FROM THE ROOST Fall/Winter 2012

NEWSLETTER

OF OLIVE BRANCH, MISSISSIPPI

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AND THE FASTEST GROWING CITY IN THE NATION

Mayor SAM RIKARD

Message From The Mayor.....

My comments today will be a little different from previous topics that I have addressed in this space. I am going to talk more from my meterology background and not so much as Mayor of Olive Branch.

Hot and humid afternoons allow thunderstorms to develop across our area. Spring and Fall usually bring more violent storms as the seasons change, but severe weather is possible during any season in the mid south. As storms approach, we all want to know what is going to happen and if severe weather is likely to occur.

Some people still rely on the older technology of Outdoor Warning Sirens. These types of sirens were designed decades ago in a time when people spent more time outdoors and in the days before air conditioning was common. Outdoor Warning Sirens did a good job of alerting almost all since it was not difficult to hear the wail of the sirens whether you were inside or outside. By their designation as Outdoor Warning devices, you can assume they were not designed to alert everyone who was inside a building. Television and radio then began playing a more important role in alerting all of us of severe weather, but in most cases, you only heard the warning if you were inside and if the electricity stayed on.

Today, we have numerous methods of staying aware of all types of weather watches and warnings. Smartphone technology can now alert you based on where you are by using the NWS polygons. Using this technology, you can custom design the type of alerts you can receive and whether you want to be notified if a storm is in your county, surrounding counties, or for just exactly where you are located.

I write this to tell you that you should not rely solely upon the Outdoor Warning Sirens

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FIVE SELECTED FOR 2012 INDUCTION INTO OLIVE BRANCH HALL OF FAME

HALL OF FAME

HELEN ALLISON
1/18/1911 - 5/16/1993

DRUE BIRMINGHAM, Jr.
5/23/1932 -

Dr. ELTON HARRIS, DDS
9/17/1926 -

JOYCE HASLIP
9/18/1936 -

Dr. P. J. SCOTT
11/11/1940 -

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2012-13 Calendar of Events

In and around Olive Branch
Oct. 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013

EVENTS IN OLD TOWNE
Olive Branch Old Towne Association

Hootenannies, Thursday 7pm - 9pm.....Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Classic Car & Flywheeler Show 9am - 3pm.....Sat Oct. 20
PumpkinFest & Chili Cook-off 9am - 4pm .....Sat Oct. 27
Trick or Treat Old Towne 1pm - 4pm.....Sat Oct. 27
Old Towne Holiday Open House 1pm - 5pm.....Sun Nov. 11
Santa Claus in Old Towne 3:30pm - 7:30pm. Nov..... 26, 27, 29
Old Towne Christmas 6pm - 9pm.....Thur Nov. 29

WESSON HOUSE OPEN HOUSE
Olive Branch City Beautiful

Thursday, 5:30pm - 7pm.....Nov. 29

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
Olive Branch City Hall

Thursday, 7pm.....Nov. 29

CHRISTMAS PARADE (Chamber of Commerce)

Saturday, 2pm.....Dec. 1

MAYOR/BOARD of ALDERMEN
Regular Meetings, Courthouse, 6900 Highland St.

Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Oct. 2
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Oct. 16
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Nov.6
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Nov. 20
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Dec. 4
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Dec. 18
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Jan. 2
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Jan. 15
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Feb. 5
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Feb. 19
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Mar. 5
Tuesday, 6:30pm.....Mar. 19

PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meetings, Courthouse, 6900 Highland St.

Tuesday, 6pm.....Oct. 9
Tuesday, 6pm.....Nov. 13
Tuesday, 6pm.....Dec. 11
Tuesday, 6pm.....Jan. 8
Tuesday, 6pm.....Feb. 12
Tuesday, 6pm.....Mar. 12

BOARD of ADJUSTMENT
Regular Meetings, Courthouse, 6900 Highland St.

Thursday, 6pm.....Oct. 11
Thursday, 6pm.....Nov. 8
Thursday, 6pm.....Dec. 13
Thursday, 6pm.....Jan. 10
Thursday, 6pm.....Feb. 14
Thursday, 6pm.....Mar. 14

OLIVE BRANCH SALES TAX....7%

MEMPHIS SALES TAX.....9.25%

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 bcruthirds@obms.us.

CITY DONATES ANOTHER $4,095 FOR CANCER CURE

L to R, Alderwoman Pat Hamilton, Mayor Sam Rikard, Elaine Hare of Susan G. Komen and Alderman Don Tullos

A presentation was held on October 30th where the City of Olive Branch, through The Friends of Olive Branch donated $4,095 to the Susan G. Komen Organization for the cure of breast cancer. This money was accumulated from the sale of the pick garbage carts and from donations by citizens of Olive branch. The City donated an additional $10,000 in October of 2011. Those wishing to donate should contact Friends of Olive Branch at 892-9375.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT TO FARMERS MARKET

L to R, Mayor Sam Rikard, Dee Dee Erfurdt of Old Towne, Pam Martin of Friends of Olive Branch and Vickie Depree of the Chamber of Commerce accept a $5,000 grant from Tom Pittman of the Community Foundation of Northwest Mississippi.

REGISTER NOW TO VOTE IN 2013 CITY ELECTIONS

Important dates to remember

- ***Candidates may pick up qualifying forms to run for office at City Clerk's Office in City Hall after January 1, 2013.***
- ***Deadline for Candidates to qualify to run for Office is March 8, 2013.***
- ***Date of Primary Election is May 7, 2013.***
- ***Date of Primary Runoff Election (if necessary) is May 21, 2013.***
- ***Date of General Election is June 4, 2013.***

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HALL OF FAME SELECTS FIVE FOR 2012

The balloting has been completed and five Olive Branch citizens (four living and one deceased) have been chosen for induction into the Olive Branch Hall of Fame for the year, 2012. Induction into the Hall of Fame is the highest honor the City can bestow upon one of its' citizens. Following are the names and a brief biography of those selected:

HELEN ALLISON (1/18/1911 - 5/16/1993) - Mrs. Allison was the daughter of former Olive Branch Mayor, Sam Droke. She and husband, Benny owned and operated the old Cotton Gin on Depot Street for many years. Following his death, she was active with Olive Branch Country Club and Bank of Mississippi.

DRUE BIRMINGHAM, Jr. - Drue is a third generation native of Olive Branch. Following service in the Marine Corps and attending college at Ole Miss and Memphis State, he has spent his life practicing law in Olive Branch and contributing to the Olive Branch community.

Dr. ELTON HARRIS, DDS - Originally from Arkansas. Following his time in the military and college, Dr. Harris came to Olive Branch where he practiced dentistry in the City for fifty-four years, thirty of them as the City's only dentist.

JOYCE HASLIP - In 2005, Joyce became the first female to be elected to the Olive Branch Board of Aldermen. She has led the Olive Branch City Beautiful Commission for twenty years. Her volunteer services are legendary.

Dr. P. J. SCOTT - Dr. Scott was born in New Albany, served in the Navy, became an ordained Baptist Minister and served as a Pastor in Gleason, TN before becoming Pastor of First Baptist Church of Olive Branch in 1975. He served there for thirty years before retiring and establishing his MORE Ministry.

The following named individuals received votes in the 2012 Hall of Fame balloting which means their names will be carried forward in nomination to next year:

BILLY BALDWIN	J. N. BROWN	WALTER CARTER	GEORGE COLLINS	SAM DROKE
ALAN DUPREE	Dr. GREG EVANS, DDS	WAYNE HOLLOWELL	JAMES "Cricket" HUNT	Dr. C. L. MAPLES
WILL MAXWELL	E. R. NICHOLS	HAROLD NICHOLS	T. H. NORVELL	LESLIE POOL
DON SAPPINGTON	A. Y. SIVLEY	SAM WATSON	G. E. WILLIAMS	

FIVE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME FOR 2011

LEMOYNE BRIGANCE

ROBERT MARR

Lemoyne Brigance and Robert Marr, along with deceased Inductees, H. Gene Phillips, Kent Sessom and Maurice Woodson were inducted into the Hall of Fame for the year 2011 in ceremonies this past April at the City Courthouse. Brigance and Marr and the families of the others were presented with Hall of Fame Plaques.

H. GENE PHILLIPS

KENNETH SESSOM

MAURICE WOODSON

TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

BILLY G. ALLEN joined the *U.S. Army* on October 2, 1942. He was stationed in *Jackson, Mississippi* for 18 months where he volunteered for the *Army Air Corps* and became an aerial gunner on the new *Boeing B-29 Bomber*. After six months of over-water training in *Florida* and *Cuba*, he was stationed at *Walker Army Airfield* in *Kansas* and assigned to the *457th Bomber Squadron* of the *330th Bombardment Group*. He was then shipped to the *Pacific Theatre* of *WWII* and stationed at *Andersen Army Air Field (North Field)* on *Guam* where he was a gunner on *B-29* bombing missions against targets in *Japan*. At the war's end, he was returned to the *States* and honorably discharged on February 9, 1946 at *Camp Shelby, Mississippi* with the rank of *Staff Sergeant*.

S/Sgt. BILLY G. ALLEN
9/21/1924 -
To Whom We Owe So Much

REMINISCENCES OF A FOOTBALL GAME

BILL CRUTHIRDS, SR.
Curator - Olive Branch Museum

Lester Johnson died in 2009 at 92 years of age. He lived his entire life in Olive Branch where he was a school teacher, head of transportation for DeSoto County Schools and the Assistant Superintendent of the DeSoto School System. He served in the U. S. Navy in the Pacific during WWII. Toward the end of his life, Lester wrote a story about his last high school football game played nearly three-quarters of a century before against Hernando High School in 1934 (or 35). Although he knew he was never a super-star, Lester didn't need to apologize for recounting his achievements in that last high school game he ever played. After all, the game was the highlight of his playing career, and he did star in it. Had they picked a most valuable player, it would, no doubt, have been Lester Johnson.

His friend, Buddy Chain, gave me the story and I thought you might enjoy it.

FLOYD LESTER JOHNSON
Shown here in his Navy Uniform

GOOD OLD DAYS

On the morning of the biggest game of the year (in some circles), "Eggs" Bell, his friend and neighbor, dropped by to see him. "Eggs" told him of his dream the night before in which he (Johnson) had caught a pass and ran 40 yards for a touchdown. Johnson brushed it off, as he knew "Eggs" was always saying things to please him.

That afternoon, the Hernando High School football team rolled into town, hoping, and fully expecting, to clobber the local boys. At Hernando the previous year, Hernando had beaten Olive Branch unmercifully.

At that time, there were only two high school football teams in the county. Horn Lake did not field a team. Southaven did not exist then. So you can see this game was not only for bragging rights, but for the championship of the county.

Some members of the Hernando team were "Legs" Dunaway, Lucian Cooke, Ebb Leigh, Ed Entriken, P. Scott, Sam Vinson and Joe E. Lauderdale. Since the game was played nearly seventy-five years ago, other names have faded from memory.

Olive Branch had Culley Rikard, Quinton Winders, Pat McIntosh, George Bowlan, Denver Sowell, Tom Allen, Harry Brigance, James Bowlan, Lester Johnson, Marshall Payne, Joe Clayton, Milton Woolsey and others whose names have become blanks.

The first quarter ended scoreless. In the second quarter, tailback Culley Rikard faded back to his left and lofted a long pass intended for Johnson, who was playing right end. Hernando defensive back Scott got over in time to slightly

1934 Olive Branch High School Football Team

Top Row (L to R) **Maury White, Jodie Stallings, Lorraine Stewart, Lester Johnson, Culley Rikard, Andrew Lee, Tom Herrington, B.J. Chain (Coach)**
Middle Row (L to R) **Edwin Brigance, Milton Woolsey, Leonard Massey, Marshall Payne, Joe Clayton, Paul Parker, Herbert Carter, Archer Baum, David Stewart**
Bottom Row **(L to R) Walter Winders, James Bowlan, Morgan Carpenter, Pat McIntosh, Harry Brigance, Curtis Herrington, Frank Hammond**

deflect the ball, but Johnson was able to catch the tipped ball in full stride and dash about 40 yards into the end zone for the score. "Dash" might be a misnomer, as Johnson was no Jesse Owens, nevertheless he managed to score. How about that dream? Then there was the extra point try. Calling the plays from his right end position, Johnson opted for a fake kick. The ball was snapped back to McIntosh, the holder, with Rikard lined up to kick. When the ball reached him, McIntosh picked it up and headed around left end. As he was about to be tackled short of the goal line, he lateralled it off to a trailing Rikard who pranced into the end zone untouched; point good: Olive Branch 7 - Hernando 0.

At halftime, Olive Branch Coach B. J. Chain told Johnson he could switch and play tailback or stay at right end, to suit himself. Johnson usually played more at the tailback position but this time he decided to stay at end. Maybe that touchdown he made in the first half influenced him.

Coach Chain's teams used the Notre Dame box formation on offense, which allowed the halfbacks to run, pass or block, and both did. In past years, Chain's tailbacks had passed a lot, but this year the team ran the ball more and the tailback was used mainly as a blocker with an occasional run or pass. The fullback was both a runner and a blocker.

In those days, players played both offense and defense in order to keep the best players in the game. Another reason, many times, because of the limited number of available players, they had to play both ways in order to field a team.

The game rolled through the third quarter with no change in the score. Prior to the game, Coach Chain had stressed the importance of his defense keeping the play between the ends. The defensive ends were to keep drifting, never letting the opposing ball carrier get outside, until the interior linemen could bring him down. Memory of such a situation still lingers: Hernando kept rolling to the left, trying to get around Johnson's end. Johnson kept drifting, keeping them inside. Ed Entriken, an offensive lineman for Hernando, tried to cut him down. *"She no fly*!" Johnson would yell as he avoided the blocks and laughed at Entriken. To beat Ed was most satisfying to Lester. They were life-long friends, grew up together and visited each other on Sundays.

In the fourth quarter, Hernando tried another approach. Scott, their quarterback, would lob the ball up to "Legs" Dunaway, the tallest player on the field, who would go up over the defender and get it. They were short passes but they began to eat up yardage and Hernando was moving relentlessly down the field. As the timeclock wound down, the boys from across the county had moved the ball inside the ten yard line and were threatening to score.

Realizing there was time for just one more play in the game, Johnson decided to gamble. Surely they would pass, he reasoned. So, when the ball was snapped, he dropped back from his end position into the defensive backfield. Luck was with him. It was another lob pass. Johnson out-maneuvered and out-jumped Dunaway in the end-zone, and wrestled the ball away from him. INTERCEPTION! Dunaway's expletive regarding Johnson's ancestry fell on deaf ears and didn't faze him. Game over! His cup runneth over! Oh, happy day! Final score: **Olive Branch 7 - Hernando 0.**

After 75 years, Johnson remembered it like it was yesterday.

PAY UTILITY BILLS ONLINE OR BY PHONE

Mayor SAM RIKARD

The Utility Services Department is now offering customers the option to pay utility bills online or by phone through Paymentus Corporation, a third party automated payment service. Paymentus accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and E-check. They charge a $4.95 convenience fee up to $300. If your bill exceeds $300, you can make an additional payment and be charged an additional $4.95. The City does not receive any portion of the convenience fee.

To pay your bill online or by phone at any time, you will need:

- Your account number and customer number located on your billing statement.
- Your credit card number including the security code on the back of the card.

To pay your bill online, you will need to visit the City website at: **www.obms.us**. From the front page Quick Links, click "Pay Utility Bill". This will bring you to the Utility Page where you can click on "Pay Utility Bill" in the Utilities Menu. The secure Paymentus website will appear where you may enter your information. The website automatically provides the amount of your bill in the payment block; however, you may change the amount.

To pay your bill by phone, you can dial 1 855 288-6486. This is an automated service.

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to alert you in all instances. During the night, while you are asleep, or even if you are listening to music, you may not hear the sirens or the approaching storm. Weather radios are available at local retail stores. These radios currently alert you for an entire county and can be useful, but in my opinion, if you have a smart phone, you should considering spending a few dollars on a good storm alert application. That way, you are alerted regardless of where you are.

To further enhance your ability to know what is going on around you, the City of Olive Branch has now contracted with Emergency Communications Network, LLC to license its **CodeRED** high-speed notification solution. These systems are only as good as the telephone number database. If your phone number is not in our database, you will not be called. The system will be able to provide general notifications to you from the City and also Storm Warning messages. You will have to "opt in" to the storm warning features in order to receive them.

You can determine what type of weather warnings you personally would like to receive. You can choose to be notified of all weather warnings at your location, or for tornado warnings only. It is up to you. **CodeRED** allows for geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure that emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages.

Please go to our City website at **www.obms.us** where you will see the word **CodeRED** on our home page. Click there and you can then set up your account and your preferences. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call our Fire Department (662 890-7376) for assistance. This service is provided free of charge by the City of Olive Branch and is available to City residents and businesses within the city limits of Olive Branch only.

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve all of you in this community.

Mayor Sam Rikard
www.obms.us

Holiday Happenings Around Town

On Thursday evening, November 29th, at 7pm, the City will have its Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall immediately following the City Beautiful's Holiday Open House at the Wesson House. It will be followed by Christmas in Old Towne. Other holiday events this year in Olive Branch are shown below.

Aldermen's Corner

This area of the Newsletter is open to all of Olive Branch's Aldermen for any comments or messages they wish to make.

Alderman
GEORGE COLLINS

We have just started our new fiscal year 2012-2013 and I am happy to report that we were able to pass a balanced budget for the upcoming year. The past three years have been fiscally difficult for the city as it has been for all of the citizens that we represent. The city had to cut back on our expenditures and delay doing some things that we wanted to do until the economic climate improved. Through it all, we managed to pay our bills and continue to provide the level of services the citizens of this city deserve and expect. And we did it without having to raise taxes. The city's millage tax rate of 34.5 is the second lowest of the major cities in DeSoto County and has not been raised since 2007.

Everything in our city seems to be looking up as new businesses continue to locate here. The hospital construction is on schedule for a 2013 opening. It will not be long before we can get back into overlaying streets and doing some of the other things that we had to put on hold.

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Alderman
DON TULLOS

As we look to the future of Olive Branch we have some very bright spots. Our new Methodist Hospital is going up and is on track to open next summer. T.J. Maxx, Ross Dress for Less, Rack Room Shoes, Michaels, Sears, Target and Petco have opened giving our citizens great retail shopping in our home town. Kroger is making a major expansion in our city. Panera Bread and Sweet Pepper Deli have brought two excellent new dining facilities to our city, and I know there are more to come. As you shop for school supplies, clothes, food, auto service and vehicles, gifts and presents and anything else that you may need, always look in Olive Branch first. Buying at home helps keep our money at home, creates jobs for our local residents and shows that we want to attract great businesses to come here and that we will support them if they come.

If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Alderwoman
PAT HAMILTON

The redistricting plan for the voting wards of Olive Branch has now been approved by the Justice Department. For clarification on the new district lines, you can go to the City of Olive Branch website, **www.obms.us** and click on visitors and then map of Olive Branch.

The economic outlook for Olive Branch has improved with the Methodist Hospital and new businesses opening; however, with the economic downturn both federal and state, I am cautiously optimistic about the coming year.

As a conservative, and to keep my campaign promise of "no new taxes", I will continue to strive for that goal.

It has been a privilege serving all of you. If you are interested in receiving the Agenda before and after each Board of Alderman meeting, please e-mail me your address or call me and I will be happy to add you to my e-mail list.

As always, I appreciate your questions and concerns.

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Alderman
HAROLD HENDERSON

The current Board of Aldermen has now served this city for over three years during the most difficult economic times of recent memory. We have had to make difficult choices where best to spend limited resources, and while I have not always been on the side of the majority, I will say that, overall, I think we have served the citizens of Olive Branch well. We have managed to make it through this recession without having to cut back on city services and without having to implement any new tax increases; and many communities cannot say that. It has been challenging and we have learned to do what we needed to do by doing what we had to do. Unlimited budgets make all elected officials look good, and we have had anything but that. It has been a struggle and we are not completely out of the woods yet, but we have turned the corner and I am confident that the future is bright for Olive Branch and her best days are ahead of her.

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Alderman
DAVID WALLACE

I have now served two years on the Board of Aldermen after being elected to finish the term of my father who died in 2010. One of the many things I have learned in that time is there are times when not everyone is pleased with your vote on contested issues. You cannot please everyone. I have always tried to weigh the merits of the issue and keep the safety, needs and wishes of the citizens of Olive Branch as the top priority. Budgeting has been especially difficult. There have been instances where we had to spend money to save money in areas of procuring police and fire equipment. We, as a city have gone through a very difficult economic period, and we have had to make some hard choices. I have always tried to keep in mind that those choices affected the citizens of Olive Branch who were also having a difficult time. The good news is the city's fiscal outlook is better now than it was a year ago and things are improving.

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Alderwoman
SUSAN JOHNSON

I encourage everyone to drive down Bethel Road and see the progress on our new Methodist LeBonheur 100 bed trauma hospital. I am so excited for our city and the future possibilities it will bring. Tentative opening date is scheduled for Fall 2013.

With the Holiday Season fast approaching, please bring your family and friends and make plans to attend holiday events and support local businesses by shopping at home. Save time and money; Support Olive Branch! Visit Olive Branch Old Towne (**olivebranch oldtowne.com**) and Olive Branch Chamber (**olivebranchms.com**) sites for scheduled events.

Thank you all for your support and please contact me if I can ever help any of you in any way.

God Bless Olive Branch.

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Alderman
DALE DICKERSON

Getting neighborhood roads paved will be my top agenda for the remaining months of my term. State Line Road has been completed and the Alexander Road project should be wrapping up soon. We recently voted to do more paving next Spring which should include Alexander Road south of State Line Road to the Highway 302 Bypass.

In other city business, we recently passed a balanced budget for next year with NO tax increases again. We should have a healthy surplus of funds left over from the end of this fiscal year that will be due to the scrutinizing of the spending by the Board and the cost saving efforts of our Department Heads.

I look forward to seeing many of you around town at our upcoming holiday events

I can be reached at the below e-mail and phone numbers if you need me.

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Whom do I call?

AIRPORTS, Memphis International..... 901 922-8000
Olive Branch..... 895-2978

AMBULANCE, Olive Branch Fire Department..... 895-4111
Emergency..... 911

AMBULANCE BILLING..... 890-7315

ANIMAL CONTROL, Olive Branch..... 895-4582
After Hours and Emergencies..... 895-4111

ARTS COUNCIL, Olive Branch..... 662 404-2787

AUTOMOBILE and VEHICLE TAGS, Olive Branch..... 893-8989

BUILDING PERMITS, Olive Branch..... 892-9333

BUSINESS LICENSES, Olive Branch..... 892-9238

CABLE TELEVISION, Comcast..... 901 259-2225

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Olive Branch..... 895-2600

CITY COURT CLERK, Olive Branch, Judy Jeans..... 892-9501

CITY ENGINEER, Olive Branch, Steve Bigelow..... 892-9352

CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH.....892-9200

CODE ENFORCEMENT, Olive Branch.....892-9341 or 892-9342

CONGRESSMAN, U. S., Alan Nunnelee..... 662 449-3090

CRIMESTOPPERS, DeSoto County..... 429-8477

CUSTOMER SERVICE, Olive Branch, Lynn Cannon..... 895-0036

DRIVERS LICENSE, Mississippi, Olive Branch..... 890-7211

ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICE
Northcentral MS Electrical Power Association..... 895-2151
Emergencies (Night-Weekend-Holiday)..... 1 866 438-2642

FIRE DEPARTMENT, Olive Branch
Administration.....890-7376
Dispatcher (Fire or Ambulance)..... 895-4111
Emergency..... 911

GARBAGE COLLECTION, (Not Trash)..... 892-9305

GOLF COURSES, Olive Branch, Cherokee Valley..... 893-4444
Olive Branch Country Club.... 895-6525
Plantation..... 895-3530
Wedgewood..... 895-7490

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC, Olive Branch..... 895-3090
Hernando..... 429-9814

HOMELAND SECURITY (Chief of Police), Don Gammage..... 892-9400

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, DeSoto County..... 429-1335

JUSTICE COURT JUDGE, Ken Adams..... 393-5810

LIBRARY, B. J. CHAIN, Olive Branch..... 895-5900

LITERACY COUNCIL, Hernando..... 429-2354

MAYOR, Olive Branch, Sam Rikard..... 892-9201

METRO INDUSTRIAL PARK, Olive Branch..... 901 484-1324

NATURAL GAS SERVICE, City of Olive Branch..... 893-5209
After Hours Emergencies..... 895-4111
To Locate Underground Lines..... 800 227-6477

NEWSPAPERS, DeSoto Appeal (Commercial Appeal)..... 333-2020
DeSoto Times-Tribune..... 429-6397

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE..... 342-1570

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, DeSoto Center..... 342-4765

OLD TOWNE ASSOCIATION, Olive Branch..... 893-0888

PARKS and RECREATION, Olive Branch..... 893-5219

PLANNING COMMISSION, DeSoto County..... 429-1303
Olive Branch..... 892-9334

POLICE DEPARTMENT, Olive Branch, Administration.....892-9400
Dispatcher (Emergency / Report crime)..... 895-4111
Emergency..... 911

POST OFFICE, Olive Branch..... 890-5493

PROPERTY TAX, Desoto County (Olive Branch)..... 893-8989

PUBLIC WORKS, Olive Branch To report Water leaks..... 893-5208
To report Gas leaks..... 893-5209
To report Street Issues.....893-5249

SCHOOLS, Olive Branch area
Chickasaw Elementary..... 895-6664
Olive Branch Elementary..... 895-2256
Olive Branch Intermediate..... 893-1221
Olive Branch Middle School..... 895-4610
Olive Branch High..... 893-3344
Center Hill Elementary..... 890-7705
Center Hill Middle School..... 892-6800
Center Hill High..... 890-2490
DeSoto Central Elementary..... 349-6234
DeSoto Central Middle School..... 349-6660
DeSoto Central High..... 536-3612
Pleasant Hill Elementary..... 890-9654
Lewisburg Elementary..... 895-8750
Lewisburg Middle School..... 892-5050
Lewisburg High..... 890-6708
Overpark Elementary..... 890-8745

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDANT, DeSoto County
Milton Kuykendall..... 429-5271

SENATORS, U. S
Thad Cochran..... 236-1018
Roger Wicker..... 202 224-6253

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER..... 890-7182

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DeSoto County..... 429-1470

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.....866 739-4771

SOCIAL SERVICES
DeSoto Sunrise Homes..... 429-3609
Emergency Food Ministry..... 895-2913
Sacred Heart Southern Mission..... 893-0255
Thrift Shop..... 895-2913
Mid-State Opportunities..... 895-4153
Community Foundation..... 429-5002
House of Grace..... 342-1432

STATE REPRESENTATIVES, Forrest Hamilton..... 662 895-5765
Vacant.....

STATE SENATOR, Vacant.....

STREET LIGHTS..... 895-0036

SUPERVISORS, DeSoto County, Jessie Medlin, District 1..... 429-5590
, Mark Gardner District 2..... 429-5590

TAX ASSESSOR (Parker Pickle).....662 429-1335

TAX COLLECTOR (Joey Treadway)..... 893-8989

TELEPHONE SERVICE
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..... 429-1326

WATER, SEWER, NATURAL GAS 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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