



# Resident Guide 2025-2026



# *A Vision Forward*

## *City of Olive Branch's Comprehensive Plan through 2040 Goals*

1. Olive Branch will ensure its land development plan and regulations meet the City's future needs and promote quality, character, and functionality in the built environment.
2. Olive Branch will maintain and expand its infrastructure and facilities in a well-planned, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner in the interest of improving transportation systems, quality of life, and promoting economic opportunities for residents & businesses.
3. Olive Branch will strive to enhance and maintain property values in its neighborhoods and business districts.
4. Olive Branch will encourage and expand its inter-government cooperation efforts.
5. Olive Branch will use technological resources to improve its dissemination of information, community interaction, and to encourage participation of citizenry in local government.
6. Olive Branch will expand efforts to develop and maintain the City as an environmentally sustainable community.



*Scan to learn more or view  
updates to the 2040  
Comprehensive Plan.*

# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

## WELCOME TO THE CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH



It is an honor to serve the citizens of the great City of Olive Branch as Mayor. There have been 23 others before me who have served in this capacity since being incorporated in 1873. The leadership provided by each of these former Mayors, and Boards of Aldermen, has paved the way for much of what we enjoy today, and I believe our best days are ahead of us.

Our City is experiencing phenomenal residential and business growth, as people and companies are attracted to what Olive Branch has to offer. Our City operates the largest municipal natural gas company in the State of Mississippi. Olive Branch airport and Taylor Field has become a very popular alternative to flying directly into Memphis and now holds the distinction of being the busiest airport in the State of Mississippi. In addition, three flight schools call the airport home for future aerospace professionals. Olive Branch is now the fifth-largest City, by population, in Mississippi, and the third-largest City, land-wise, encompassing 56 square miles and over 300 miles of roadways.

As of 2025, our City is quickly approaching having 50,000 residents and has developed into quite the economic engine for DeSoto County. Olive Branch, Mississippi is one of America's most livable cities, where one can live, work, worship, and play without leaving home. The City of Olive Branch Municipal Government strives to provide efficient and effective public services that promote quality of life. Thank you for your interest in our City. We hope you will drop in and visit us at City Hall. We are located at 9200 Pigeon Roost Road. In the meantime, we encourage you to like and follow us on our social media pages, visit our community events calendar, or sign up for email notifications like my newsletter *From the Mayor's Desk* at [www.obms.us](http://www.obms.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth R. Adams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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



**CONTACT US**

Need help addressing a problem  
in the City of Olive Branch?

Contact the

**Mayor's Action Center**

Phone: 662-892-9203

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**SCAN THE QR CODE ON YOUR SMART DEVICE TO SEE THE CITY OF OLIVE BRANCH EVENT CALENDAR OR VISIT [WWW.OBMS.US/CALENDAR](http://WWW.OBMS.US/CALENDAR)**

# Change of Mailing Address

Let the post office know you are going to change your address and want your mail forwarded to your new location. You can:

- Go to [USPS.com/move](https://usps.com/move) to change your address online.
- Or go to your local post office and ask for the Mover's Guide packet.

Be sure to update your change of address with other federal and state services such as your Voter Registration, Driver's Licenses, and Social Security.



United States Postal Service  
8850 Midsouth Dr.  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
[\(800\) 275-8777](tel:8002758777)



## Sign up for SMS alerts!

We highly encourage everyone to have multiple ways to receive severe weather warnings and updates. You can receive weather, traffic, and utility alerts from your mobile device from City of Olive Branch by texting olivebranch to 888777.

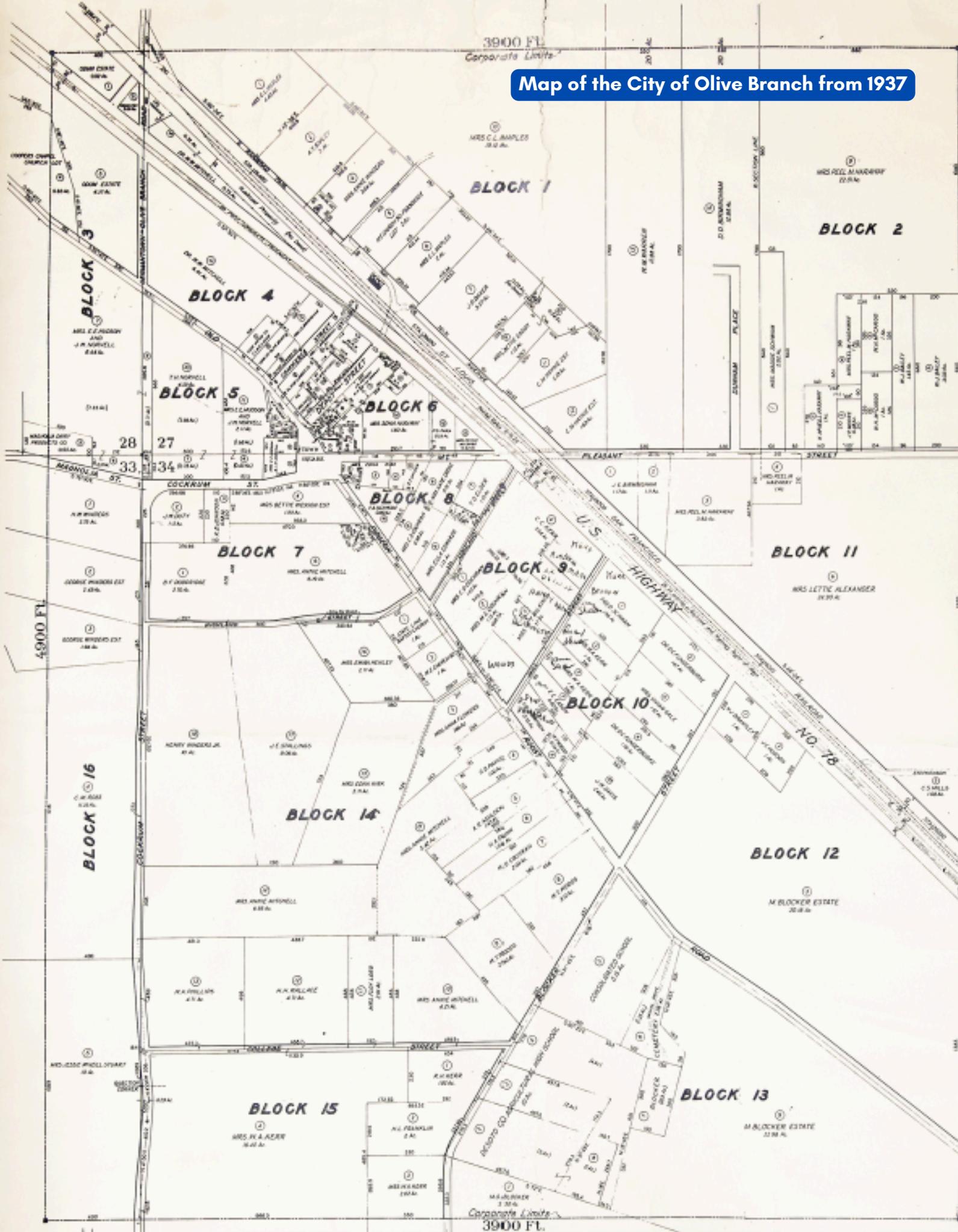
## Community Safe Rooms

The schools and the community safe room indicated below have a FEMA 361 rated safe room. Please follow the guidance of all Emergency Personnel and follow local weather updates for when these shelters are open to the public.

- Hernando Elementary 455 Riley Street, Hernando, MS. 38632
- Horn Lake Elementary 6341 Ridgewood, Horn Lake, MS. 38637
- Hope Sullivan Elementary 7985 Southaven Circle West, Southaven, MS. 38671
- Lewisburg Elementary 1717 Craft Road, Olive Branch, MS. 38654
- Southaven Community Safe Room 7312 Highway 51N, Southaven, MS. 38671
- Olive Branch Elementary 9549 Pigeon Roost Olive Branch, MS
- Walls Elementary 6131 Delta View Rd. Walls, MS. 38680



Map of the City of Olive Branch from 1937





# Then & Now

A Brief History of Olive Branch, Mississippi

## ***Early Settlement***

The area now known as Olive Branch began as a small settlement in the 1830s. Originally called Cowpens, the name reflected its early use as pasture land by settlers of European descent. The community soon became known as Watson's Crossroads, named after early settler Stephen Flinn Watson, who established a cotton gin, store, and blacksmith shop that served as the community's center.

## ***Establishment and Naming***

In 1846, when a post office was established, the settlement was officially renamed Olive Branch to symbolize peace and friendship among residents. The town grew gradually as agriculture, especially cotton farming, drove the local economy.

## ***Incorporation and Growth***

Olive Branch was formally incorporated in 1874. The arrival of the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad in 1885 spurred new development and made the town a shipping point for lumber and cotton. Small businesses, schools, and churches began to shape a cohesive civic identity.

## ***20th Century Transformations***

Until the mid-20th century, Olive Branch remained a quiet rural town. The construction of U.S. Highway 78 (now Interstate 22) in the 1950s improved access to Memphis and encouraged suburban growth. From the 1970s onward, Olive Branch evolved rapidly as part of the Memphis metropolitan area, attracting new residents and industry.

## ***Economic and Population Boom***

By the late 20th century, Olive Branch emerged as one of Mississippi's fastest-growing cities. In 1990, the population was about 3,500. Over the next decades, annexations and housing developments fueled explosive growth. By 2010, the population exceeded 33,000. Olive Branch became known for its strong schools, modern infrastructure, and business-friendly climate.

## ***Recent Developments***

Today, Olive Branch hosts a diverse economy, including logistics, manufacturing, healthcare, and retail. It has become a regional hub for distribution due to its proximity to major highways, Memphis International Airport, and rail lines. The city consistently ranks among the best places to live in Mississippi, balancing rapid growth with community amenities and quality of life.



You can learn more about the growth of the City of Olive Branch by visiting our interactive history of the annexation map by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://www.obms.us/maps>.

# 2025 Board of Aldermen



*Pictured Left to Right: Front: Gil Earhart (Ward 1), Pat Hamilton (Ward 2), Mayor Ken Adams, Jan Aldridge (Ward 5), Dale Dickerson (Ward 6). Rear: Don Gammage (Ward 3), David Wallace (Ward 4), George Collins (At Large).*

## **City Meeting Schedules**

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

| <b>Meeting</b>             | <b>Day</b>                          | <b>Time</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Mayor & Board of Aldermen  | First & Third Tuesday of Each Month | 6:00 pm     |
| City Planning Commission   | Second Tuesday of Each Month        | 6:00 pm     |
| Board of Zoning Adjustment | Second Thursday of Each Month       | 6:00 pm     |

***Meetings are live streamed and archived via the City's YouTube Page.***

## AT LARGE



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## WARD 1



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## WARD 3



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## WARD 4



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dwallace@obms.us  
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## WARD 5



**Jan Aldridge**  
jan.aldrige@obms.us  
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## WARD 6



**Dale Dickerson**  
ddickerson@obms.us  
662.895.2543

*The City of Olive Branch has a code charter form of government with a Mayor and 7 Aldermen that represent geographical wards in the City. One Alderman is elected "at large." The Mayor and Aldermen serve four year terms. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month to conduct business meetings. These meetings are open to the public and are streamed live on the City's YouTube Page ([www.youtube.com/@cityofob](http://www.youtube.com/@cityofob)).*

Scan here to  
find your ward  
& polling  
place



# Emergency Services



*Olive Branch Police Department (OBPD)* is a full-service law enforcement agency that protects the lives and property of the City's Residents.

Olive Branch Police Department is accredited through the State of Mississippi and through The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The CALEA Accreditation programs provide public safety agencies with an opportunity to voluntarily meet an established set of professional standards.

10470 MS-178, Olive Branch, MS 38654

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM

Police Department 662.892.9400

Police Dispatch Non-Emergency 662.895.4111



This community enrichment program is offered twice a year in the Spring and Fall at the Olive Branch Police Department, usually on Thursday evenings over a 9-week period. If you are interested in learning and volunteering with the police department, we would like to encourage you to be on the lookout for the next Citizens Academy. Learn more at [www.obms.us/obpd](http://www.obms.us/obpd).



Camp B.U.I.L.D. is an annual month-long day camp program for the month of June for children in the Olive Branch community who are entering 4th through 8th grade. It is influential to all the campers by establishing more stability and accountability in their lives helping them develop better life skills.



Camp S.H.A.P.E. is an annual month-long program for High School students in the Olive Branch community. Through service projects, recreational activities, and other activities, it provides teens service opportunities during the Summer.



This program offers a non-paid supportive addition to our Patrol Division by assisting the department with non-emergency operations. These operations include but not limited to vacation checks, filling in where needed as crossing guards during school times and or during special events, such as the 4th of July event(s) and Christmas Parade.

# IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911



## Olive Branch Fire Department (OBFD)

proudly protects almost 50,000 people living within the City of Olive Branch across 5 fire stations that protect residential and commercial areas and offer fire suppression and Emergency medical services.

Visit [obms.us/fire](http://obms.us/fire) to learn more about locations and fire safety for your new residence.

Admin: 662.892.9550

Fire Prevention: 662.892.9557



## Fire Station Locations

Administration Building  
9065 Old Goodman Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Station 1  
9189 Pigeon Roost Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Station 2  
7745 Craft Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Station 3  
7750 Hacks Cross Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Station 4  
5765 Pleasant Hill  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Station 5  
3834 Pleasant Hill  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Station 6  
**Coming Soon to the area of  
Center Hill Road and HWY 302**





# DAYCARE & PRE-K



To view a list of Daycare and Pre-K services in DeSoto County, please scan the QR Code or visit:  
[www.countyoffice.org/ms-desoto-county-daycare/](http://www.countyoffice.org/ms-desoto-county-daycare/)



**DeSoto**  
COUNTY SCHOOLS

Learn more about our area schools or view this year's school calendar by visiting [DeSotoCountySchools.org](http://DeSotoCountySchools.org).

You can locate your school zone by scanning the QR Code here or by visiting [www.desotocountyschools.org/zones](http://www.desotocountyschools.org/zones)





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CERTIFIED  
EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY

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Excel By 5 is a community-based certification designed to improve a child's overall well-being by age five. The first-of-its-kind in the United States, this program emphasizes the important roles communities play in educating their children during their most formative years—birth to five. Initially funded with a grant from Chevron, Excel By 5 is currently working with thirty-eight communities throughout the state of Mississippi, including the City of Olive Branch. Excel By 5 sets forth a variety of standards involving parent training, community participation, child care and health to help communities focus on supporting young children and their families. The certification process also identifies available resources and existing best practices to help Excel By 5 - Early Childhood Communities reach the goal that all of their children will be ready to learn when they start school at age five. Excel By 5 certification identifies gaps in community resources, promotes community collaboration, volunteerism and economic development. On the whole, children in Excel By 5 communities will be healthier and better prepared for kindergarten and first grade. Please scan the QR Code for a list of resources for caregivers and parents.



Learn more by scanning  
the QR Code or by visiting  
<http://excelby5.com/resource/>



# Olive Branch Public Library

6619 Hwy 305 North (Cockrum)  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
(662) 895-5900 phone

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Do you have a library card? A First Regional Library card can be used at any of our fourteen branches across DeSoto, Lafayette, Panola, Tate and Tunica counties. Anyone who lives, works, owns property, or goes to school in one our five counties is eligible for a free library card. With your FRL card, not only can you check out books, eBooks, audiobooks, DVDs and more, you will also have access to the many free online resources we offer! To get a library card, please visit <https://firstregional.org/librarycard>.



# Lifelong Learning

Looking to learn a new skill or looking to develop your skillset in a certain area of the workforce? There are Adult Education programs available in North Mississippi. These programs offer assistance in areas of math, reading, writing, computer skills, and career-readiness.



Increasing Employment in Mississippi

WIN Job Centers are service centers that offer programs and resources geared toward your job seeking and claim needs and are partners in the American Job Center Network.

Our local WIN Centers are:

Northwest DeSoto Campus  
Southaven Adult Education  
5197 W.E. Ross Parkway  
Southaven, MS 38671  
662.280.6176

Marshall County Workforce Training Center-  
WIN Center  
Byhalia Adult Education  
4700 Cayce Rd.  
Byhalia, MS 38611  
662.851.4190



A Smart Start to your career.

Skill UP Mississippi offers training and support for people pursuing nationally recognized **High School Equivalency** (HSE) diploma programs. Learn more at <https://skillupmississippi.com/high-school-equivalency/>



The Smart Start Course, which is eligible for college credit, develops student's foundational skills that are needed for their careers. Students are prepared to take the WorkKeys test, which includes: Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents that test qualified students for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).



<https://www.mywayms.org/my-way-works/adult-education/>

# Starting a Business

We certainly appreciate you choosing our City to open your business! According to Mississippi State Law, anyone conducting business for profit or livelihood from their home or commercial location must obtain a business license. There is a fee that can vary depending upon the size of the business and the number of employees. To get started in this process, we ask that you reach out to our Business License Clerk. You can learn more online at [obms.us](http://obms.us).

## FIND US

### ***Business License Clerk***

9200 Pigeon Roost Road  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
662-892-9238

A hand is holding a white sign with a blue border. The sign has the text "Come in" in a cursive font, "WE'RE" in a bold sans-serif font, and "OPEN" in a larger bold sans-serif font. The background is a blurred image of a door handle and a sign.

# Automobile Tags

Automobile tags must be purchased annually and are due during the month in which the vehicle is purchased. For new residents, Mississippi State Law requires that vehicles be registered within 30 days of establishing residency. Vehicles purchased new or used from a dealer or individual must be registered within 30 working days. In all cases, license plates must reflect the county of residence of the registered owner. Tags can be obtained at the DeSoto County Tax Collector's Office in Olive Branch. After you have obtained your tags, you will receive annual notification by mail a month before they expire with the option to renew by mail.



**CONTACT US**

## **DeSoto County Tax Collector's Office**

6597 B.J. Chain Drive  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
Phone: 662-469-8032

# Driver's License

New residents of Mississippi must apply for a Mississippi Drivers License within 60 days of becoming a resident of the state. If you have a valid out-of-state license, only a rules, signs, and eye test is required. If your current out-of-state license is expired, a road test may be required. You will be required to show your social security card, proof of residency, and other forms of I.D. when applying for a license. To learn more or to apply, please visit the address below.



**CONTACT US**

## **Mississippi Department of Public Safety**

6569 Cockrum Street (HWY 305)  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
Phone: 662-890-7211  
Online: [www.dps.ms.gov](http://www.dps.ms.gov)



# City Utilities

The City of Olive Branch bills utility customers monthly for water, natural gas, sewer, garbage, and recycling pick-up in one monthly billing statement. When you apply for your City utility services, you will be required to pay a deposit for your water and gas. This will remain on file for as long as you remain a customer.

## You can pay your bill:

### During Business Hours

- inside City Hall at the Utility Department (#133)
- through the drive-thru window

### Anytime

- mail
- online at [obms.us/payments](http://obms.us/payments)
- dropped off in the drop box under the porch of City Hall

To learn more, please contact the Utilities Department at 662-892-9305.

## Garbage

The City contracts with a third party for garbage pickup once a week and charges per month for each container. You will be given a blue, wheeled garbage cart. We ask that you bag your garbage (preferably in plastic bags) before placing it in the cart. On the day that your garbage is collected, you will need to roll your cart to the street before 7 am and place it on the curb within eighteen inches (18") of the street (not in the street) with the cart handles facing toward your house (remember Handles to House). Additional carts are available. Contact the utilities office to learn more.



**FIND YOUR  
GARBAGE DAY**





# RECYCLE GUIDE

**MUST BE EMPTY.**

**MUST BE DRY.**

**DO NOT BAG.**

Bags get caught in the sorting equipment.

**WHEN IN DOUBT,  
THROW IT OUT!**

## **ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES:**

- TRANSPARENT / TRANSLUCENT PLASTICS #1 AND #2 ONLY
  - SODA AND WATER BOTTLES
  - FOOD JARS WITHOUT LIDS
  - MILK JUGS
- CORRUGATED BOXES ONLY
  - CARDBOARD BOXES THAT HAVE 3-LAYERS  
(TWO FLAT WITH A WAVY LAYER IN THE MIDDLE)
- MIXED PAPER AND PAPERBOARD
  - NEWSPAPER
  - PAPERBOARD (CEREAL BOXES, CRACKER BOXES ETC.)
  - MAGAZINES
  - JUNK MAIL
  - BROWN PAPER BAGS
  - EGG CARTONS
- ALUMINUM CANS
  - BEVERAGE CANS ONLY
- STEEL CANS

## **DO NOT RECYCLE:**

- GLASS
- ALUMINUM FOIL
- PLASTIC BAGS
- FOOD-SOILED CONTAINERS
- WAXED CARDBOARD
- STYROFOAM CONTAINERS
- TISSUE PAPER
- ELECTRONICS
- CERAMICS / DISHES
- LIGHT BULBS

INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR  
RECYCLING? CALL 662.892.9305!

LEARN MORE AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.WASTECONNECTIONS.COM/SERVICES/  
/RESIDENTIAL/RESIDENTIAL-RECYCLING/](https://www.wasteconnections.com/services/residential/residential-recycling/)



WASTE CONNECTIONS  
*Connect with the Future*

**FIND YOUR RUBBISH  
PICK UP DAY**



## Roadside Rubbish and Tree Limb Collection

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 charge. Additional loads will result in charges. Learn more at <https://www.obms.us/325/Rubbish>

- Tree limbs and acceptable rubbish must be cut to 6 feet in length or less.
- If possible, pile limbs stacked in the same direction.
- Leaves, grass, mulch, tile, or dirt must be bagged or boxed by the homeowner for the City to implement curbside rubbish pickup.
- City curbside rubbish pickup service is not able to collect garbage, recycling or hazardous waste.
- Please place acceptable debris in one pile on the yard side of the curb, but close enough that the City rubbish truck is able to reach it from the street side.
- 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, light poles, etc.
- The City rubbish trucks are not able to pick up debris under low power lines or tree branches or items within five feet of structures.
- Be aware of hills and other traffic safety hazard areas. 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 businesses or property such as tree contractors or apartment complexes.

### What's considered acceptable rubbish?

- Household Items such as:
  - Clothing
  - Furniture
  - Mattresses
- Bulky Waste such as:
  - Bicycles
  - Lawnmowers
  - Metal
- Composting such as:
  - Bagged Grass Clippings
  - Bagged Leaves/Pine Needles
  - Limbs/Trees not over 6 ft. long
- Plywood
- Rubber
- Steel
- Lumber
- Wire
- Appliances/Electronics\*
  - Hot Water Heaters
  - Refrigerators / Freezers without Freon
  - Washers / Dryers
  - Computers
  - Microwaves

\*Contact Public Works to schedule pick-up

**Public Works does not pick up for commercial tree services**

### What's considered non- acceptable rubbish?

- Household garbage
- Diapers
- Bottles (Glass or Plastic)
- Propane Tanks
- Batteries
- Freon Tanks
- Caulk Tubes
- Tires
- Bricks/ Gravel/Dirt/ Concrete
- Kitchen Pots or Pans
- Livestock Stall Pickings
- Building Materials (Pallets /Sheetrock/Roofing)
- Landscaping Timbers/ RR Ties
- Spray Cans
- Glass
- Paint Cans
- 5-Gallon Buckets

### Where can I dispose of Electronic Waste?

**DeSoto County Rubbish Facility**  
**5255 West Sandidge Road, Olive Branch**

**Juvenile Justice Center**  
**311 West South Street, Hernando**

**Olive Branch Maintenance Shop**  
**10414 HWY 178, Olive Branch**  
**Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm**



## It's a Toilet; not a Trashcan!

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.

single use wipes  
disposable diapers  
facial tissues

feminine hygiene products  
condoms  
grease

cotton swabs  
band-aids  
dental floss

cat litter  
cigarette butts  
medical syringes



You **must** obtain a permit to put up a fence, place a detached accessory building, or pool in your yard. It is important to remember there may be a potential danger lurking just beneath the surface. Electric, gas, water, and sewer lines can be buried as little as six to twelve inches deep. All utility lines, when cut, will cost you money and potentially your life.

Permits and regulations can be found on the City's website [www.obms.us](http://www.obms.us). Click on "Document and Forms", then open the file for "Planning & Development."

**Please contact 811 before you dig.**



# Code Enforcement & Property Maintenance FAQs

## What are the most common code violations?

### High Grass / Weeds

It is unlawful for any person who owns or is in charge of any lot or parcel of land in the city not zoned for agricultural use and hay harvesting to allow weeds and grasses to grow to such a height as to become a health and safety issue.

### Discarded Materials/ Debris

The owner or person in control of any private property shall maintain the premises free of litter and junk. Litter refers to garbage, refuse, rubbish and any and all other waste material, which if discarded in any manner can create a danger to public health and safety.

### Parking on Unpaved Surfaces / Garages

Parking within residential districts: No automobile, truck, trailer, tractor trailer, camper, recreational vehicle, or any other motor vehicle or trailer shall be parked in any yard area, except upon a paved driveway or parking area. Any truck or trailer with a carrying capacity of 3/4 ton or greater needs to be parked in a fully enclosed building.

### Permit Required

Permits are required but not limited to for fences, storage buildings, home additions, covered patio, gazebos/pergolas, pools, irrigation systems, and finishing out an interior space before sheetrock is installed.

### Work Vehicles

Work trucks cannot be parked in the street, or any location on the property that is readily visible from the street.

### Non-Compliant Vehicle

Broken or unwanted vehicles, cars, recreational equipment, and trailers of any kind cannot be parked or stored on residential property, unless they are inside a fully enclosed building.

### Garbage Cart

Carts may be placed at the street between the hours of 6:00 pm of the day preceding the scheduled collection day and removed by midnight after collection.

### Improper Signage

Portable signs not permanently affixed to the ground or to a building or structure are not allowed. No signs may be attached to trees, utility poles or street signs located in the public right-of-way. Abandoned or dilapidated signs must be removed.

### Fence in Disrepair

It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain any fence located upon their property.

## What is the Property Maintenance Code?

A set of regulations designed to address blighted properties in the City and to prevent blight from spreading. It is intended to preserve property values and economic attractiveness in our neighborhoods and to discourage criminal activity.

## When was it adopted and when did it become effective?

It was adopted on November 2, 2021 by the City's Board of Aldermen, with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

## What merits a violation under the Property Maintenance Code?

Examples include but are not limited to: 25% or more of missing roof tiles, roof tarps in place more than 60 days, rotten wood, chipping and peeling paint, damaged gutters, downspouts and garage doors, broken windows, damaged fences, sanitation issues, inoperable vehicles, and overgrown grass, weeds and shrubbery. At least two of these conditions must be observed to qualify. (Property Maintenance Ordinance, Section 12)

## Does this mean there needs to be two violations on a property for the City to act?

No, if there is an unkept or overgrown yard, inoperable or junk vehicle, or damaged fence, these can be prosecuted under ordinances other than the Property Maintenance Code.

## How do I report a violation?

Contact City Hall: (662) 892-9200

Code Enforcement Supervisor Hank Drayton: (662) 892-9343 [henry.drayton@obms.us](mailto:henry.drayton@obms.us)

City of Olive Branch Code Enforcement  
9200 Pigeon Roost Rd. Olive Branch, MS 38654  
(662) 892-9200 [www.obms.us](http://www.obms.us)



Review the full list of City Ordinances by scanning the QR Code

# Senior Services



The City of Olive Branch saw a great need to offer the growing number of Senior Citizens in our community the opportunity to have productive and active lives for as long as they are able. The Senior Center has about 2,000 participants each month and is open to any DeSoto County Resident aged 50 and up. There are aerobics and yoga classes, card games, and speakers are often scheduled to discuss topics that range from identity theft to knee replacement surgery.

The Senior Center is committed to providing quality programs, entertainment, and exercise while playing a positive role in the health and welfare of its oldest citizens in Olive Branch. We urge you to look at our event calendar to see the many activities available or come by to tour our facility.



Olive Branch Senior Center  
8800 College Street Olive Branch, MS 38654

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 8 AM to 4 PM

Call 662-890-7182

<https://www.facebook.com/obseniorcenter>.

To view upcoming events at the center, please visit <https://www.obms.us/calendar>.



WELCOME HOME  
**MISSISSIPPI**

What better place to retire than in Olive Branch, Mississippi? Mississippi is the most affordable state for retirement, with a cost of living 14% lower than the national average and total retirement spending the lowest in the nation! Olive Branch is a certified retirement community.

# Parks & Recreation

The City of Olive Branch has many park amenities to offer the community.

Park hours are 6 am to 11 pm seven days a week.



## City Park

The Olive Branch City Park is 138 acres in size with several amenities. Entrances to the park are located at 8267 Goodman Road, about a quarter-mile east of the intersection of the Goodman Bypass at Goodman Road. The second entrance is at the intersection of College Street at Highway 305 next to the Piggly Wiggly.

- Four Lakes (one with a pier)
- Five Tennis Courts
- An All-Inclusive Playground
- 3 Ball Field Complexes (with a total of 15 Baseball/Softball Fields)
- Quarter (1/4) Mile Walking Track
- 2 Mile Walking Trail
- 18-Hole Disc Golf Course
- Multi-Purpose Field
- Amphitheater
- 2 Picnic Pavilions
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Large Dog Park
- Small Dog Park
- Pickleball Courts (coming soon!)



## George M. Harrison Soccer Complex

George M. Harrison Municipal Park is located at 8700 Church Road at the intersection of Highway 305. Amenities include 5 lighted international sized soccer fields, 2 mile walking trail, small pavilion, and lake where the annual Children's Fishing Rodeo is held. In 2025, the Soccer Complex began its expansion to add additional parking, 4 new soccer fields, an extended walking trail, and an additional concession/restroom facility.

## Ivy Trails Community Park

Located at 7496 Acree Lane, Ivy Trails is 10 acres in size and offers a ½ mile-long walking trail, small pavilion, and playground.

## Southridge Community Park

Located at 9730 Eva Drive, this park is 19-acres and borders Lick Creek. Amenities include playground with rubberized safety surfacing, 1/2 mile walking trail, picnic tables, benches, baseball practice area with backstop, and lake.

## Magnolia Community Park

Located at 10111 Oak Leaf in the Magnolia Estates Subdivision at the intersection of Oak Leaf and Alexander, this 19-acre park offers a ½-mile paved multi-purpose trail, playground, picnic tables, and a large open area for various activities. It has the distinction of being the first recognized urban forest in the state of Mississippi.

# Recreational Sports Programs

Olive Branch offers several programs that keep the community actively involved in sports. We have sports for everyone. Men and women, young and old, can find something to participate in. To learn more about how to register, cost of participation, and program dates, please visit [www.obms.us/parks](http://www.obms.us/parks) or [www.olivebranchrecdesk.com](http://www.olivebranchrecdesk.com). Listed below are a few sports programs we offer annually.



## **Youth League**

Baseball  
Basketball  
Soccer  
Softball

## **Adult**

Kickball  
Softball

## **Annual Children's Fishing Rodeo**

The Children's Fishing Rodeo for Children 15 and under is an annual family-friendly event hosted by Olive Branch Parks and Recreation and Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

There are prizes for children who reel in a tagged fish. This event is held annually in the Spring. Be sure to subscribe to our City Calendar to be in the know about upcoming events like this one in our community at [www.obms.us/calendar](http://www.obms.us/calendar).



# Community Gardens

The City of Olive Branch has launched a Community Garden project located off of Ross Road. There will be capacity for up to 17 gardens that are 100' by 25'. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. All completed applications and releases can be returned to City Hall to the Community Relations Office. For this pilot project, capacity is reserved to the first 17 interested gardeners and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. For more information, please send an email to [info@obms.us](mailto:info@obms.us).



## Farmers Market

The Olive Branch Farmers Market is open Saturdays, June-September from 8 am till Noon. It is located in the front lawn of City Hall at 9200 Pigeon Roost Road.

The City of Olive Branch Farmers Market is an Associate Member of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture's Genuine MS Program. All vendors of the City of Olive Branch Farmers Market consist of Mississippi vendors who sell Mississippi agricultural or artisanal products. For more information, please send an email to [info@obms.us](mailto:info@obms.us).





# Check out Olive Bark Dog Park!

Sponsored by: *Hollywood Feed*

Nestled inside the City Park, Olive Bark Dog Park sits on 2.5 acres nearest to the park's Old Goodman Road entrance. There are two parks: one for small breeds and another for larger breeds. Park hours are from 6 am to 11 pm seven days per week.

## Looking for a new fur friend?

The Olive Branch Animal Shelter cares for lost pets that are found off leash. All animals that are found during the week, or that are up for adoption, can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/obanimal>.

Animal Shelter  
7100 Stateline Road  
662-895-4582

Open Monday - Friday 8 AM to 5 PM  
Saturdays 8 AM to 11 AM

The Animal Shelter will be moving to a new location SOON! Our new location will be at 5561 Polk Lane.





# Explore Olive Branch

## ***Olive Branch Old Towne***

Olive Branch Old Towne has much history and many stories to tell. There are historical sites, places to dine and shop, and an Arts in The Alley exhibit. Numerous events are held at the Wesson House Stage through out the year. To view upcoming events, please visit [www.obms.us/calendar](http://www.obms.us/calendar).

## ***Wesson House***

The Wesson House, located on the southwest corner of the Pigeon Roost Avenue/Goodman Road intersection in Olive Branch Mississippi, is one of only three Dedicated Mississippi Landmarks in DeSoto County. The site where The Wesson House is located was included in the two sections of land (Sections, 34 and 35) purchased from Chickasaw Indian Chief, Lush-Pun-Tubby by Milton Blocker and Stephen Flinn more than a century and a half ago on April 13th, 1836.

## ***Bonsai Nursery***

Brussel's Bonsai has been a destination for serious bonsai hobbyists for more than 30 years. The facility caters to gardeners, Asian culture enthusiasts, and those interested in growing a piece of history. The nursery now has over 175,000 square feet of greenhouse space devoted to bonsai. In addition to growing trees, the nursery hosts an annual gathering of bonsai enthusiasts called Rendezvous which is held over Memorial Day weekend; internationally recognized teachers (Masters) from around the world and students from all corners of the U.S. Lectures, hands-on workshops and demonstrations highlight the weekend-long event.

## ***DeSoto County Tourism***

From just about anywhere in the South, DeSoto County is a charming car ride away. Once you've reached DeSoto County, you'll find a region composed of five fabulous cities: Hernando, Horn Lake, Olive Branch, Southaven and Walls, with each locale boasting an abundance of delicious eats and fun activities for all.



**TO VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS AND RECENT  
NEWS HAPPENING IN DESOTO COUNTY VISIT  
[WWW.VISITDESOTOCOUNTY.COM](http://WWW.VISITDESOTOCOUNTY.COM)**



To learn more about City and County Property Tax, please visit:  
<https://desotocountyms.gov>  
or visit the DeSoto County Tax Collector's Office  
Olive Branch Office  
6597 BJ Chain Drive  
Olive Branch, MS 38654  
Phone: 662-469-8032  
Fax: 662-469-8413



## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The State of Mississippi has a homestead exemption law that allows a credit off the bottom line of your annual property taxes. To qualify, you must own and reside in the house and be current on all state and local taxes. To learn more, please contact the DeSoto County Tax Assessor's Office at 662-469-8029.

# Voter Registration Information

*Be sure to update your voters registration!*

GO  
VOTE  
OLIVE BRANCH!



If you have moved within the county, changed your name or have a change in physical address, you will need to update your voter registration. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary of State's Office at 800-829-6786 or the Circuit Clerk's office at 662-469-8365.

To learn more visit:

<https://www.sos.ms.gov/yall-vote>.



## The Olive Branch Municipal Courthouse

Located at  
6900 Highland Street  
Olive Branch, MS 38654



The Olive Branch Airport has been in operation since 1972. It is the busiest airport in the State of Mississippi and is an incredible asset to the City of Olive Branch. Three flight schools operate out of the Olive Branch Airport and Taylor Field providing flight lessons to aspiring aviators and pilots.

Located at  
8000 Terminal Drive  
Olive Branch, MS 38654



Methodist Olive Branch is designed to care for the community of North Mississippi. The five-story, 100-bed hospital opened in 2013 and features an innovative, environmentally friendly design.

Located at  
4250 Bethel Rd.  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

# 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  
ANIMAL CONTROL / ANIMAL SHELTER 662.895.4582  
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  
CODE ENFORCEMENT 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  
FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 6 NUMBER TBD  
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  
POTHOLE REPAIR 662.893.5208  
PUBLIC WORKS 662.893.5208  
SENIOR CENTER 662.890.7182  
STREET LIGHTS 662.892.9220  
RUBBISH COLLECTION (NOT GARBAGE) 662.893.5208  
UTILITIES 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 662.489.9032  
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION 662.469.8029  
JUSTICE COURT 662.469.8026  
MARRIAGE LICENSE 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  
**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 662.893.5208  
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  
HOUSE OF GRACE (WOMEN'S SHELTER) CRISIS LINE 662.342.1432  
ELLA BEBE ANGELS (SUPPORT FOR WOMEN) 662.804.6612

## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

HERNANDO 866.739.4771  
CALL BACK LINE 866.592.2675

## WIN JOB CENTER

662.342.4002

## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

888.844.3577



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>.



Community Resources



If you or someone you know is in need of access to community resources, please check out a listing of community resources that are open and available to the public by scanning the QR Code.



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9200 PIGEON ROOST ROAD  
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