

FROM THE ROOST

SUMMER 2018

FIRST WORD A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Remembering Ward 5 Alderman Mark Aldridge

If anyone ever exemplified OB Pride, it was Ward 5 Alderman, Mark Aldridge. Born and raised in Olive Branch, Mark had an immense love for the City of Olive Branch and the Conquistadors. Although we grieve with his family and friends, we also celebrate with them over a life well lived, an example for others to follow, and a promise that one day we will see him again. Please continue to remember the Aldridge family in your thoughts and prayers.

The summer is upon us and so are lots of activities throughout the City of Olive Branch. At the City Park, baseball and softball are being played, families are enjoying the newly renovated playground, as well as Olive Bark Park, and we are about to celebrate the 19th Annual "Celebrate Your Independence Fireworks and Festival." We hope you will join us for this incredible event. Our 6th Annual "Public Safety Night

Out" will be held Monday, October 1, at the City Park. This event will be a great opportunity for the public to connect with your city's police and fire departments. These are only a few of the numerous activities available during the summer and fall. For more information, we invite you to visit our social media pages regularly, facebook.com/cityofob and twitter.com/cityofob.



Scott B. Phillips, Jr.
Mayor of Olive Branch



Mark Aldridge, Alderman, Ward 5

February 2, 1965–May 6, 2018

WARD 5 ALDERMAN MARK ALDRIDGE passed away Sunday, May 6, 2018. He was serving his second term as Ward 5 Alderman and was well respected by those he served. His love for family, friends and the city he grew up in was never in question. Alderman Aldridge was a shining example of OB Pride and could always be found at Pool Field on Friday nights during football season, supporting his alma mater. On behalf of the City of Olive Branch employees, our thoughts and prayers go out to Alderman Aldridge's wife, Jan, and the entire Aldridge family.



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Renovated Complex A Opens at City Park

The Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce assisted with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Baseball Complex "A" at the Olive Branch City Park. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the Grand Opening of this incredible baseball complex. Shortly after the ribbon cutting took place, the first games were played on the new fields. We are proud to have this facility for the families of Olive Branch to enjoy.

Newly Renovated Complex A Specs

- 7 ball fields
- Shaded structures covering spectator stands for t-ball fields
- New LED lighting
- New concession building with upstairs area for umpires and tournament use
- Heated and cooled restrooms
- All fields are irrigated
- New LED wireless scoreboards
- New gated entry with wide walkway access
- All new fields sodded with Celebration Bermuda



CITY MEETING SCHEDULES

Meeting	Location	Day	Time
Mayor and Board of Aldermen	Courthouse 6900 Highland Street	First and Third Tuesday of Each Month	6:30 p.m.
City Planning Commission	Courthouse 6900 Highland Street	Second Tuesday of Each Month	6:00 p.m.
Board of Adjustment	Courthouse 6900 Highland Street	Second Thursday of Each Month	6:00 p.m.

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According to *Money Magazine*, Olive Branch is the *Fifth Best Place to Live in America* and one of the nation's fastest growing communities.

Olive Branch Land Development

by JASON GAMBONE, Director of Planning & Development, City of Olive Branch

Poor weather conditions earlier this year were the reason the City's single family permitting got off to a slower than expected start. For the past couple of months, we've seen a rebound to numbers similar to years 2015, 2016, and 2017, when the City was issuing over 300 per year. In fact, our supply of vacant lots is beginning to dwindle. This means we should continue to expect to see planned phases of subdivisions that may have been dormant for a number of years being developed.

With the number of homes being constructed and occupied, Olive Branch grows by more than 800 new residents every year. Our estimated 2018 population is 38,127, which makes us the 7th largest city in the State of Mississippi. An inflow of new residents means increasing demand for goods and services and a strengthening of our local marketplace. Olive Branch is a place where new businesses want to make an investment and the high-traffic Goodman Road corridor provides an attractive spot. Since January, we've seen a large vacant commercial building that was originally constructed for a different tenant occupied by Planet Fitness. Just to the east, a Jeep dealership has opened. On the north side of Goodman Road, the new Potbelly Sandwich Shop appears to be off to a good start and the Wolf River Brisket Company is underway remodeling a former restaurant site. The new Arby's is open and next door to it, Aldi Food Market is underway on an expansion project. On the south side of Goodman Road, next to Car Wash USA, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen approved a commercial subdivision late last year that includes a site for a new Captain D's restaurant. The developer of the project is currently working through some private matters related to the subdivision that are outside the City's purview, which is the reason Captain D's has yet to break ground.

The Goodman Road corridor is also an attractive location for new offices. The DeSoto Children's Clinic recently opened and Siffard Dentistry is constructing a 16,000 square foot building that will include their relocated office as well as commercial tenants. Outside the corridor, construction has started on

the Memory Care America project located next to the new Coleman Funeral Home on Parkview Blvd. and the new building and parking lot upgrades at the Mid South Commercial Center located on Hwy 305 are nearing completion.

On the Hacks Cross corridor, a new Taco Bell just opened and the construction of a new Waffle House is underway. Chick-fil-A's mobile vending operation in Skate Odessey's parking lot is intended to help alleviate some of the traffic at their Camp Creek restaurant site. Chick-fil-A is planning modifications to the existing restaurant site, which will include drive-thru lanes that wrap around the building, additional parking, and a building expansion. Chick-fil-A officials said the company's long range plans are to build a second restaurant at a yet-to-be determined location in the east side of the City.

Visitors to the Craft-Goodman area stores probably noticed all the new construction between WalMart and Home Depot. These are 3 new hotels - Hilton Garden Inn, Towne Place Suites by Marriott and Best Western - which will add over 300 rooms to the City's inventory. Other hotels in the planning stages are proposed to be located along the Hwy 178 interchanges at Hwy 305 and Bethel Road, with other sites along Goodman Road.

The largest construction projects in the City are the warehouse distribution facilities. An 800,000+ sq. ft. facility is nearing completion along Hwy 178 at the Craft Road interchange, with two smaller buildings currently being planned for the same site. Along Polk Lane, east of the Olive Branch Airport, construction is underway on new infrastructure to support approximately 2 million square feet of new light industrial space. The City also recently approved preliminary plans for a new distribution warehouse complex along Nail Road, just west of FedEx Ground, which is currently undergoing an expansion.

One commonality among all of these land development projects is that they are adding jobs and increasing our local tax base. Mayor Phillips and the Board of Aldermen are working hard to build a strong and prosperous Olive Branch for both residents and businesses.

Peace Run

The Sri Chinmoy **Oneness-Home Peace Run** runners stopped by City Hall on May 4, 2018. This organization promotes world peace and unity and is making their way from New York to the West Coast, and on to Canada. Several OBPD Officers joined them on a section of their run to City Hall. Special thanks goes out to the Olive Branch High School Band for learning the theme music for the **Oneness-Home Peace Run** and playing it as the runners arrived at City Hall with the torch.



Curbside Rubbish Pickup

Guidelines and tips to help serve you better

- Tree limbs and acceptable rubbish must be cut to a five to six foot length.
- If possible, pile limbs running in the same direction.
- Items that must be bagged or boxed by the homeowner for City curbside rubbish pickup are roof shingles, sheet rock, tile, hardwood flooring, leaves, grass, mulch, dirt, etc.
- City curbside rubbish pickup service is not able to collect garbage, recyclables, or hazardous waste that other services handle.
- City curbside rubbish pickup service is unable to pick up tires, glass, aerosol cans, any items that will hold water, plastic or metal, such as bottles, buckets, paint cans, oil cans, gas cans, caulk tubes, spray jugs, etc.
- City curbside rubbish pickup service is not able to pick up bricks, blocks, or rocks.
- Please place all acceptable debris in one pile behind the curb, but close enough that the City boom truck is able to reach it from the street side as City boom trucks are not able to leave the asphalt.
- For safety reasons, when placing acceptable debris on the curbside, be mindful of the height of surrounding power lines and tree limbs, as well as surrounding structures such as cars, mailboxes, street signs, poles, drain inlets, light poles, fences, etc.
- The City boom trucks are not able to pick up debris placed under low power lines, low tree branches, or within five feet of structures.
- Be aware of hills and other traffic safety hazard areas and place acceptable debris in a flat, safe area.
- It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that the curbside rubbish debris is appropriately separated so that it can be picked up.
- The City does not pick up for commercial business or property such as tree contractors or apartment complexes.

Get Your Olive Branch Vehicle Tag Today!

Show off your pride in your city. Pick up an Olive Branch tag for your vehicle, now available for purchase at City Hall. The tags are being sold at cost, which is only \$11.25. Be aware that we can only accept cash or check. Please bring correct change if you are paying with cash.



Now Accepting Nominations for the 2018 Olive Branch Hall of Fame

The nominating period is now open for the 2018 Olive Branch Hall of Fame, and the general public is asked to participate in the nominating process by completing the form at the bottom of this page, entering anyone you think to be worthy of the honor, and mailing or returning it by August 31, 2018, to City Hall (marked **"Attention: Hall of Fame"**). Anyone receiving at least one vote from last year's nominees has been carried forward for 2018 and, as such, **does not need to be nominated again this year**. The list of those names carried forward from 2017 are as follows:

Charles Gillespie
Gilbert Allen
George Collins
James (Cricket) Hunt

T.H. Norvell
Willie Brown
Dan Williams
Harold Nichols

Ken Reid
Martha Pearl Langston
Dr. W.T. Wilkins
David Haraway

Florence Goodwin
Julian Harris
Sam Ware

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

WILLIE JAMES GEORGE

JANUARY 2, 1938-FEBRUARY 5, 2008

WILLIAM MALONE MAXWELL

JULY 8, 1897-OCTOBER 16, 1976

Members of the Olive Branch Hall of Fame and the year they were inducted are:

Bill G. Allen [2015](#)
Marthola Allen [2014](#)
Helen D. Allison [2012](#)
Jimmy Neal Andrews [2015](#)
Billy W. Baldwin [2014](#)
Drue D. Birmingham, Jr. [2012](#)
Billie B. Blocker [2010](#)
Milton S. Blocker [2007](#)
Perry Lee Bowlan [2014](#)
Lemoyne Brigance [2011](#)
Frank J. Brown, Jr. [2008](#)
Sarah J. Camp [2010](#)
Walter S. Carter, Jr. [2015](#)
B. J. Chain, Sr. [2007](#)
Ruby B. Chain [2015](#)
Bill E. Cruthirds, Sr. [2008](#)

Scottye C. Davidson [2008](#)
Wendell W. Davis [2015](#)
James A. Doddridge, Sr. [2010](#)
Pat Dorr [2016](#)
Dr. Greg Evans [2016](#)
Stephen Flinn [2007](#)
Dr. D. C. Funderburk [2009](#)
G. P. Gillespie [2013](#)
Willie James George [2017](#)
E. Forrest Hamilton [2009](#)
A. Maury Haraway [2010](#)
Dr. Elton L. Harris [2012](#)
George M. Harrison [2009](#)
Joyce H. Haslip [2012](#)
M. C. Herrington [2007](#)
Wayne D. Hollowell [2014](#)

Jan R. Johnson [2007](#)
Dr. Julian F. Jones [2010](#)
Bill W. Kerr [2008](#)
Ray Magee [2016](#)
Robert H. Marr [2011](#)
William Malone Maxwell [2017](#)
John B. (Jack) McCauley, [2007](#)
D. M. Nichols [2007](#)
Erlend R. Nichols [2013](#)
G. B. Payne [2007](#)
Janice Payne [2016](#)
H. Gene Phillips [2011](#)
Leslie Pool [2013](#)
Sam P. Rikard [2009](#)
Don Sappington [2016](#)
Dr. P. J. Scott [2012](#)

Kenneth W. Sessom [2011](#)
Homer D. Skelton [2007](#)
Lush Pun Tubby [2007](#)
Benjamin F. Wesson [2008](#)
G. E. (Mr. Eddie) Williams [2014](#)
James E. Woods [2009](#)
Walton T. Woods [2013](#)
Maurice E. Woodson [2011](#)
Alma C. Young [2013](#)

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Hall of Fame Nomination Form

I would like to recommend the following person to the Hall of Fame Nominating Board for ballot nomination consideration for the 2018 Olive Branch Hall of Fame Inductee Election:

Name for Hall of Fame Consideration

Date of Birth

Date of Death (if applicable)

Your Name

Your Phone Number

Please cut along the dotted line and either drop off at City Hall or mail to: City Hall, ATTN: Hall of Fame, 9200 Pigeon Roost, Olive Branch, MS 38654. The deadline for receiving nominations is August 31, 2018.



GEORGE COLLINS, ALDERMAN AT LARGE | 662.895.3308

THE CITY has been overlaying Stataline from Pleasant Hill to Davidson Road, as well as Hacks Cross from Goodman to Stataline. This work should be completed soon. MDOT began a resurfacing project on Hwy 302, from Polk Lane to I-22 (Hwy 78) and should be close to completion. Although these projects have made travel difficult, once complete, they will make our commutes much better. Thank you for your patience. Crepe myrtle trees were recently planted along a stretch of Hwy 305 and Hwy 178 in an effort to add to the aesthetics of the area. We look forward to the blooms they will produce. My friend and co-alderman, Mark Aldridge, passed away in May. He will be missed and we ask that his family remain in your thoughts and prayers. ▶ Emailgcollins@obms.us



GIL EARHART, ALDERMAN WARD 1 | 662.892.9218

THE CITY continues to see strong growth. Our local Walmart just celebrated a grand re-opening and three hotels are being constructed next door. The city issued 53 permits for new single family homes in the month of May. The last time the city issued 50 or more single family building permits was May of 2007. This construction and pop-up storms we experienced this Spring require more of our Public Works Department. Please be patient as they work to collect rubbish and make needed repairs. I ask that you keep Alderman Mark Aldridge's family in your thoughts and prayers. His unexpected passing was a shock to us all. I wish you all a great summer and safe travels as you enjoy this vacation season. ▶ Emailgil.earhart@obms.us



PAT HAMILTON, ALDERWOMAN WARD 2 | 662.895.5765

WE ARE all saddened by the loss of our fellow Alderman Mark Aldridge. It was always a pleasure to work with Mark. His leadership and love for the City of Olive Branch will be missed. Ward 2 is still experiencing continued growth! I am happy to report that we now have more eating options with Potbelly Sandwich Shop and Arby's opening recently. Wolf River Brisket Company and Captain D's are on their way. Planet Fitness and a jeep dealership are now open on the south side of Goodman Road. If you are interested in receiving the Board of Aldermen Agenda please send me your e-mail address. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Alderwoman and, as always, I welcome your phone calls and emails. ▶ Emailphamilton@obms.us



JOY HENDERSON, ALDERWOMAN WARD 3 | 901.413.8361

WE HAD a very short lived Spring this year as the heat and humidity have now settled in. Between the heavy rains we've experienced, which left us with an increase of limbs and debris, and residents getting their yards ready for Summer, we have seen an increase in the amount of rubbish the city has to pick up. Please be patient as Public Works is working hard to get to everyone. Our Park is ready for the Summer and games are being played on the newly renovated Complex "A". We encourage you to join us for the 19th Annual July 4th Celebration. In May, we lost a board member that we all had a great amount of respect and fondness for. Mark Aldridge will be missed by us all and we ask that you remember his family in the upcoming weeks and months. ▶ Emailjoy.henderson@obms.us



DAVID WALLACE, ALDERMAN WARD 4 | 901.619.6992

A MEMORY CARE facility is currently under construction behind the Parkview Condominiums and the City of Olive Branch Senior Building. This will be a great addition to this area. Our City Park recently received a renovation to Complex "A". With this renovation, this complex now has seven newly designed fields, with LED lighting. If you haven't visited the park recently, I invite you to take advantage of all the new opportunities for families and pets. As our city continues to grow, so must our infrastructure. This growth requires more of our equipment and our employees. Thank you for your patience as they work to serve the needs of everyone. Alderman Mark Aldridge passed away unexpectedly in May. He will be missed by us all. Please remember the Aldridge family in your prayers. ▶ Emaildwallace@obms.us

WARD 5 ALDERMAN

Certified results from the June 19th special election were not available at time of printing.



DALE DICKERSON, ALDERMAN WARD 6 | 662.895.2543

THIS IS HARD to write. In my time as an Alderman, we have now lost 3 Aldermen who were in office. Mark Aldridge was a good friend and a great public servant. He always asked the question about decisions: How does this affect John Q Taxpayer? He was a dedicated husband, father and friend to many in Olive Branch. In other news, the City will have several paving projects this summer, including the repaving of Hacks Cross. We are continuing phenomenal growth and our future looks bright. Please contact me by email or by phone if you need me. ▶ Emailddickerson@obms.us

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Olive Branch 662.895.2978
 Memphis International 901.922.8000

Arts Council Olive Branch 662.404.2787 or 901.619.0261

Birth and Death Certificates

Mississippi Bureau of Vital Statistics 601.206.8200

Cable Television Comcast 901.259.2225

Chamber of Commerce Olive Branch 662.895.2600

City of Olive Branch

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 Building Permits 662.892.9331
 Business License 662.892.9238
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 City Engineer 662.892.9351
 City Hall 662.892.9200
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 Fire Department Station 2 662.895.9612
 Fire Department Station 3 662.895.9613
 Fire Department Station 4 662.893.9614
 Fire Department Station 5 662.893.9615
 Garbage Collection (Not Trash) 662.892.9306
 Mayor's Office 662.892.9201
 Parks & Recreation 662.893.5219
 Planning & Development 662.892.9334
 Police Department 662.892.9400
 Police Dispatch (Emergency, Report Crime) ... 662.895.4111 or 911
 Public Works — Gas 662.893.5209
 Public Works — Streets 662.895.4335
 Public Works — Water 662.893.5208
 Street Lights 662.892.9203
 Trash Collection (Not Garbage) 662.893.5209
 Water & Sewer Service 662.892.9305
 Water & Sewer — Emergencies After Hours 662.895.4111

DeSoto County

Automobile Tags 662.469.8032
 Crimestoppers 662.429.8477
 Board of Education/Schools 662.429.5271
 Handicap Decals 662.469.8032
 Homestead Exemption 662.469.8029
 Justice Court 662.469.8026
 Marriage Licenses 662.469.8007
 Property Tax Assessor 662.469.8029
 Property Tax Collector 662.469.8032
 Sheriff's Department 662.469.8500
 Voter Registration 662.469.8350

Drivers License

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DeSoto County Tourism 662.393.8770

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Northcentral Electrical Power Association 800.325.8925
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Cherokee Valley 662.893.4444
 Olive Branch Country Club 662.895.6525
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Health Department Clinic (Hernando) 662.429.9814

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Literacy Council Hernando 662.429.2354

Methodist Hospital Olive Branch 662.932.9000

Mississippi Department of Revenue 601.545.1261

Natural Gas Service

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 Emergencies After Hours 662.895.4111
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 Billing 662.892.9305
 Gas Leaks 662.893.5209

Newspapers

DeSoto Appeal 901.529.2345
 DeSoto Times-Tribune 662.429.6397

Northwest Community College 662.342.1570

Old Towne Association Olive Branch 662.893.0888

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Post Office Olive Branch 662.895.5966

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 North Delta Planning Commission 662.561.4100

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19th Annual

Celebrate Your Independence

Fireworks & Festival



Wednesday July 4

at Olive Branch City Park

Kids Zone - Vendors - More!
Gates open 4pm

Live Music
from Fingertrick 7-9pm

World Class Fireworks
Display 9:15pm



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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI 2018 CLASS 5A BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



The Olive Branch High School Boys Basketball Team received a proclamation from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, proclaiming Tuesday, April 17, 2018 as **OBHS Men's Basketball Day** in the City of Olive Branch for their March 9, 2018 win over Forest Hill, by a final score of 64 to 44. We are EXTREMELY proud of their incredible accomplishment and wish them much success in the years to come. #OBPride