM-TV (NBC) AETN (PBS)

KHBS-TV (ABC) KPBI-TV (Fox)

### Radio Stations:

KAYR (1060 AM) Hispanic programming

KBBQ (100.7 FM) Oldies

KEZA (107.9 FM) Adult contemporary

KEZU (104.7 FM) Adult contemporary

KFDF (1580 AM) Sports talk radio

KFPW (1230 AM) Oldies

KISR (93.7 FM) Contemporary hits

KLSZ (102.7 FM) Classic Rock

KMAG (99.1 FM) Country

KKBD (95.9 FM) Classic Rock

KOLX (94.5FM) Christian

KREU (92.3 FM) Classic Rock

KTCS (99.9 FM) Country

KUAF (91.3 FM) National Public Radio/Classical

KWHN (1320 AM) News/talk radio

KZBB (97.9 FM) Contemporary hits

KZKZ (106.3 FM) Christian

## City of Fort Smith Utilities

OG&E Electric Service Co.

(800)272-9741

[www.oge.com](http://www.oge.com)

Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corp. AOG

(800)842-5690

[www.aogc.com](http://www.aogc.com)

AT&T Telephone

(800)464-7928

[www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

Cox Communications Cable Television/Broadband Cable

782-8941

[www.cox.com](http://www.cox.com)

City Utilities Water, Sewer & Trash

Customer Service

784-2262

[www.fortsmithwater.org/index.shtml](http://www.fortsmithwater.org/index.shtml)

Arkansas Valley Electric Co-op

Fianna Hills

(800)468-2176

[www.avecc.com](http://www.avecc.com)

Riley Farm Residents

(800)468-2152

Sanitation Department

784-2350

<http://sanitation.fsark.com/web/>

# Local School Systems

[www.arkansased.org](http://www.arkansased.org)

## Fort Smith Public Schools

785-2501

Fort Smith Public Schools  
Superintendent Benny Gooden, Ed. D.  
3205 Jenny Lind  
P.O. Box 1948  
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72902  
[www.fssc.k12.ar.us](http://www.fssc.k12.ar.us)

### Elementary Schools

[BALLMAN](#) • 2601 South Q Street, 72901 • (479) 783-1280  
[BARLING](#) • 1400 D Street, Barling, 72923 • (479) 452-0211  
[BEARD](#) • 1600 Cavanaugh Road, 72903 • (479) 646-0834  
[BONNEVILLE](#) • 2500 S. Waldron Road, 72903 • (479) 478-3161  
[CARNALL](#) • 2524 South Tulsa Street, 72901 • (479) 646-3612  
[CAVANAUGH](#) • 1025 School Street, 72908 • (479) 646-1131  
[COOK](#) • 3517 Brooken Hill Drive, 72908 • (479) 646-8880  
[EUPER LANE](#) • 6601 Euper Lane, 72903 • (479) 452-2601  
[FAIRVIEW](#) • 2400 South Dallas Street, 72901 • (479) 783-3214  
[HOWARD](#) • 1301 North 8th Street, 72901 • (479) 783-7382  
[MORRISON](#) • 3415 Newlon Road, 72904 • (479) 782-7045  
[ORR](#) • 3609 Phoenix Street, 72903 • (479) 646-3711  
[PIKE](#) • 4111 Park Avenue, 72903 • (479) 783-4506  
[SPRADLING](#) • 4949 Spradling, 72904 • (479) 783-8048  
[SUNNYMEDE](#) • 4201 North O Street, 72901 • (479) 783-6327  
[SUTTON](#) • 5001 Kelley Highway, 72904 • (479) 785-1778  
[TILLES](#) • 815 North 16th, 72901 • (479) 785-5606  
[TRUSTY](#) • 3300 Harris Lane, 72904 • (479) 783-7720  
[WOODS](#) • 3201 Massard Road, 72903 • (479) 452-5808

### Secondary Schools

[BELLE POINT](#) Alt. Learning Center • 1501 Dodson Avenue, 72901 • (479) 783-7034  
[CHAFFIN](#) Junior High School • 3025 Massard Road • (479) 452-2226  
[DARBY](#) Junior High School • 616 North 14th Street • (479) 783-4159  
[KIMMONS](#) Junior High School • 2201 North 50th Street • (479) 785-2451  
[NORTHSIDE](#) High School • 2301 North B Street, 72901 • 783-1171  
[RAMSEY](#) Junior High School • 3201 Jenny Lind Road • (479) 783-5115  
[SOUTHSIDE](#) High School • 4100 Gary Street • (479) 646-7371

## Greenwood Public Schools

479-996-4142

Greenwood Public Schools  
420 North Main St  
Greenwood, AR 72936  
Superintendent John Ciesla  
[www.greenwoodk12.com](http://www.greenwoodk12.com)

Greenwood Public Schools are located in Greenwood, Arkansas, a town of approximately 8,000 located 10 miles south of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

- More than 3,500 students attend Greenwood Schools.
- The student attendance rate is about 95%.
- Greenwood Schools have five campuses:
  - Westwood Primary, grades K-5
  - East Point Elementary, grades K-5
  - East Hills Middle School, grades 6-7
  - Greenwood Junior High, grades 8 and 9
  - Greenwood High School, grades 10-12
- Approximately 265 teachers and administrators are employed by Greenwood Public Schools
- The district also employs 183 support staff.
- All Greenwood Schools are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

CHRIST THE KING  
Grades Preschool - 6  
1918 South Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72901  
[www.christ-king.org](http://www.christ-king.org)  
479-782-0614

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
Grades Preschool - 9  
2407 Massard Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903  
479-452-5330  
[www.lstlutheran.com](http://www.lstlutheran.com)

FORT SMITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
Grades K- 12  
4201 Windsor Drive, Fort Smith, AR 72904  
479-782-0282  
[www.fscs.org](http://www.fscs.org)

FORT SMITH MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Grades K - 6

3908 Jenny Lind, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-646-7225

[www.fsmontessori.com/](http://www.fsmontessori.com/)

HARVEST TIME CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Grades K - 6

3300 Briarcliff Drive, Fort Smith, AR 72903

[www.harvesttime.net/children.html](http://www.harvesttime.net/children.html)

479-646-2669

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Grades K - 6

223 South 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

[www.icschoolfs.org](http://www.icschoolfs.org)

479-783-6798

RIVER VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

P.O. Box 180621, Fort Smith, AR 72918-0621

[www.rvcs.org](http://www.rvcs.org)

Elementary: 479-452-8282

Jr./Sr. High: 479-452-3342

TRINITY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1205 South Albert Pike, Fort Smith, AR 72903

[www.trinitycatholicjh.org](http://www.trinitycatholicjh.org)

479-782-2451

## University of Arkansas Fort Smith

788-7000

Chancellor: Paul B. Beran, Ph.D.

5210 Grand Avenue

P.O. Box 3649

Fort Smith, Arkansas 72913

[www.uafs.edu](http://www.uafs.edu)

Since its founding in 1928, UA Fort Smith has partnered with area civic and business leaders to create program resources that enhance the personal and professional opportunities of our students and drive the economic and cultural development of our community. That constant drive for innovation and relevance continues today:

- The Center for Business and Professional Development (CBPD) at UA Fort Smith provides training and education to area businesses and meets the continuing education needs of the community.
- The University Center allows students to participate in degree programs offered by other selected universities from the convenience of the UA Fort Smith campus.
- Our constantly updated Health Sciences programs are meeting the health care needs of our community while preparing our students for rewarding careers in registered and practical nursing, surgical technology, dental hygiene, and radiologic technology.
- Foundations of Learning is a special freshman orientation class designed to help students make a successful transition to college life.
- The Western Arkansas Technical Center provides college-level technical training to juniors and seniors from area high schools.

## John Brown University

646-0082

[www.jbu.edu/advance](http://www.jbu.edu/advance)

4500 Towson Avenue, Suite 216, Phoenix Village Mall, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901  
John Brown University's Satellite Center in Fort Smith offers an advanced degree completion program designed for adults who want to maintain a family and job responsibilities while furthering their education. The advanced program is designed for motivated adults, who started college, went to work and never finished college. The program offers a bachelor's degree in organizational management in approximately 18 months with classes meeting one night a week for four hours a night.

## OTHER UNIVERSITIES

### Webster University

801 Carnall Avenue

Fort Smith, AR, 72901

[www.websteruniv.com](http://www.websteruniv.com)

479-484-7747



Fort Smith offers the latest in medical technology and procedures. Our region's medical community offers a complete support system of specialty program that allow physicians to achieve the best possible outcome for their patients. Fort Smith is a Regional Medical Center with dedicated centers for heart diseases, cancer treatment and prevention, leading edge computerized and magnetic imaging and plastic surgery. With such a complete medical community, it should come as no surprise that the Fort Smith region is a diagnostic center for a six-state area.

## HOSPITALS

### **Crawford Memorial Hospital**

East Main and South 20th Streets, P.O. Box 409, Van Buren, AR 72956, 479-474-3401

- Fully accredited - Founded in 1951 - 103 Beds

<http://www.ccmhia.com/index1.htm>

### **Harbor View Mercy Psychiatric Hospital**

10301 Mayo, Fort Smith, AR 72903, 479-484-5550

- Fully accredited - Founded in 1984 - 80 Beds

### **HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitative Hospital**

1401 South "J" Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901, 479-785-3300

- Fully accredited - Founded in 1986 - 80 Beds

### **Sparks Regional Medical Center**

1311 South "I" Street, P.O. Box 17006, Fort Smith, AR 72917-7006, 479-441-4000,

[www.sparks.org](http://www.sparks.org)

- Fully accredited - Founded in 1887 - 510 Beds

### **St. Edward Mercy Medical Center**

7301 Rogers Avenue, P.O. Box 17000, Fort Smith, AR 72917, 479-484-6000,

[www.ftsm.smhs.com](http://www.ftsm.smhs.com)

- Fully accredited - Founded in 1905 - 343 Beds

### **Cooper Clinic**

6801 Rogers Avenue, P.O. Box 3528

Fort Smith, AR 72913, 479-452-2077

[www.cooperclinic.com](http://www.cooperclinic.com)

### **Sparks Health System**

1311 South "I" Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901

479-441-5300

[www.sparks.org](http://www.sparks.org)

## CLINICS

### **Area Agency on Aging of Western Arkansas**

524 Garrison Avenue, P.O. Box 1724

Fort Smith, AR 72902, 501-783-4500

aaaging@ipa.net

Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center  
3111 South 70th Street, P.O. Box 11818  
Fort Smith, AR 72917-1818, 501-452-6650  
[www.wacgc.org](http://www.wacgc.org)

## CLIMATE DATA

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA, National Weather Service in Tulsa, OK  
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tsa/climate/fortsmith.html>

## RECREATION & SOCIAL FACILITIES

Fort Smith  
City Parks  
Department  
784-2368

There are a total of 15 parks in Fort Smith with a total acreage of about 1,150.  
There are also national, state and county parks throughout the Fort Smith region.  
Some of the larger area parks include:

**FORT SMITH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE:** Third Street and Rogers Avenue in Downtown Fort Smith, Administered by the National Park Service, approximately 35 acres, contains the remains of a first Fort Smith (1817-1824), and second Fort Smith (1838-1871) and a subsequent U.S. District Court (1872-1896). Includes visitor center/museum. For more information, call 479-783-3961.

**CREEKMORE PARK:** Rogers Avenue & South 31st Street. Located on 27 acres in the heart of Fort Smith, this city park offers charcoal grills, a community center building with public meeting rooms, concessions, drinking fountains, flower gardens, children's playground, lighted basketball court, lighted tennis court, miniature golf, nature area, park benches, parking facilities, picnic areas, restrooms, swimming pools, telephone, miniature train, wading pool, volleyball poles, walking/exercise trail, shuffleboard and a gazebo. For more information, call 479-784-2368.

**CAROL ANN CROSS PARK:** 1601 South 74th Street. Located on 51 acres, this city park offers boating, charcoal grills, drinking fountains, fishing, nature area, park benches, parking facilities, picnic pavilions, restrooms, walking trails, telephone, flower garden and playground.

**BEN GEREN REGIONAL PARK:** 7200 South Zero Street. This 800 acre county park offers an Olympic size pool, lighted softball diamonds, tennis courts, hiking trails, bridle paths, picnic pavilions, amusement park facilities, 27-hole golf course and clubhouse, miniature golf and soccer complex. For more information, call 479-646-2444.

**HUNT'S PARK:** South 31st Street and Dodson Avenue. An eight acre athletic field contains combination lighted baseball/football field with grandstand club facilities.

**HARRY E. KELLEY PARK:** North "A" Street and Clayton Expressway. Located on two acres, this city park contains a covered, lighted stage with power outlets, benches, picnic area and fishing.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK:** North Greenwood Avenue and North "R" Street. This three acre city park contains concessions, drinking fountains, playgrounds, benches, parking, restrooms, swimming pool, telephone, lighted athletic field, basketball court, wading pool, picnic area/pavilion and grills.

**LEE CREEK RESERVOIR:** Northeast of Van Buren off Arkansas Highway 59. Located on 1,443 acres, this city park offers boating, benches\*, fishing\*, nature area, restrooms\*, and walking and hiking trails.

**FORT SMITH PARK:** North 6th Street and Clayton Expressway. This 39 acre park, operated by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, offers 33 picnic sites, a large picnic pavilion, boat ramp and restrooms.

**TILLES PARK:** North 37th Street and Grand Avenue. This 23 acres city park offers grills, playground, lighted basketball and tennis courts, benches, parking, picnic areas/pavilions, restrooms, walking trail and flower garden.

**SPRINGHILL PARK:** Located 1.5 miles north of Barling on Arkansas Highway 59. This U.S. Corps of Engineers park adjacent to the Arkansas River offers camping, fishing, boating, boat ramps, playgrounds, pavilions, flush toilets and showers. For more information, call 479-452-4598.

**FORT SMITH DOG PARK:** Located at the corner of Massard Road & Louisville Street near Fort Smith Airport. The Fort Smith Dog Park is dedicated to dogs & dog lovers. The purpose is to provide off leash exercise & socialization opportunities for our four legged friends while promoting responsible dog ownership through events and programs. Fun Factors include: Mutt Mitt Station, Benches, Pond, Double Gates & Parking Area

**THE JANET HUCKABEE NATURE CENTER:** This nature center sits on 170 acres of land in Fort Smith that were previously part of Fort Chaffee. The building overlooks Wells Lake, a popular local fishing and picnicking destination! Built in the fertile Arkansas River Valley, the center focuses on the wide variety of animals and birds that call the area home. In addition to resident Canada geese and small mammals and turtles calling the center home, many colorful songbirds stop by on their journeys to and from wintering grounds farther south. While many visitors come to the center for the interesting exhibits inside, just as many find the trails, native plants on the grounds and canoeing or fishing in the lake just as enjoyable.

## GOLF COURSES

If golf is your thing, then the Fort Smith region has what you need in both public and private courses. Area courses include:

**Ben Geren Regional Park**, 7200 South Zero Street (27 holes)

Offers golf carts, lessons, pro shop and snack bar. 479-646-5301.

**Cedars Country Club**, 1301 City Park Road, Van Buren (9 holes)

479-474-2412

**Eagle Crest Golf Course**, 909 U.S. Highway 71 South, Alma (18 holes)

Offers golf carts, lessons, pro shop and snack bar. 479-632-2101.

**Fort Chaffee Golf Course**, Fort Chaffee (18 holes)

Offers golf carts, lessons, pro shop and snack bar. 479-484-2770.

**Fort Smith Country Club**, 5500 Midland Boulevard (9 holes)

Offers snack bar and pro shop. 479-783-9308.

**Shadow Creek Golf Course**, Sallisaw, Oklahoma (18 holes)

Offers golf carts, snack bar and pro shop. 918-775-6008.

**Vache Grasse Country Club**, Greenwood (18 holes)

Offers snack bar, lessons and pro shop. 479-996-4191.

## PRIVATE COURSES:

**Fianna Hills Country Club**, #1 Essex Place (18 holes)

For more information, call 479-646-7861.

**Hardscrabble Country Club**, 5211 South Cliff Drive (18 holes)

For more information, call 479-783-3731.

## The Best Quality Of Life Without All The Costs

Fort Smith is your perfect choice. Your imagination is your only limit.

With some of the finest lakes and mountains in the country in our back yard, families can savor the life they build here. Whether you like shopping at the malls, attending concerts, visiting museums, enjoying the cuisine at some of the finest and most unique restaurants in the nation, fishing or swimming in beautiful clean lakes and streams or playing in our many parks, it's all readily available in the Fort Smith region. But, best of all, it's a safe and fun place to live and raise a family without all the costs and concerns of larger cities.

## Site Seeing & Area Activities:

- The Fort Smith Little Theatre produces five top shows annually. In addition, the group does several experimental workshop readings each year, which are open to season ticket holders. Their address is 401 North 6th Street. For more information, call 479-783-2966.
- The Fort Smith Symphony is the oldest orchestra in the state. It performs five subscription concerts per year, plus a Mayor's Fourth of July Concert on the banks of the Arkansas River, and a "Symphony on the Green" at University of Arkansas Fort Smith Reynolds Plaza and a Family Concert. For more information, write to: The Fort Smith Symphony, P.O. Box 3151, 5111 Rogers Avenue, Suite #405, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72913; or call 479-452-7575.

- The Association of Artists of Fort Smith operate the Fort Smith Art Center at 423 North 6th Street. The center is open to the public between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and 2 to 4 pm. on Sundays. For more information, call 479-784-ARTS.
- Old Fort Museum. From the founding of the first fort in 1817 to nearby Fort Chaffee's role in American military history, the tumultuous history of Fort Smith's presence on the Arkansas-Oklahoma border is brought to life in a series of fascinating exhibits and displays at the Old Fort Museum. Don't miss the old-fashioned drug store and working soda fountain. The Old Fort Museum is located at 320 Rogers Avenue. For more information, call 479-783-7841.
- The Arkansas Oklahoma State Fair is one of the five district fairs in Arkansas. An annual event, it is scheduled for the third Friday after Labor Day in September at Kay Rodgers Park Fairgrounds on Midland Boulevard. The event brings some of the top musical acts in the nation for the nine-day fair. For more information, call 479-783-6176.
- The Old Fort Days Rodeo is held annually in May beginning Memorial Day and running through Saturday with nightly performances. The event also includes the nation's richest barrel futurity with some of the nation's top cowboys competing for more than \$500,000 in prize money. The Rodeo is held at Kay Rodgers Park on Midland Boulevard. For more information, call 479-783-6176.
- General William O. Darby, founder of the famed "Darby Rangers" group that fought in Italy during World War II, grew up in Fort Smith. His childhood home has been restored and turned into The Darby House, 311 General Darby Street (North Eighth Street). The home contains numerous mementos of his early years, Rangers' memorabilia and items from Fort Smith's sister city, Cisterna di Latina, Italy. For more information, call 479-782-3388.
- The Western Arkansas Ballet Company is located at 1310 North 32nd Street. For information regarding performances, call 479-785-0152.
- The Old Fort River Festival has provided summer entertainment to regional residents since 1979. Held every year in mid-June in Fort Smith's Harry E. Kelley Park, the Festival is host to three days of some of the best live music, arts and crafts, children's events and food in the region. This festival grows in popularity each year and draws national recording acts. For more Festival information, call 479-783-6363.
- The Riverfront Blues Festival has grown into one of the top blues events in a several state area. Great food and some of the best blues acts in the country provide for top rate entertainment for the whole family. This two-day entertainment is held every September in Fort Smith's Harry E. Kelley Park. For more information, call 479-783-6353.
- University of Arkansas Fort Smith "Season of Entertainment" annually attracts national theater and musical productions, as well as frequent performances by the Concert Band, the Jazz Band and Choral Ensembles. For more information, call the UAFS Box Office at 788-7300. The college is also host to "Season on the Green," a series of free outdoor performances featuring national touring productions.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Fort Smith Regional Airport

646-1693

[www.fortsmithairport.com](http://www.fortsmithairport.com)

The Fort Smith Regional Airport, located five miles east of downtown Fort Smith, offers full air transportation access and boasts the state's longest runway. Four airlines offer daily flights to and from Fort Smith. The Fort Smith region is served and easily accessed by Interstate 40 the nation's main four-lane east/west passage as well as Interstate 540 and U.S. Highways 64, 71 and 271. The Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with regional business, civic and political leaders have been calling for the creation of a four lane, interstate quality, north/south passage for several decades. This route, most often called U.S. 71/I-49, would open up emerging business markets in Central and South America, as well as major Mid-American trading centers from Texas and Louisiana to Chicago. Creation of this interstate quality road has been, without question, the top priority among our region's business, civic and political leaders.

### Interstate Highways

The Port of Fort Smith on the Arkansas River offers a nine foot ice-free channel, open year around with low cost transportation by barge between Fort Smith and all points reached by navigable waterways. The port is available by numerous carriers that serve Fort Smith. The public port in Fort Smith is in operation with two on-site warehouses and has two docks and two cranes. The Port of Fort Smith is part of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System that runs through the heart of the nation. The waterway not only connects Fort Smith to the ports of the world, but also with America's entire inland waterway system from Houston to New Orleans, to Pittsburgh and Minneapolis.

### Barge/River Transit

785-2837

### Railroad

Three railroad providers offer freight service to Fort Smith. These companies offer one shipment daily from Fort Smith:

Arkansas-Missouri Railroad 782-8821

Kansas City Southern (918) 775-3155

### Taxi Service

783-1118

Razorback Cab Co. offers Fort Smith's only cab service. The company offers around the clock service with its fleet of 40 cabs. Fort Smith Public Transit operates 20-passenger minibuses that run Monday through Saturday. The service offers curb-to-curb service along four routes throughout the city, with all four routes having a common focal point of Central Mall. The Public Transit also operates a 25-seat trolley that travels through Fort Smith's downtown and historic districts.

### Public Transportation

783-6464