

CITY OF JACKSON

NEWSLETTER

June 2024

Job Fair/Expo

The City of Jackson’s Department of Human Resources will hold a job fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 6 at the Jackson Medical Mall. Some of the positions include:

- Police Officer
- Dispatcher
- Fire Recruit
- Civil Engineer
- Zookeeper

For more information, call 601-960-1053 or visit the City of Jackson website at www.jacksonms.gov.

First-Ever Youth Fishing Rodeo

Youth ages 15-years-old and younger are invited to take part in a fishing rodeo at the Jackson Zoo beginning at 8:30 a.m. June 15 at the Jackson Zoo. The event is FREE. Please visit www.thejacksonzoo.org for more information.

Street repaving projects coming to a neighborhood near you

Mayor Lumumba, the One Percent Sales Tax Commission, and the City Council recently approved funding for a wide range of street repaving and improvement projects in neighborhoods across the city.



The City of Jackson and the One Percent Sales Tax Commission OK’d repaving efforts across the city.

The commitment to fixing these roads follows major repaving and infrastructure work to more heavily-traveled roadways in Jackson, such as Medgar Evers Boulevard, State Street, Capitol Street, Northside Drive, Terry Road, and streets in Downtown Jackson.

The new master plan incorporates neighborhoods in south, west and

north Jackson and comes as the direct result of a comprehensive survey of neighborhood associations and community stakeholders across Jackson.

In total, officials agreed to the repaving of roughly 80 roads over a 40-mile stretch across all wards of the city. The project is broken into three phases and expected to be completed by the end of 2024.



Plans are underway to repave roughly 80 roads in Jackson neighborhoods.

Jackson to host National Folk Festival

The nation's longest-running traditional arts event is coming to downtown Jackson



The City of Jackson is proud to be named the host of The National Folk Festival from 2025 to 2027. This three-day, outdoor festival will draw hundreds of thousands of visitors to Jackson and generate millions in economic impact for the Capital City. The festival's decision to choose Jackson is a reflection of the great value Mississippians have contributed to the music culture.

groundwork for a locally produced festival to continue after the National moves on to its next site.

The festival is free to the public for the three year host period with the understanding that the local host community intends to continue its own festival once the National's residency ends. The festival will bring as many as six stages of continuous music, including a dance pavilion, as well as traditional crafts, regional and culturally diverse foods, storytelling, parades, and folklife demonstrations to downtown Jackson. It is committed to representing the artistic traditions of all Americans, from those generations old to more contemporary forms of expression.

“On behalf of the City of Jackson, I want to express how excited and honored we are to host the National Folk Festival,” said Jackson Mayor Chokwe Lumumba. “We like to say that Mississippi is the birthplace of America’s music, and we’re bringing the festival home.”

Recently, Mayor Lumumba announced that Jackson has been named the official 2025-2027 National Folk Festival Host City.

Jackson was among 42 cities nationwide that competed for the honor of hosting the nation’s pre-eminent traveling celebration of traditional arts and culture for a three-year stay in 2025, 2026 and 2027. The festival will begin its three-year stay in Jackson in November of 2025.

The prestigious National Folk Festival is the nation’s longest-running traditional arts event, a free, three-day, outdoor multicultural celebration of music, dance, and traditional arts. During its three-year residency, the National Folk Festival will draw over 330,000 visitors to downtown Jackson, generate over \$60 million in long-term economic impacts for the city and the region, and lay the

City modernizes parking meter system

Upgraded parking meters in downtown Jackson promise to bring in needed revenue

Mayor Lumumba and the City of Jackson recently announced its partnership with SP+ Corporation to install new parking meter kiosks throughout the downtown area.

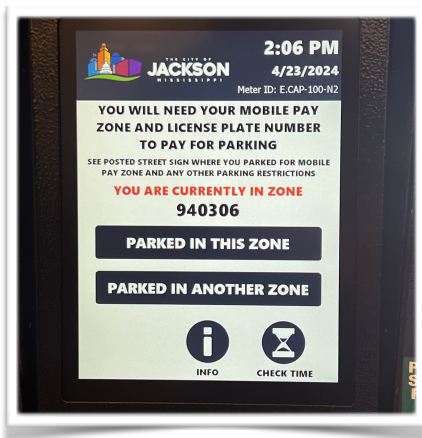
Unlike other cities, Jackson has not benefited from a robust and reliable parking system in downtown Jackson. The installation of these state-of-the-art kiosks will increase parking space availability and allow for a more convenient and accessible process to users. Significantly, the new system promises to bring in over \$2 million a year in revenue to the cash-strapped city.

Users now have the ability to pay for parking on touch screens or through their cellphones by using text-to-pay or the [parking.com](https://www.parking.com) app. Customers can also pay for parking with change or a credit card at the centrally located kiosk.

In addition to educating the public on how to use the kiosks, SP+ will also assist the city with enforcement by providing vehicles with License Plate Recognition technology to maximize parking availability.



New state-of-the-art parking kiosks have been installed in areas of downtown Jackson.



Motorists can pay for parking by cash, debit or credit card, and via the [parking.com](https://www.parking.com) cellphone app.

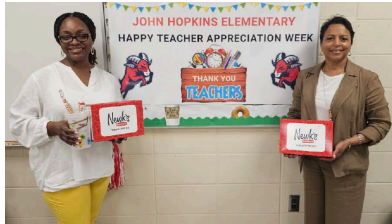
“We are excited to announce the upgrade of our parking meter system in downtown Jackson,” said Mayor Lumumba. “This modernized system will result in greater parking space availability and convenience for residents and visitors to Jackson. We look forward to this rollout and informing residents of the details.”

Park Jackson Ambassadors are available to answer parking questions and help you navigate to destinations throughout Jackson. Look for the logo on uniforms and vehicles. Visit www.parkjackson.com for more information about downtown parking. The site includes an instructional video that explains the payment process in detail.

- Paid parking hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday (except federal holidays)
- Parking rate is \$1 per hour with a 2 hour time limit.

Councilwoman Angelique Lee shows appreciation to local teachers

In recent weeks, Vice President of the City Council, Angelique Lee celebrated the great work our teachers are doing to educate the next



Councilwoman Angelique Lee visited area teachers to show support for their hard work.

generation of leaders by visiting several JPS schools in Ward 2.

The councilwoman, staff and volunteers, affectionately known as “Team Lee”, provided thanks and plenty of food and drinks to our hard-working teachers on Teacher Appreciation Week. The effort spanned across North Jackson and was in collaboration with Atmos Energy.

Juneteenth Fireworks Celebration

Come join us for the city’s annual Juneteenth Fireworks Celebration beginning at 5 p.m. June 18 at the Jackson Convention Complex. There will be live entertainment, kids’ zone, food vendors and fireworks.

Admission is FREE!

For more information, please call 601-960-0471.

Recent business grand openings in Jackson

| Business | Address | Ribbon-cutting |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pizza Hut | 2439 Highway 80 West | May 29, 2024 |
| Goddess of Great Lengths | 402 Meadowbrook Rd. | May 22, 2024 |
| Merchants and Planters Bank | 4226 Interstate 55 N., Suite 102 | April 17, 2024 |
| Renasant Bank | 1501 Lakeland Drive, Suite 102 | April 3, 2024 |
| Urban Air Adventure Park | 6370 Ridgewood Court Drive | February 15, 2024 |
| Amerigo Fondren | 622 Duling Ave., 101 | January 9, 2024 |
| Express Coin & Laundry | 12106 Raymond Road, Suite 1 | January 8, 2024 |
| Lillie’s Restaurant | 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave. | November 16, 2023 |
| Roots Remedy | 4300 N. State | November 8, 2023 |
| The GW and Arcola Wallace Foundation | 222 North Street, #1206 | September 29, 2023 |
| CenterWell Senior Primary Care | 1220 E. Northside Drive, Suite 220 | September 27, 2023 |