



NEWSLETTER

OF
OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI
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ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE COMMUNITIES



Mayor SAM RIKARD

Message From The Mayor.....

I do not have to tell any of you that we are experiencing economic times that are unprecedented in most of our lifetimes. The City of Olive Branch survived the inflation days of the 80's and the boom times earlier this decade. All phases of an economy provide unique challenges to government. When the economy booms, government attempts to meet those expanding needs. When the economy slows, government operates with less, but is still expected to provide you with basic services. We will operate as we always have by providing to you the best services we can, at the least possible costs. We strive every day to make sure that your tax dollars and utility fund dollars are spent wisely and in a legal manner.

Our main sources of revenue for the general fund are property taxes, court fines, ambulance fees, building and park fees and sales tax. Those sources of revenue have decreased as a direct reflection of our present economy. We have adjusted our expenses by not filling most positions that become vacant. We will continue to monitor the impact of the present economy and will make adjustments as necessary. Unlike the Federal Government, we are required by law to have a balanced budget. It is a legal requirement but it is also the fiscally responsible position that all levels of government should take.

On the positive side, our police and court personnel have moved into their new facilities (shown below). We continue to provide our public safety personnel with

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OLIVE BRANCH POLICE STATION



OLIVE BRANCH COURT HOUSE

2010
Calendar of Events
in and around Olive Branch
through October 1, 2010

EVENTS IN OLD TOWN

Classic Car / Flywheeler Show, Sat. 9:00am-3:00pm...April 17
 MayFest, Saturday, 9:00am - 3:00pm.....May 8
 Old Towne Opry, Saturday, 6:30pm - 9:30pm.....June 12
 Hootenannies, Thursday, 7:00pm-9:00pm.. May 6 thru June 24
 Hootenannies, Thursday, 7:00pm - 9:00pm.. Sept 2 thru Oct 28
 PraiseFest, Saturday, 10:00am - 4:00pm.....Sept 25

CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE

Olive Branch City Park
 Sunday, 6:30pm - 9:30pm.....July 4

MAYOR/BOARD of ALDERMEN

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

Tuesday, 6:30pm.....April 6
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....April 20
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....May 4
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....May 18
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....June 1
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....June 15
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....July 6
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....July 20
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Aug. 3
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Aug. 17
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Sept. 7
 Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Sept. 21

PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

Tuesday, 6pm.....April 13
 Tuesday, 6pm.....May 11
 Tuesday, 6pm.....June 8
 Tuesday, 6pm.....July 13
 Tuesday, 6pm.....Aug. 10
 Tuesday, 6pm.....Sept. 14

BOARD of ADJUSTMENT

Regular Meetings

City Courtroom at 6900 Highland Street

Thursday, 6pm.....April 8
 Thursday, 6pm.....May 13
 Thursday, 6pm.....June 10
 Thursday, 6pm.....July 8
 Thursday, 6pm.....Aug. 12
 Thursday, 6pm.....Sept. 9

Please

Patronize our Local Businesses

MONEY SPENT IN OLIVE BRANCH
Benefits Everyone in Olive Branch

From the Roost, the City of Olive Branch Newsletter, is published bi-annually, in-house, by the City of Olive Branch as a means of keeping our citizens aware and informed. We welcome any critique and suggestions regarding articles and content at 662-892-9382 or bcroost@obms.us.

CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH ANIMAL SHELTER

Debbie Holden is the *Animal Control Coordinator* for the City of Olive Branch. She works out of the *City's Animal Shelter* located at 7100 Stateline Road and has a staff of two *Animal Control Officers*, **Chris Bishop** and **Billy Martin** and a *Shelter Custodian* to help with the house-keeping duties. The *Shelter* has a capacity of twenty-one (21) dogs and approximately twenty (20) cats and far too often, it is filled to capacity.



DEBBIE HOLDEN
 Animal Control Supervisor

Olive Branch Animal Control Officers respond to calls from within the City regarding animals running loose on the streets. When an animal is picked up and taken into the *Shelter*, the clock starts ticking on its very existence. It is held for 5 days to give its owner time to come and retrieve the animal. If it is unclaimed after 5 days, it becomes the property of the City and **Debbie** starts the process of trying to find the animal a new home with someone in the general public or adopting it out through one of the dozen or so rescue groups that she works with in trying to find new homes for animals. The adoption process is not just part of the job with **Debbie**, it is a passion with her because she knows the alternative and she fights it with every ounce of her being. It is not uncommon for her to spend hours of her own time, late into the evening, on the phone trying to find foster homes for animals whose time is running out. "It is heartbreaking," said **Debbie**, "when despite all of your efforts, you have no choice but to have an animal put down. I know it is sometimes necessary, but it is never easy, and it is the one thing about my job, that I truly, truly hate".

The *Olive Branch Animal Shelter* will handle between 800 and 1,000 animals in a year's time. 20 to 25% are claimed by their owners. 40% are adopted out to new owners and about 20% are passed on to the various rescue groups. The other 20% are, unfortunately, euthanized mostly because of aggressive behavior, injury, or sometime, unfortunately, because there is literally no room in the *Shelter* for them.

Because of the liability involved, the City is unable to use volunteers at the *Shelter*, however, donations of everything from animal food, towels, blankets, toys, dog kennels and pet carriers, to *Advantage* and *Frontline* for flea control are welcomed at the *Shelter*. Anyone wishing to make monetary donations should do so to *Friends of Olive Branch (Animal Shelter)* at City Hall, 9200 Pigeon Roost in Olive Branch. Olive Branch's three veterinarian clinics, *All Animal Hospital*, *Cat & Cow Veterinary Clinic* and *Olive Branch Animal Clinic* are more than generous in their assistance and support of the *Shelter*.

In addition to animal control, the *Olive Branch Animal Shelter* responds to animal cruelty and abuse reports, bite incidents and animal abandonment cases.

The *Olive Branch Animal Shelter* is open 8 to 5, Monday thru Friday and 8 to Noon on Saturday. There are always an assortment of dogs and cats available for adoption and shelter animals are known to make really great pets. Perhaps it is the animal's sixth sense of knowing it has been relieved and given a second chance that makes them try so hard to make the most of it. If you are thinking of adding a pet to your household, please give **Debbie** a call at 662-895-4582 and take a look at our *Shelter* animals. You will be giving an innocent animal a second chance at life and you will be a better person for it.



BILLY MARTIN
 Animal Control Officer



CHRIS BISHOP
 Animal Control Officer



OLIVE BRANCH ANIMAL SHELTER - 7100 Stateline Road

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION ON APRIL 15th



Dr. D. C. FUNDERBURK EUGENE FORREST HAMILTON GEORGE M. HARRISON SAM P. RIKARD JAMES E. WOODS

In ceremonies open to the public, scheduled for Thursday evening April 15th at 7pm in the **NEW COURTHOUSE** at 6900 Highland, the City will honor five of its sons with the highest award the City can bestow upon one of its citizens. Each year, five of Olive Branch's citizens, living or deceased, are inducted into the *Olive Branch Hall of Fame* in recognition of their contribution toward making Olive Branch what it is today. Including the five 2009 inductees, there are now twenty members of the *Olive Branch Hall of Fame* (eight still living) whose lives span the 173 years since the first settlers arrived in the area in 1836.

Members of the *Olive Branch Hall of Fame*, and the year inducted, are:

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| MILTON BLOCKER 2007 | FRANK BROWN 2008 | B. J. CHAIN 2007 | BILL CRUTHIRDS, Sr. 2008 |
| SCOTTIE DAVIDSON 2008 | Dr. D. C. FUNDERBURK 2009 | STEPHEN FLINN 2007 | FORREST HAMILTON 2009 |
| GEORGE HARRISON 2009 | M. C. HERRINGTON 2007 | JAN JOHNSON 2007 | BILL KERR 2008 |
| LUSH PUN TUBBY 2007 | JACK McCAULEY 2007 | D. M. NICHOLS 2007 | G. B. PAYNE 2007 |
| SAM RIKARD 2009 | HOMER SKELTON 2007 | BENJAMIN WESSON 2008 | JAMES WOODS 2009 |

Those to be inducted into the *Hall of Fame* for the year 2009 are:

Dr. D. C. Funderburk (1888 - 1960), an Olive Branch physician and former Mayor.

Eugene Forrest Hamilton, a former Olive Branch pharmacist and an Evangelist who is now the State Representative for the 6th District.

George M. Harrison (1923 - 2002), an Olive Branch businessman who served twenty-eight years as a City Alderman.

Samuel P. Rikard, current Mayor of Olive Branch, a position he has held for the past thirteen years, following eight years as an Olive Branch Alderman.

James E. Woods, presently a practicing attorney with the law firm of Watkins, Ludlum, Stennis and Winters and long time supporter of OBHS athletics.

The nominating process to select the next five inductees for 2010 starts on June 1st when the *Hall of Fame Nominating Board* considers names for ballot nomination. The general public is asked to participate in the nominating process by clipping out the form below, entering the name of anyone you think to be worthy of the honor, and mailing it or returning it to O. B. Hall of Fame - Olive Branch City Hall - 9200 Pigeon Roost - Olive Branch, MS 38654 before June 1st. All names submitted will be considered by the *Hall of Fame Nominating Board*.

The following named individuals received at least one vote in the 2009 *Hall of Fame* balloting and, as such, are carried forward in nomination for 2010, and do not need to be renominated:

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| DRUE BIRMINGHAM | BILLIE BLOCKER | LEMOYNE BRIGANCE | SARAH CAMP |
| Dr. GREG EVANS | G. P. GILLESPIE | MAURY HARAWAY | Dr. ELTON HARRIS |
| JOYCE HASLIP | WAYNE HOLLOWELL | LILIAN HUDSON | Dr. JULIAN JONES |
| ROBERT MARR | T. H. NORVILLE | H. GENE PHILLIPS | LESLIE POOL |
| DON SAPPINGTON | Dr. P. J. SCOTT | KENT SESSOM | W. T. WOODS |



I would like to recommend the following person to the *Hall of Fame Nominating Board* for consideration for induction into the **Olive Branch Hall of Fame:** Mail to: HALL OF FAME - 9200 PIGEON ROOST - OLIVE BRANCH, MS. 38654 or drop by Olive Branch City Hall before June 1st.

Name for consideration.

Please give us your name and phone number in the event we need more information. Phone

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

CLINT W. DAYTON joined the Navy on August 8, 1941. After basic training he was assigned to CASU-6 for nine months in the Solomon Islands in the Pacific theatre of WWII. Following a brief return to the States, he was assigned to CASU-12 and stationed on the Island of Guam. He volunteered for hazardous duty and was transferred to VPB-106 where he served as a rear top waist gunner in PB-4Y2 four-engine Privateer Patrol Bombers flying fleet patrol out of Tinian and Iwo Jima. His plane was twice hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire on bombing runs against Japanese warships. His unit was then transferred to Palawan in the Phillipines where he completed the remainder of the 38 missions he flew in the Pacific during the war. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, (4) Air Medals, the Unit Commendation Philippine Liberation Medal and the South Pacific Theatre Campaign Medal with (2) stars.

Clint Dayton passed away on January 16th of this year.

AMM IC CLINT W. DAYTON

To Whom We Owe So Much

FORMER INHABITANTS OF THIS AREA, THE UNCONQUERABLE CHICKASAW



BILL CRUTHIRDS, SR.
Curator - Olive Branch Museum

The people of the *Mississippi Culture*, also known as the *Mound-builders* were the original inhabitants of the lower *Mississippi Valley*. They were part of the original inhabitants of *North America* who had crossed the land bridge from *Siberia* to *Alaska* around 2500BC. They lived in this area up until around the year 1000AD, when, for some reason, that culture began to decline and vanish. Legend has it that into this transitioning area, a

group of aboriginal people migrated from the west (probably from the *Red River* area of *Texas*, or perhaps further south in *Mexico*) and crossed the *Mississippi River* into what is now the southeastern *United States*. Soon after arriving, the group, led by two brother chieftians, disagreed on where to settle and ended up splitting into two groups. One group followed brother, **Chikasah** and became the *Chickasaw*. The other group followed brother, **Chahta** and became the *Choctaw*. The *Chickasaw* assimilated the inhabitants who were already here, and settled into an area that is now northern *Mississippi* and *Alabama*, *Tennessee* and *Kentucky*. The *Choctaw* settled further south.

Though always small in numbers, as a result of continuous warfare, when provoked, the *Chickasaw* were fierce fighters and undefeatable in battle either by the *Cherokee*, *Choctaw*, *Creek* and other Indian Tribes in their neighborhood, or by the armies of the *European* colonial powers, particularly the hated *French*. The *Chickasaw* controlled the lower *Mississippi River*, mainly from their position of strength on the *Chickasaw Bluffs* (present-day *Memphis*), and prevented the *French* from linking their colonies in *Louisiana* and *Canada* into a formidable *French* barrier through the middle of the *North American Continent*. The inability of the *French* to move freely up and down the *Mississippi River* would, ultimately, result in the decline of *French* influence and later, indirectly, in the *Louisiana Purchase* whereby *France* sold the *U.S. Government* 800,000 square miles of territory west of the *Mississippi River* in 1803, forever ending *French* colonial ambitions in *North America*.

The *Chickasaw* were known as the "*Spartans of the lower Mississippi Valley*", and earned a reputation not to be trifled with, and those who did, usually lived to regret it, if they lived at all. Those who had dealings with them quickly found that if you wronged a *Chickasaw*, it was not a matter of if they would get revenge, but when.

Spanish explorer, **Hernando DeSoto** ran afoul of a tribe known as the *Chicasa* (who would later become the *Chickasaw*) and his expedition came dangerously close to being wiped out by them on March 4, 1541 in the *Battle of Chicasa* in northeast *Mississippi*.

In the mid-18th century, the *French*, under *Louisiana Colonial Governor* **Bienville**, imported an army from *France* and undertook a two-front campaign to attack the *Chickasaw* from the north and from the south in an effort,

once and for all, to resolve their problem by exterminating the *Chickasaw*. The northern *French* army consisting of regular troops, militia and Indian allies under **Pierre D'Artaguet** came down the *Mississippi River* from *Fort De Chartres* in *Illinois*, landed at *Fort Prudhomme* on the *Chickasaw Bluffs*, and then moved southeast through the area that is now *Olive Branch*. Unaware that the southern *French* army was weeks behind schedule, he pushed forward and met the *Chickasaw* under **Mingo Ouma** on March 25, 1736 at the *Battle of Ogoula Tchetoka* (also known as *Tubbe's Ridge*) southeast of present-day *Pontotoc*. The *Chickasaw* fought with such ferocity that the *French's* Indian allies abandoned them and fled into the woods. **D'Artaguet** and most of his officers were killed and the *French* army was very nearly annihilated with very few stragglers back to the safety of the bluffs.

The southern *French* army under **Bienville**, now two months behind schedule and not knowing the fate of the northern army, moved north out of *Mobile*, up the *Tombigbee River* and, accompanied by their *Choctaw* allies, attacked the *Chickasaw* on May 26, 1736 and was soundly defeated at the *Battle of Ackia*, southeast of present-day *Tupelo*.

Several other *French* military campaigns against the *Chickasaw* during that decade fared no better. In 1752, a larger *French* army under **Vaudreuil** followed the same route north from *Mobile* to attack the formidable *Chickasaw* and suffered the same fate. The *Chickasaw* would repel all invaders and maintain their control of the lower *Mississippi River* until the advent of the steam powered riverboats in the early 19th century.

The *Chickasaw* were trading partners and allies of the *British* in the pre-*Revolutionary War* era, with many *English* traders taking *Chickasaw* wives and living among the *Chickasaw*. The *Chickasaw* were neutral during the war and quickly became friends of the new *United States* following our independence from *England*. They took pride in their claim that while they lived east of the *Mississippi River* they had never raised their tomahawk against the army of the *United States*. They even fought alongside *U.S.* soldiers under *General Andrew Jackson* in the *Red Stick War* against the *Creek Indians* and at the *Battle of New Orleans* in the *War of*



French Louisiana Governor, JEAN-BAPTISTE LE MOYNE, SIEUR DE BIENVILLE (left) and Spanish Explorer, HERNANDO DESOTO (right) both had their armies defeated by the Chickasaw.

1812 against the British.

In the early 1800s, the *Chickasaw*, quick to adopt European culture, along with the *Cherokee*, *Choctaw*, *Creek* and *Seminole*, became known as one of the "Five Civilized Tribes".

In 1830 during the Presidency of the old Indian fighter, **Andrew Jackson** (certainly no friend of the Indians), the U.S. Government passed the *Indian Removal Act* and forced several treaties upon the *Chickasaw* requiring them to give up over six million acres of their ancestral homeland in *North Mississippi* and relocate west of the *Mississippi River* to the *Oklahoma Territory*.



Chickasaw

The *Chickasaw* never lost a war until the mid-nineteenth century after they had moved to *Oklahoma* when they fought alongside the South in the *American Civil War*. Even then, at war's end, they were the last *Confederate* force to surrender to the *Union Army*. ☺



Young Chickasaw Warrior

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the tools and technologies that they need to best serve you. All is not gloomy on the economic horizon. Olive Branch continues to be a preferred site for industry and retail investment. New home construction continues, although not at the frantic pace that we saw earlier in this decade. New industry in Olive Branch brings jobs, additional sales and property taxes to the city and income taxes to the State of Mississippi.

As I close, I would like to recommend that you become a friend of the *Olive Branch Police Department* on *Facebook*. The *Olive Branch Police Facebook* page has over 5,000 friends, ranking it number five in the nation among police department *Facebook* pages behind Philadelphia, Houston, New York and Chicago. Use this page to keep in touch with what is going on around you. This *Facebook* page is a great way for our police department to communicate with you and give you a chance to keep in touch with them. ☺

HISTORIC BUILDING PUT TO NEW USE



The *Olive Branch Fire Department Administration* has completed their move into the old *Maples Methodist Church* building which was recently vacated by the *Court* and *Police Departments*. Up until now, the *Fire Department Command Staff* was located at several different locations. They now are together and can better coordinate fire department activities with room for expansion and training activities. This utilization has allowed us to continue to use one of the city's older buildings and preserve it for the future. ☺

OLIVE BRANCH MAYOR'S ACTION CENTER

Lynn Cannon now heads the *City's Customer Service Department*, better known as the *Mayor's Action Center*.

If you are having a problem, or feel that you are not receiving adequate attention with regard to any city related services: streetlights, pot holes, trash (not garbage) pick-up, give **Lynn** a call at 893-5249 or e-mail her at lcannon@obms.us.

When reporting a burned out streetlight, give **Lynn** the pole number and it will speed up the process. ☺



LYNN CANNON
Customer Services
Director



2010 JULY 4TH CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE

OLIVE BRANCH CITY PARK - 5:30 to 9:30pm
Pack Your Picnic Basket - Bring Your Lawn Chairs

FIREWORKS DISPLAY KID'S ENTERTAINMENT GREAT FOOD and FUN

Rockin' Memphis Soul



EVENT SPONSORS to date

- City of Olive Branch
- CenturyTel, Inc.
- Cowboy Corner, Inc.
- Mark W. Gilbert, DDS
- Northcentral MS E P A
- Olive Branch Arts Council
- Quality Landscape and Garden Center
- Sam Ware and Associates

EVENT SCHEDULE

The Distraxshuns.....7:00pm
Fireworks.....9:15pm

Featuring
An Evening With

The Distraxshuns

LARGEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN MID-SOUTH THIS JULY 4th SEASON

ADMISSION IS FREE

Remote Broadcast & Simulcast

Aldermen's Corner

This area of the Newsletter is open to all of Olive Branch's Aldermen for any comments or message they wish to impart to the citizens of their wards or to the City as a whole.

I have been your Alderman for the past twenty-one years and while we have gone through hard times before, the present national recession has presented us with some especially difficult challenges. We have learned to deliver City services and make do with less resources and with fewer employees which we have accomplished through attrition without having to lay people off. There is a light at the end of the tunnel but there are still difficult times ahead. If we all continue to work together, and remain fiscally responsible, we will emerge from this recession a better and stronger Olive Branch. If you wish to contact me, I can be reached by e-mail at gcollins@obms.us or by phone as listed below.



GEORGE COLLINS, Alderman at Large
662 895-3308

This has been one of the most trying years in most of our lives, high unemployment, a falling economy and huge deficits. In Olive Branch building has almost stopped, sales tax receipts are down, and ad valorem tax receipts are down as is almost all income sources to the city. We are looking at all expenditure: if we can hold off, or do it a different way, we will. Some requests may not be approved, but please understand, things that were once normal will now be much harder. Things will get better, it may take years, but we will look back and see that these hard times have made Olive Branch stronger. Any comments or suggestions please e-mail me at dtullos@obms.us or phone me as listed below: Thank you and God bless America.



DON TULLOS, Alderman Ward 1
662 892-9216

The past few months have been a very challenging time in my life. I look forward to your ideas and support as I move into this new phase of my life as your Alderwoman. The financial crisis that we find ourselves in both nationally and statewide is also affecting our City. I will endeavor to keep each of you in mind as I make the many decisions ahead. Let us continue to pray for our country and I thank you for supporting me with your prayers. You can reach me at my e-mail at pahamilton@obms.us or by phone as listed below:



PAT HAMILTON, Alderwoman Ward 2
662 895-5765

The OBPD is pleased to announce their 6th Citizens Police Academy Class which will begin on March 25th and run for two weeks on Thursday nights. The class gives citizens a chance to get a close look into our Police Department and see "why we do what we do". Interested persons can print an application on the City website at www.obms.us.



The goal of the OBPD is to reach out to our community to keep our citizens informed. We also invite you to become a fan of the OBPD Facebook at www.facebook.com/obpolice. The Facebook features include daily crime watch notes, road closings and many other features. You can reach me by e-mail at hhenderson@obms.us or by phone as listed below:

HAROLD HENDERSON, Alderman Ward 3
662 895-5653

Even as we continue to hear about economic uncertainty throughout the country, I feel that the City of Olive Branch is acting in the best interest of all our citizens and moving forward in a positive way. As Alderwoman, I will continue to review current spending and future plans of growth and work hard to promote and support small businesses. I am very excited about the opening of our new Courthouse and Police Station and the ongoing development of the Fire Department training facility. I want to thank each of you for your continued prayers and support and if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at my e-mail at sjohnson@obms.us or by phone as listed below: Thank you and have a great summer.



SUSAN JOHNSON, Alderwoman Ward 5
901 336-3213

Several major projects are in the works or close to being completed. Our new Courthouse and Police Headquarters should be fully functional. Both of these projects fulfill a big need for our City. We should soon have have a new traffic signal at Germantown Rd. and Pigeon Roost, replacing the dangerous 4-way stop signs. Also work should be started on the State Line Rd. improvements between Hacks and Alexander Rd. I am always available to meet with any homeowner or small groups to discuss any issues on your mind. I can be reached by e-mail at ddickerson@obms.us or by phone as listed below.



DALE DICKERSON, Alderman Ward 6
662 895-2543

Whom do I call?

AIRPORTS, Memphis International.....	901 922-8000	POISON CONTROL.....	901 528-6048
Olive Branch.....	895-2978	POLICE DEPARTMENT, Olive Branch, Administration.....	892-9400
AMBULANCE, Olive Branch Fire Department.....	895-4111	Dispatcher (Emergency / Report crime).....	895-4111
Emergency.....	911	Emergency.....	911
AMBULANCE BILLING.....	892-9236	POST OFFICE, Olive Branch.....	890-5493
ANIMAL CONTROL, Olive Branch.....	895-4582	PROPERTY TAX, DeSoto County (Olive Branch).....	893-8989
After Hours and Emergencies.....	895-4111	PUBLIC WORKS, Olive Branch To report Water leaks.....	893-5208
ARTS COUNCIL, Olive Branch.....	662 404-2787	To report Gas leaks.....	893-5209
AUTOMOBILE and VEHICLE TAGS, Olive Branch.....	893-8989	SCHOOLS, Olive Branch area	
BUILDING PERMITS, Olive Branch.....	892-9333	Chickasaw Elementary.....	895-6664
BUSINESS LICENSES, Olive Branch.....	892-9238	Olive Branch Elementary.....	895-2256
CABLE TELEVISION, Comcast.....	901 259-2225	Olive Branch Intermediate.....	893-1221
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Olive Branch.....	895-2600	Olive Branch Middle School.....	895-4610
CITY COURT CLERK, Olive Branch, Judy Jeans.....	892-9501	Olive Branch High.....	893-3344
CITY ENGINEER, Olive Branch, Steve Bigelow.....	892-9352	Center Hill Elementary.....	890-7705
CONGRESSMAN, U. S., Travis Childers.....	662 449-3090	Center Hill Middle School.....	890-2490
CRIMESTOPPERS, DeSoto County.....	429-8477	Center Hill High.....	890-2490
CUSTOMER SERVICE, Olive Branch, Lynn Cannon.....	895-0036	DeSoto Central Elementary.....	349-6234
DRIVERS LICENSE, Mississippi, Olive Branch.....	890-7211	DeSoto Central Middle School.....	349-6660
ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICE		DeSoto Central High.....	536-3612
Northcentral MS Electrical Power Association.....	895-2151	Pleasant Hill Elementary.....	890-9654
Emergencies (Night-Weekend-Holiday).....	1 866 438-2642	Lewisburg Elementary.....	895-8750
FIRE DEPARTMENT, Olive Branch		Lewisburg Middle School.....	890-6708
Dispatcher (Fire or Ambulance).....	895-4111	Lewisburg High.....	890-6708
Emergency.....	911	Overpark Elementary.....	890-8745
GARBAGE COLLECTION, (Not Trash).....	892-9305	SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANT, DeSoto County	
GOLF COURSES, Olive Branch, Cherokee Valley.....	893-4444	Milton Kuykendall.....	429-5271
Olive Branch Country Club....	895-6525	SENATORS, U. S.	
Plantation.....	895-3530	Thad Cochran.....	236-1018
Wedgewood.....	895-7490	Roger Wicker.....	202 224-6253
HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC, Olive Branch.....	895-3090	SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.....	890-7182
Hernando.....	429-9814	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DeSoto County.....	429-1470
HOMELAND SECURITY (Chief of Police), Don Gammage.....	892-9400	SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.....	866 739-4771
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, DeSoto County.....	429-1335	SOCIAL SERVICES	
JUSTICE COURT JUDGE, Ken Adams.....	393-5810	DeSoto Sunrise Homes.....	429-3609
LIBRARY, B. J. CHAIN, Olive Branch.....	895-5900	Emergency Food Ministry.....	895-2913
LITERACY COUNCIL, Hernando.....	429-2354	Sacred Heart Southern Mission.....	893-0255
MAYOR, Olive Branch, Sam Rikard.....	892-9201	Thrift Shop.....	895-2913
METRO INDUSTRIAL PARK, Olive Branch.....	901 484-1324	Mid-State Opportunities.....	895-4153
NATURALGAS SERVICE, City of Olive Branch.....	893-5209	Community Foundation.....	429-5002
After Hours Emergencies.....	895-4111	House of Grace.....	342-1432
To Locate Underground Lines.....	800 227-6477	STATE REPRESENTATIVES, Forrest Hamilton.....	662 895-5765
NEWSPAPERS, DeSoto Appeal (Commercial Appeal).....	333-2020	Tommy Woods.....	662 838-6201
DeSoto Times-Tribune.....	393-6397	STATE SENATOR, Merle Flowers.....	349-3983
NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....	342-1570	STREET LIGHTS.....	895-0036
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, DeSoto Center.....	342-4765	SUPERVISORS, DeSoto County, Jessie Medlin, District 1.....	429-5590
OLD TOWNE ASSOCIATION, Olive Branch.....	893-0888	Gene Thatch, District 2.....	429-5590
PARKS and RECREATION, Olive Branch.....	893-5219	TAX COLLECTOR (Joey Treadway).....	893-8989
PLANNING COMMISSION, DeSoto County.....	429-1303	TELEPHONE SERVICE	
Olive Branch.....	892-9334	Customer Service.....	800 201-4099
		Century Telephone (Repair, 24 Hrs).....	800 824-2877
		To locate underground cables.....	800 227-6477
		TOURISM, DeSoto County, (Kim Terrell).....	393-8770
		Olive Branch, (Bill Cruthirds, Sr.).....	892-9382
		TRASH PICK-UP (Not Garbage).....	893-5209
		UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	
		Senatobia.....	662 562-4485
		Hernando.....	429-9874
		UTILITY AVERAGING (Sewer Fee).....	662 892-9311
		VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Pam Martin).....	892-9375
		VOTER REGISTRATION.....	429-1325
		WATER, SEWER, NATURALGAS SERVICE	
		City of Olive Branch (Billing Questions).....	892-9305
		After hours Emergencies.....	895-4111
		To Locate Underground Lines.....	800 227-6477
		Public Works.....	893-5200

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- 3 JULIA HAMILTON BUSBY
- 4 VIRGINIA SHINAULT
- 5 PRESTON RIKARD
- 6 EDWARD RAGSDALE
- 7 TEACHER LOUISE HENLEY
- 8 ROBERT EDWARD DUNLAP
- 9 WALTER JOBE
- 10 UNKNOWN
- 11 RIVERS SPILLERS
- 12 KATIE EPPS
- 13 JOE WALKER
- 14 MAX WALLACE
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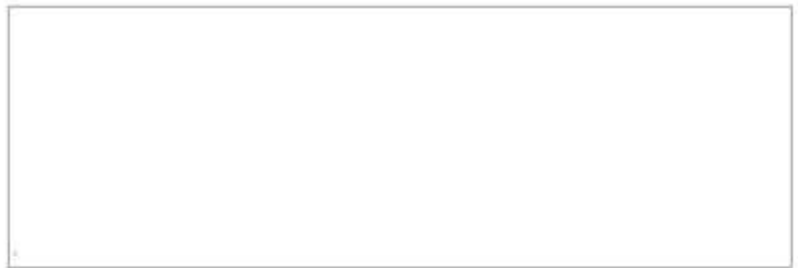


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