

# FROM THE ROOST

SUMMER 2019

**FIRST WORD** A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

## Hello, Summer!

**H**ELLO, SUMMER! The summer season in the City of Olive Branch is an amazing time. There are so many options for you and your family to enjoy, and the Olive Branch City Park is host to many of those options. There are baseball games and tournaments, lakes for fishing, trails for walking or jogging, pavilions and tables for picnics, tennis courts, and lots of wide open spaces to play to your heart's content. Perhaps the crown jewel of our park is the all-inclusive, universal playground. If you haven't checked it out yet, you really need to see it. Your kids will love it!

The City Park is also host to this year's 4th of July celebration. This FREE EVENT will feature live music, activities for the kids, food, fun, and a spectacular, world class fireworks show. There's no better way to celebrate Independence Day!

For our students, summer means one thing: school's out! The 2018-2019 school year demonstrated something that we already knew about our Olive Branch students: they're champions! Our students are champions both figuratively and literally. Between the four area public high schools and middle schools that serve Olive Branch residents, our students earned eleven state championships! That's not a misprint. Eleven championships! As mayor, it gives me great pride to know that our City is represented in our state by students who strive for excellence.

I hope you and your family have a happy and safe summer!



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott B. Phillips, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

*Scott B. Phillips, Jr.*  
Mayor of Olive Branch



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**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Micah Grace Barker*

MISS OLIVE BRANCH 2019

**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.**

The City of Olive Branch  
**Celebrate Your Independence**  
**Fireworks & Festival**

presented by



**Thursday, July 4**  
at Olive Branch City Park

Heartland



Kids Zone

**Rodell McCord at 7pm**

on the

**Maywood Music  
House Stage**



**World Class Fireworks  
Display 9pm**

**FREE  
EVENT!**

Thanks to our supporting sponsors



# Jennifer Allen

BUILDING INSPECTOR  
CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH

The City of Olive Branch is proud to recognize its new building inspector, Jennifer Allen, who comes to her position with over seventeen years of experience in new home construction. Earlier this year she was certified as a **Residential Building Inspector** by the International Code Council (ICC). In addition to this prestigious endorsement, Jennifer also has the distinction of being the first female building inspector in DeSoto County.



## 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.

# Now Accepting Nominations for the 2019 Olive Branch Hall of Fame

The nominating period is now open for the 2019 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, 2019, to City Hall (marked **"Attention: Hall of Fame"**). Anyone receiving at least one vote from last year's nominees has been carried forward for 2019 and, as such, **does not need to be nominated again this year**. The list of those names carried forward from 2018 are as follows:

J.N. Brown	Florence Goodwin	Harold Nichols	Dan Williams
Willie Brown	David Haraway	T.H. Norvell	
George Collins	Julian Harris	Ken Reid	
Charles Gillespie	James (Cricket) Hunt	Dr. W.T. Wilkins	

## 2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**GILBERT LEON ALLEN**  
JULY 28, 1926–AUGUST 2, 2015

**MARTHA PEARL LANGSTON**  
OCTOBER 6, 1920–OCTOBER 15, 1987

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

Bill G. Allen <b>2015</b>	Ruby B. Chain <b>2015</b>	Joyce H. Haslip <b>2012</b>	H. Gene Phillips <b>2011</b>
Gilbert Leon Allen <b>2018</b>	Bill E. Cruthirds, Sr. <b>2008</b>	M. C. Herrington <b>2007</b>	Leslie Pool <b>2013</b>
Marthola Allen <b>2014</b>	Scottye C. Davidson <b>2008</b>	Wayne D. Hollowell <b>2014</b>	Sam P. Rikard <b>2009</b>
Helen D. Allison <b>2012</b>	Wendell W. Davis <b>2015</b>	Jan R. Johnson <b>2007</b>	Don Sappington <b>2016</b>
Jimmy Neal Andrews <b>2015</b>	James A. Doddridge, Sr. <b>2010</b>	Dr. Julian F. Jones <b>2010</b>	Dr. P. J. Scott <b>2012</b>
Billy W. Baldwin <b>2014</b>	Pat Dorr <b>2016</b>	Bill W. Kerr <b>2008</b>	Kenneth W. Sessom <b>2011</b>
Drue D. Birmingham, Jr. <b>2012</b>	Dr. Greg Evans <b>2016</b>	Martha Pearl Langston <b>2018</b>	Homer D. Skelton <b>2007</b>
Billie B. Blocker <b>2010</b>	Stephen Flinn <b>2007</b>	Ray Magee <b>2016</b>	Lush Pun Tubby <b>2007</b>
Milton S. Blocker <b>2007</b>	Dr. D. C. Funderburk <b>2009</b>	Robert H. Marr <b>2011</b>	Benjamin F. Wesson <b>2008</b>
Perry Lee Bowlen <b>2014</b>	G. P. Gillespie <b>2013</b>	William Malone Maxwell <b>2017</b>	G. E. (Mr. Eddie) Williams <b>2014</b>
Lemoyne Brigance <b>2011</b>	Willie James George <b>2017</b>	John B. (Jack) McCauley, <b>2007</b>	James E. Woods <b>2009</b>
Frank J. Brown, Jr. <b>2008</b>	E. Forrest Hamilton <b>2009</b>	D. M. Nichols <b>2007</b>	Walton T. Woods <b>2013</b>
Sarah J. Camp <b>2010</b>	A. Maury Haraway <b>2010</b>	Erlend R. Nichols <b>2013</b>	Maurice E. Woodson <b>2011</b>
Walter S. Carter, Jr. <b>2015</b>	Dr. Elton L. Harris <b>2012</b>	G. B. Payne <b>2007</b>	Alma C. Young <b>2013</b>
B. J. Chain, Sr. <b>2007</b>	George M. Harrison <b>2009</b>	Janice Payne <b>2016</b>	

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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 2019 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	
Why should this person be considered for the Hall of Fame? _____		
_____		
_____		

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, 2019.


**GEORGE COLLINS, ALDERMAN AT LARGE | 662.895.3308**

**YOU PROBABLY KNOW** this already, but let me state the obvious: It's a great time to live in Olive Branch! Our City has seen an influx of new businesses of all shapes and sizes. Our population continues to grow with new families who have chosen to make Olive Branch their home. The City's financial footing is healthy and solid, bolstered by a responsible budget and a rainy day fund that remains untouched and continues to grow. New flowers and landscaping around our City, displays the pride we all have for our community. Together, we continue to make Olive Branch one of the most desirable places to live, not just in our area, but in our nation. ► [Email gcollins@obms.us](mailto:gcollins@obms.us)


**GIL EARHART, ALDERMAN WARD 1 | 662.892.9218**

**IT IS A PLEASURE** to report that our City's financial standing is healthy, thanks to responsible planning and sound governance. Also contributing to our financial stability is the continued quality population growth as people seek to make DeSoto County their home. This is due, in no small part, to the exceptional quality of life in Olive Branch. With the arrival of summer, you can experience first hand some of the amazing things the City has to offer, thanks to the dedicated men and women of the Parks and Recreation Department. From sporting events, walking and jogging trails, fishing, and an all-inclusive universal playground, as well as this year's 4th of July Celebration, our City Park is a good place to start! Have a happy and safe summer. ► [Email gil.earhart@obms.us](mailto:gil.earhart@obms.us)


**PAT HAMILTON, ALDERWOMAN WARD 2 | 662.895.5765**

**IT'S THAT TIME** of the year when we recognize mothers and fathers. In recognition of our forefathers and mothers, for the past several years the City has had a "Walk on the Roost" with over 500 elementary school students who have learned the importance of knowing the history of Olive Branch. Our founding fathers moved into the county in 1836 and the City of Olive Branch was established in 1873. We owe much to their sacrifice and vision. Ward 2 is making history with the opening of many new businesses: Captain D's, Piccadilly to Go, Lapel's Dry Cleaning, Big Muddy (moved to Goodman Road), Siffard Dentistry's new building, Red Med Walk-in-Clinic, and a hotel. It is a pleasure serving as your Alderwoman and, as always, I welcome your e-mails and phone calls. ► [Email phamilton@obms.us](mailto:phamilton@obms.us)


**JOY HENDERSON, ALDERWOMAN WARD 3 | 901.413.8361**

**THIS YEAR'S** Memorial Day services at Blocker Cemetery were incredible! Everyone who worked hard to help us honor those who gave their life in service to our nation is to be commended. There are big improvements coming to the intersection near the Flying J off of Bethel Road. MDOT has approved the plans and you should begin to see improvements within the next 90 days. If you haven't yet, be sure to check out the Olive Branch Farmers Market in the parking lot of City Hall on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-Noon, now through September 28. It has the best local fresh produce and handmade products in the area. Don't forget our 4th of July *Celebrate Your Independence Fireworks & Festival* at the City Park (see the ad on page 3 for details). Have a safe summer! ► [Email joy.henderson@obms.us](mailto:joy.henderson@obms.us)


**DAVID WALLACE, ALDERMAN WARD 4 | 901.619.6992**

**SIGNS OF PROGRESS** in our City are all around us. Our population continues to experience rapid growth. New businesses have either relocated to Olive Branch or set up shop here for the first time. Our 2019 street improvement projects are underway. Once completed, hopefully your commutes will be less stressful and perhaps a little more enjoyable. Another sign of progress is the sound financial health of the City. Working together, our dreams are becoming reality. Olive Branch continues to be a place that people want to call "home." Don't forget about our 4th of July celebration at the City Park. It's a great time to celebrate the greatness of America and our continued progress here at home in Olive Branch. I hope to see you there! ► [Email dwallace@obms.us](mailto:dwallace@obms.us)


**JAN ALDRIDGE, ALDERWOMAN WARD 5 | 901.268.4119**

**BY THE TIME** you read this, paving will have started on many of the roads in Olive Branch that have been impacted by winter weather and the expected wear and tear over time. In other good news, Olive Branch has seen a number of new restaurants open recently. In Ward 5 alone there are three new restaurants: Taco Bell, Waffle House, and Southern Hands. If you're looking for ideas on how to relax this summer, look no further than the Olive Branch City Park. From sporting events, fishing, walking, bicycle riding, tennis, picnics, to our all-inclusive universal playground, the possibilities are endless. The City Park is also home to this year's 4th of July festivities. Have a safe summer and enjoy life in Olive Branch! ► [Email jan.aldridge@obms.us](mailto:jan.aldridge@obms.us)


**DALE DICKERSON, ALDERMAN WARD 6 | 662.895.2543**

**OUR CITY IS** continuing our rapid growth. New subdivisions have been approved and our single family home new permits continue to grow year after year. Our commercial growth also continues to explode. Month after month we have a large number of small businesses obtaining their license, creating jobs and sales tax revenue. There are plans for two large commercial projects being developed that should be approved soon. One will include a long awaited Huey's eatery. We have just solicited bids for our 2019 paving projects. We have approved the spending of 1.3 million dollars this summer paving streets in all six wards. Have a safe and happy summer. You can reach me by email or phone if you need my help. ► [Email ddickerson@obms.us](mailto:ddickerson@obms.us)

**Airports**

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**

Ambulance (Olive Branch Fire Department) ..... 662.895.4111  
 Emergency ..... 911  
 Building Permits ..... 662.892.9331  
 Business License ..... 662.892.9238  
 City Court Clerk ..... 662.892.9500  
 City Engineer ..... 662.892.9351  
 City Hall ..... 662.892.9200  
 Fire Department Dispatcher (Fire or Ambulance) ..... 662.895.4111  
 Fire Department Station 1 ..... 662.895.9611  
 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  
 Senior Center ..... 662.890.7182  
 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**

Olive Branch ..... 662.890.7211  
 Nesbit ..... 662.429.1353

**DeSoto County Tourism** ..... 662.393.8770

**Electrical Service**

Northcentral Electrical Power Association ..... 800.325.8925  
 Emergencies (Nights, Weekends, & Holidays) ..... 866.438.2642

**Golf Courses**

Cherokee Valley ..... 662.893.4444  
 Olive Branch Country Club ..... 662.895.6525  
 Plantation ..... 662.895.3530  
 Wedgewood ..... 662.895.7490

**Health Department Clinic (Hernando)** ..... 662.429.9814

**Library B.J. Chain Olive Branch** ..... 662.895.5900

**Literacy Council Hernando** ..... 662.429.2354

**Methodist Hospital Olive Branch** ..... 662.932.9000

**Mississippi Department of Revenue** ..... 601.545.1261

**Natural Gas Service**

Olive Branch ..... 662.893.5209  
 Emergencies After Hours ..... 662.895.4111  
 Locate Underground Lines ..... 800.227.6477  
 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

**Poison Control** ..... 800.222.1222

**Post Office Olive Branch** ..... 662.895.5966

**Social Services**

Olive Branch Emergency Food Ministry ..... 662.895.2913  
 Palmer Home for Children (Hernando) ..... 662.449.2400  
 Sacred Heart Southern Mission ..... 662.893.0255  
 Thrift Shop/Food Pantry ..... 662.895.2913  
 Mid-State Opportunities ..... 662.895.4153  
 North Delta Planning Commission ..... 662.561.4100

**Social Security Administration**

Olive Branch ..... 866.739.4771  
 Call Back Line ..... 866.592.2675

**State Representatives**

Dana Criswell ..... 662.278.0299  
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 Ashley Henley ..... 901.647.6255  
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 Bill Kinkade ..... 901.365.4830

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 David Parker ..... 901.473.9760

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Repairs 24 Hours ..... 800.824.2877  
 Locate Underground Cables ..... 800.227.6477

**Unemployment Commission WIN Job Center** ..... 662.342.4002

**Unemployment Compensation** ..... 888.844.3577

**U.S. Representative**

Trent Kelly ..... 662.449.3090

**U.S. Senators**

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 Roger Wicker ..... 662.429.1002



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# Home of Champions



## CENTER HILL HIGH SCHOOL

MHSAA 2018 Dance Champions • Class 5A 2019 Boys Basketball State Champions  
Class 5A Girls Singles Tennis State Champion (Mikaila Coleman)

## DESOTO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Class 6A 2019 Cheer State Champions • Class 6A 2019 Girls Fast Pitch Softball State Champions  
Class 6A 2019 Boys Baseball State Champions

## DESOTO CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Class 6A 2019 Cheer State Champions

## LEWISBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Class 5A 2019 Boys Soccer State Champions • Class 5A 2019 High Jump State Champion (Laney Moss)  
Class 5A 2019 Marching Band State Champions

## OLIVE BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL

Class 5A 2019 Girls Basketball State Champions