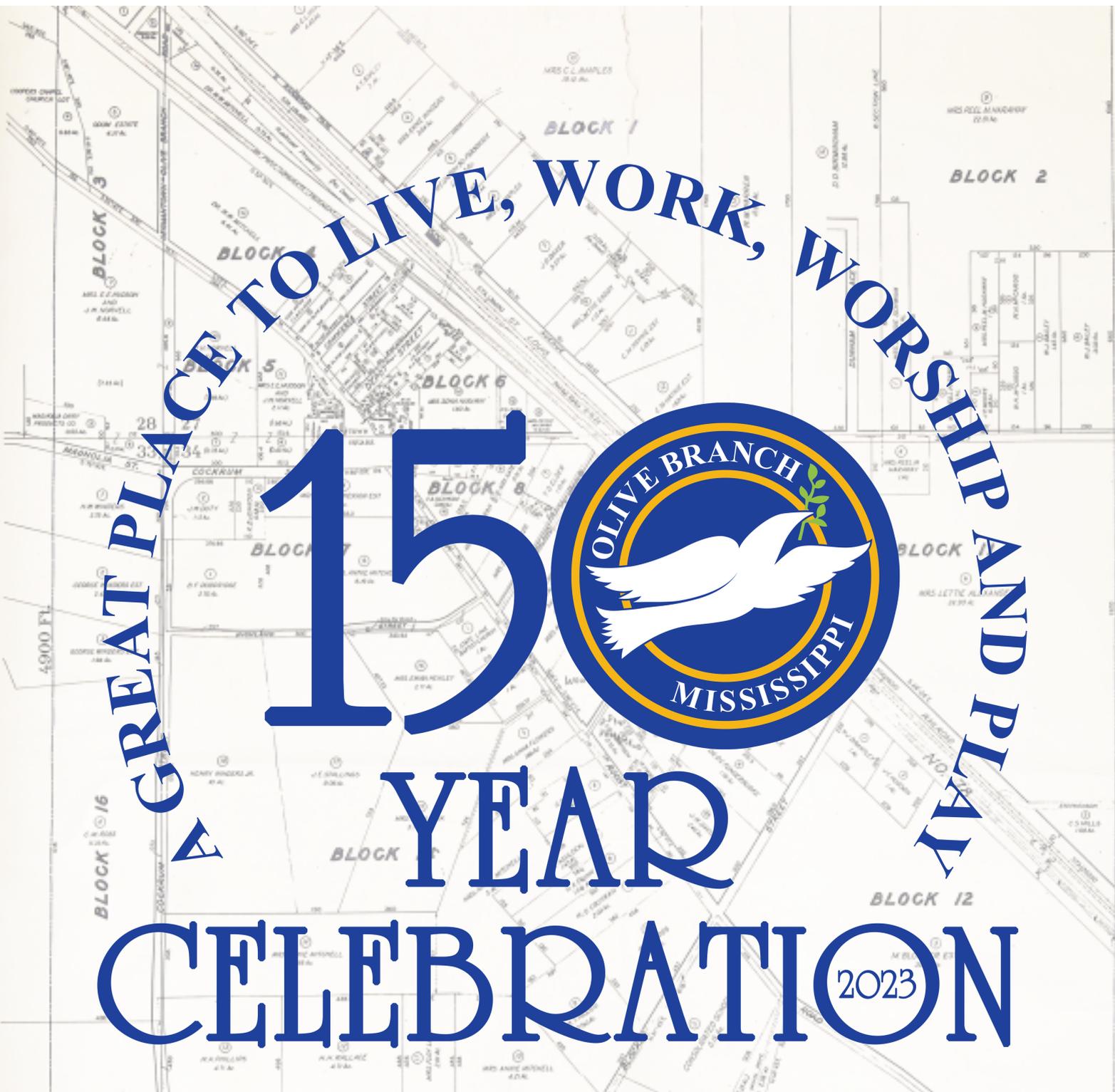




THE BRANCH ADVISOR

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A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, WORSHIP AND PLAY

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Garbage & Recycle Changes & FAQs for 2021 Annexed Areas

The City of Olive Branch and the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors are working together to address garbage changes that affect the newly annexed areas in the City of Olive Branch. If you live in an area that was annexed in 2021, your garbage and recycling will change effective October 1, 2023 from Waste Pro to Waste Connections. All billing for garbage and recycling will come from the City Utilities Department. If you already receive services from the City (i.e. water, sewer, and/or gas), you do not have to fill out a new application. Your services will be consolidated on your billing. If you are a new customer, or need to make changes to your service, please call the Utilities Department at 662-892-9305. As we approach this date, more communication will follow. Please read over these Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to learn more:

How do I set up my billing for utilities or make changes to my current service?

If you are an existing City utilities service customer and do not want to make changes to your account, no action is necessary. If you are a new customer or would like to make changes, you can contact the Utilities Department at 662-892-9305.

Is there a utilities application for new customers?

Yes. You can fill out your application in advance by visiting:

<https://www.obms.us/225/Utility-Billing>.

How will I be billed?

You will receive one bill for all services received from the City of Olive Branch. For example, if you already receive a bill for gas, your existing gas bill will be combined with your garbage & recycling service.

How do I know if I reside in this area?

In 2021, the City of Olive Branch annexed 18.5 square miles of unincorporated DeSoto County. To find out if you reside in this area, please scan the annexation map QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/5aawxe97>

How much is it to opt-in for recycling?

\$5 billed monthly.

CHANGES GO INTO EFFECT
10-01-2023



If I already receive recycling services, do I need to opt-in?

No. You will automatically be opted in at a charge of \$5 per cart each month.

How much are additional carts?

\$10 for garbage carts.
 \$5 for recycling.

What do I do with my old cart?

Waste Pro will continue to service existing cans until September 30th. After September 30th, they should no longer be used.

When will I get my new cart(s)?

Carts will be distributed the week of Sept 18-25. These carts will begin being serviced the week of October 1.

Will my garbage/recycle day change?

Existing customers will not have a date change. Only newly annexed areas will be experiencing a pick up day change. Recycling and Garbage will be picked up on the same day. You can confirm your garbage day by scanning the QR Code below or by visiting:

www.obms.us/237/Interactive-City-Maps.

**VIEW ANNEXATION
 MAP**



**FIND YOUR
 GARBAGE/
 RECYCLING DAY**



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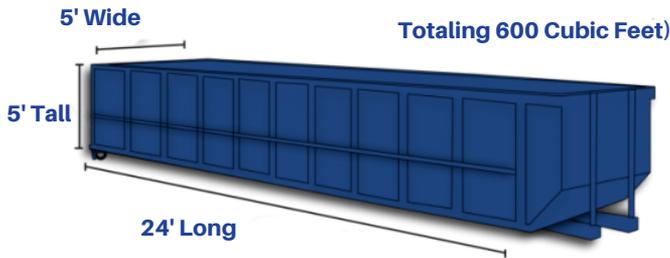


Upcoming Changes to Roadside Rubbish and Tree Limb Collection

The City of Olive Branch Mayor and Board of Aldermen will continue to provide curbside rubbish and limb removal with no charge of service to Olive Branch residents up to one truckload.

In an effort to keep taxes low, prevent abuse, and maintain a high quality of service, the City of Olive Branch will be implementing a fee for rubbish piles that are more than one truckload. Commercial business and tree services will continue to be responsible for hauling away their own rubbish material.

WE DO NOT PICK UP AFTER TREE SERVICES



Public Works will collect up to one truckload or less at no charge.

Place your Rubbish and/or Tree Limbs at the curb. Public Works will stop by to collect these items. Typically, it takes one week to complete routes. All citizens receive rubbish and tree limb removal for items that are one truckload or less at no additional charge.

What if I have more than one truckload of rubbish and how do I pay?

If your rubbish or tree limbs results in multiple truckloads, Public Works will leave a notice indicating how much the additional fee will be with an invoice number. The rubbish will not be picked up until payment has been made.

Pay online at www.obms.us/payments, in person or by mail via Check or Money Order made out to: City of Olive Branch, 10175 Highway 178, Olive Branch, MS 38654. Public Works hours are Monday - Friday 7 AM - 5 PM. You must include your invoice number on your payment. Payment must be received within 14 days.

What happens after I've paid?

After your payment has been received, Public Works will return to collect the remaining roadside rubbish and tree limbs.

# of Loads per week	Cost
1	<u>NO CHARGE</u>
2	\$100
3	\$400
4	\$600

**FIND YOUR RUBBISH
PICK UP DAY**





UPCOMING EVENTS

A Summer to Remember



Celebrating our 150th anniversary as a City has been memorable! Things kicked off in June with the opening of the Olive Branch Farmers Market and the Wesson House Classic Car Show. Over 25 vendors were on the grounds of City Hall for opening weekend and there were 15 cars of various makes and models along the Wesson House Grounds. The Farmers Market will continue on Saturdays from 8 am to Noon through the month of October.

The Light the Way Music Festival brought the Community together with 2-days of music in the City Park. Featuring a kid zone, food vendors, and 12 musical acts, the festival's inaugural year was well received and brought in over 3,000 attendees to the City Park. We are exceptionally grateful for the City of Olive Branch Parks Ground Crew who went above and beyond after severe weather to ensure that the festival was as enjoyable as possible.



Despite inclement weather, the 'Celebrate Your Independence' brought over 10,000 attendees for the City of Olive Branch's Independence Day Celebration. This community event had live music from Doug Cooke and the Starck Uprights, a kid zone, food trucks, and much more for citizens of Olive Branch to enjoy.



WESSON HOUSE CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
9 AM - NOON

Wesson House will be open for tours



Wesson House Plant Swap



SEPTEMBER 16 9 AM TILL NOON
FREE TOURS AVAILABLE
BRING YOUR OWN PLANT
TO SWAP!

Bucking in the Branch

Sat. Sept 16
Soccer Complex
Tickets sold at the gate.

THERE'S MORE TO COME! VIEW OUR UPCOMING EVENTS FEATURED IN THIS SECTION OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON YOUR SMART DEVICE TO SEE THE CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH EVENT CALENDAR OR VISIT WWW.OBMS.US/CALENDAR.



Updates from City Hall

Airport Sets Operational Records

The City of Olive Branch Airport set a new operational record in 2022 totaling 85,247 aircraft operations. So far in 2023, every month has been record breaking. This high aircraft traffic trend continues with the month of June 2023 seeing 10,353 aircraft operations-- the highest total per month to date. Additionally, Olive Branch Aviation (FBO) will soon have the option of a self-service fuel pump in operation by October 2023 to support after hours fueling for our customers.

Business License, Fire Administration Relocation

Fire Admin and the Business License Office will be moving to the new Fire Administration Building located at 9065 Old Goodman Road later this year. Fire inspections, prevention and fire code enforcement will all be housed in this new building. Business applications & Door-to-Door Permits will be taken from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, feel free to call our Administrative Assistant at 662-892-9550. Remember, for all Ambulance Billing related questions, please call AMB at 800-749-7026.

Farmers Market Extended

The City of Olive Branch Farmers Market has been extended to run until the last Saturday in October. Featuring Fall produce and Craft Vendors-- the Farmers Market will continue on the grounds of City Hall on Saturdays from 8 AM till Noon. The last market will be Saturday, October 28th.

Mardi Gras Parade Returns in 2024

The City of Olive Branch Mardi Gras Parade, presented by the Olive Twig Humanitarian Group, returns February 10, 2024. The parade will follow a route up Pigeon Roost Road into the heart of Old Towne with food vendors, a kid zone, live entertainment, plus spectacular floats! To learn more or register a float, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/OliveTwigHG>.

Senior Center Hosts Fall Craft Fair

The Olive Branch Senior Center will be hosting a Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, October 21st. This event will be open to all citizens at the Senior Building located at 8800 College Street. To learn more or to participate as a Vendor, please contact Norma Shaw at nshaw@obms.us.

OB Serve Day

In conjunction with Church United and the Mayor's Pastoral Advisory Committee, OB Serve Day will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9 AM till Noon for a city-wide day of service. For more information, please visit www.obms.us/observeday.

How to Report a Water Leak

If you are experiencing issues with your water meter or a water leak, the most effective way to expedite the issue is to call the City of Olive Branch Public Works Team at 662-895-4335 and pressing option 2. If it is an after-hours emergency, please call 662-895-4111.



Buy a Wreath for Blocker Cemetery

Visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/msbloc to purchase a wreath to be placed on a Veteran's Grave.



UPDATES FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

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City Ranked #36 Best Places to Live for Families



Fortune Well Magazine ranked the City of Olive Branch #36 on its "Best Places to Raise a Family List" giving high scores in education, healthcare, resources for seniors, housing affordability, and general wellness and livability. In addition to education, the listing notes the variety of activities offered through the City's Parks & Recreation Department make for a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Fall/Winter Leaf Collection

From November 15th to January 30th, leaves are not required to be deposited in disposable containers provided they are placed adjacent to the front property line (curb or edge of pavement, or between curb and sidewalk, not in the street) at least five feet away from any mailbox, light/sign post, hydrant or other structure and not located in a road or adjacent to a drainage inlet.

Seniors Monthly Health Program at the Senior Center

The Olive Branch Senior Center will be hosting a monthly health program for our Senior Citizens. Starting in September, EMS Personnel conducting BP checks and Blood Sugar checks. This will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month and coincide with Olive Branch Family Medical giving Seniors their B-12 shots. Please follow the Olive Branch Senior Center on Facebook to learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/obseniorcenter>.

Sewer Education Campaign

The Water/Sewer Division of the Public Works and Engineering Department have teamed up to launch a digital education campaign regarding what not to flush to preserve the longevity of the City's Water Lift Stations. Due to an uptick of items that should not be flushed, the City is asking all of its residents to remember: "It's a toilet; not a trash can!" **Anything besides human waste and toilet paper has the potential to clog up your home, business, and the City's pipes.**

What not to flush:

- All of these items have recently been removed during clogs at the City Pump Stations.
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| single use wipes | feminine hygiene products | cotton swabs | cat litter |
| disposable diapers | condoms | band-aids | cigarette butts |
| facial tissues | grease | dental floss | medical syringes |

Nov 22- Jan 1
Olive Branch City Park

LIGHT GARDEN
THE MAGIC RETURNS!

- 300+ Giant 3D light displays
- Family friendly for all ages
- Live entertainment every night
- Delicious variety of food options
- A full size coffee shop and LEGO shop
- 8 Special Event nights, including a NYE Fireworks show

More details can be found at:
LightGarden.online

Christmas
TREE LIGHTING
November 30th at 7 pm

OLIVE BRANCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PRESENTS THE 46th ANNUAL

Christmas Parade
2023

Saturday
Dec 2nd 2pm

Christmas Angels

For more info: www.olivebranchms.com or 662-895-2600

AREA DIRECTORY WHO TO CALL

AIRPORTS

OLIVE BRANCH 662.895.2978
MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL 901.922.8000

BIRTH & DEATH CERTIFICATES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 601.206.8200

CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH

AMBULANCE (OBFD) 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 DISPATCH 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/RECYCLE COLLECTION 662.892.9306
HUMAN RESOURCES 662.892.9258
MAYOR'S OFFICE 662.892.9201
PARKS & RECREATION 662.893.5219
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT 662.892.9334
POLICE DEPARTMENT 662.892.9400
POLICE DISPATCH 662.895.4111
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
RUBBISH COLLECTION (NOT GARBAGE) 662.893.5209
UTILITIES 662.592.9305
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 662.489.9032
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION 662.469.8029
JUSTICE COURT 662.469.8026
MARRIAGE LICENSE 662.469.8007
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSOR 662.4698029
PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR 662.469.8032
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 662.469.8500
VOTER REGISTRATION 662.469.8350
Olive Branch Arts Council 662.404.2787
Chamber of Commerce 662.895.2600
Library (B.J. Chain) 662.895.5900
Post Office 662.895.5966

DRIVERS LICENSE

OLIVE BRANCH 662.890.7211
NESBIT 662.429.1353

DESOTO COUNTY TOURISM

662.393.8770

ELECTRICAL SERVICE

NORTHCENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 800.325.8925
EMERGENCIES (NIGHTS/WEEKEND/HOLIDAY) 866.438.2642
ENERGY 800.368.3749

GOLF COURSES

CHEROKEE VALLEY 662.893.4444
OLIVE BRANCH COUNTRY CLUB 662.895.6525
TIMBER TRUSS 662.895.3530
WEDGEWOOD 662.895.7490

HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC

HERNANDO 662.429.9814
OLIVE BRANCH 662.895.3090

LITERACY COUNCIL

662.429.2354

METHODIST HOSPITAL OLIVE BRANCH

662.932.9000

MISSISSIPPI DEPT 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
ATMOS CUSTOMER SERVICE 888.286.6700
ATMOS NATURAL GAS EMERGENCY 866.322.8667

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

662.342.1570

POISON CONTROL

800.222.1222

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
TRINITY HEALTH CENTER (HORN LAKE) 662.222.1007

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

HERNANDO 866.739.4771
CALL BACK LINE 866.592.2675

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

888.844.3577

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

TRENT KELLY 662.449.3090

U.S. SENATORS

CINDY HYDE- SMITH 662.236.1018
ROGER WICKER 662.429.1002

WIN JOB CENTER

662.342.4002

CITY MEETING SCHEDULES

All city meetings are open to the public and are held at the Courthouse located at 6900 Highland Street

MEETING	DAY	TIME
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN	FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	6:30 P.M. <i>This time will move to 6:00 P.M. starting 10-01-2023.</i>
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION	SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	6:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH	6:00 P.M.



The Branch eNewsletter

Want to stay in the loop with events happening in the City of Olive Branch? Sign up for our eNewsletter. This recurring newsletter is designed to help citizens stay informed and highlight upcoming events happening within the City. You can sign up via the Notify Me feature on our City website: <https://www.obms.us/list.aspx?Mode=Subscribe#calendar>



City Meeting Live Stream

We will begin streaming live Planning Commission and Board of Aldermen meetings on YouTube in October, 2023. A great way for residents to stay informed if they cannot attend in person. To view the City's YouTube Channel, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/ecityofob>



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THE FINAL WORD

Dear Resident of Olive Branch,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and enjoying life. As we mark the 150th anniversary of our beloved City, I want to take a moment to reflect on our progress and share some exciting updates and events happening within our community.

I am proud to announce that Olive Branch has been recognized among other cities in America as the 36th best place to raise a family. This accolade is a testament to the dedication and efforts of each and every one of you. Our strong sense of community, excellent educational opportunities, and safe neighborhoods make Olive Branch a truly exceptional place for families to thrive. Olive Branch is flourishing, and our community is quickly becoming a sought-after destination for both residents and businesses alike. One of the most significant indicators of our progress is the phenomenal residential and business growth we have witnessed. Olive Branch airport has earned the distinction of being the busiest airport in the State of Mississippi regarding aircraft activity. It is a testament to our commitment to providing exceptional infrastructure and transportation services to our residents and visitors. Olive Branch approved the largest ever roadway improvement project in 2023 and we are committed to a multi-year plan to improve our streets. I'm also excited to announce our upcoming live streaming of Board of Aldermen and City Planning Commission meetings on YouTube. Look for these starting in October at www.youtube.com/@cityofob. Together, we are shaping Olive Branch into a thriving nexus of commerce and innovation-- ensuring that Olive Branch remains a great place to live, work, worship, and play.



Kenneth R. (Ken) Adams
City of Olive Branch Mayor

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