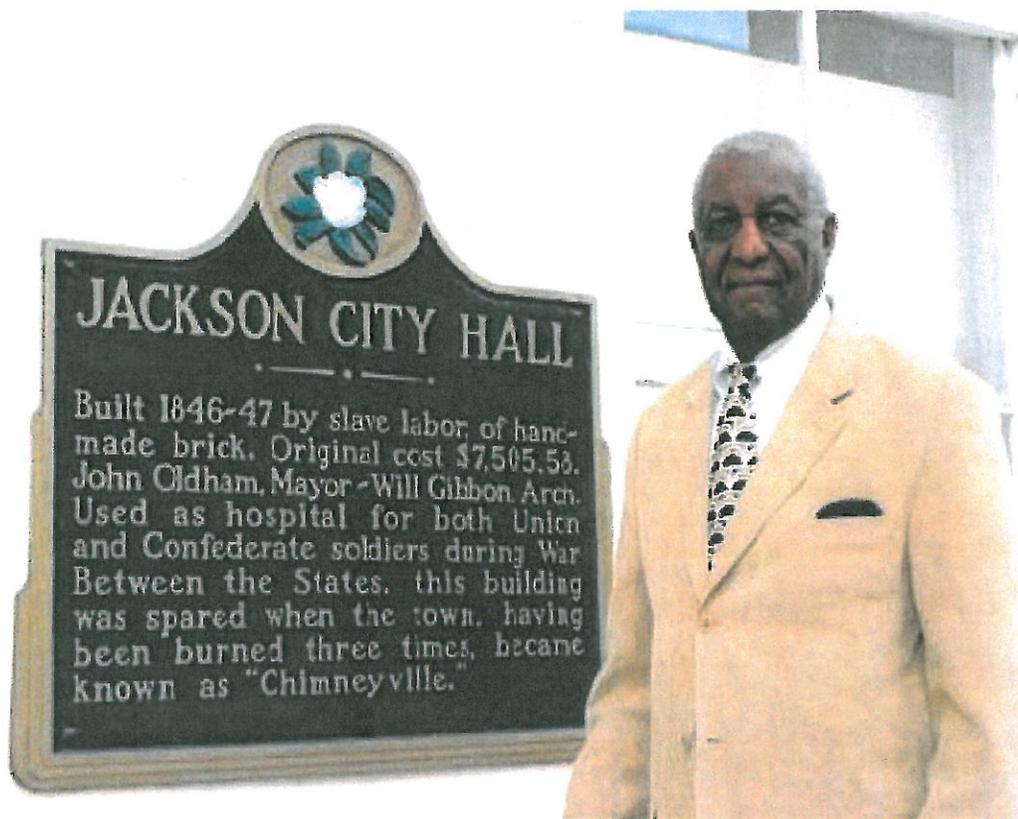


## **JACKSON CITY HALL BLACK HISTORY NOTES**

**Jackson City Hall was constructed in 1846 by Slave Labor.**

**One Hundred and Thirty Nine Years after Jackson City Hall was constructed, Doris Smith joined E.C. Foster and Louis Armstrong as the First African American City Representatives. (1985)**

**One Hundred and Fifty Years after Jackson City Hall was constructed Harvey Johnson, Jr. became the City's First African American Mayor. (1997)**



**CHARLES H. TILLMAN, PRESIDENT  
CITY COUNCILMAN, WARD 5**

**PROUDLY SERVING 168 YEARS AFTER JACKSON CITY HALL  
WAS CONSTRUCTED.**

**(2005 – CURRENT)**

**PROVIDED BY**  
**CHARLES H. TILLMAN**  
**CITY COUNCILMAN, WARD 5**

**LISTING AS OF FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

**FORCLOSURE LISTING**

1256 Greenbriar St Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   2,116 sq. ft.	\$44,800
105 Elcrest St Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   1 ba	\$9,900
162 Sewanee Dr Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   1 ba	\$14,900
155 Arbor Hill Dr Jackson, MS 39204	2 bd   1 ba   1,004 sq. ft.	\$9,180
135 W Ln Dr Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   2 ba   1,146 sq. ft.	\$8,265
2909 Marydale Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,638 sq. ft.	\$17,500
1855 W County Line Rd Jackson, MS 39213	3 bd   2 ba   1,804 sq. ft.	\$90,000
503 Heatherwood Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   2,066 sq. ft.	\$25,500
352 Sharon Hills Dr Jackson, MS 39212	4 bd   2 ba   1,639 sq. ft.	\$45,000
105 Jamestown Ct Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba	\$60,680
2222 E Manor Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba	\$264,900
126 Pine Ridge Dr Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   2 ba   1,425 sq. ft.	\$8,670
4940 Shadowwood Dr Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   3.5 ba	\$94,900
212 Robinhood Rd Jackson, MS 39206	3 bd   1 ba	\$21,930
3178 Alameda Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   1 ba   1,209 sq. ft.	\$12,500
2751 Glenn St Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   1 ba   1,021 sq. ft.	\$6,900
3831 Eddy St Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   1 ba   905 sq. ft.	\$9,500
310 Joel Ave Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   1 ba	\$9,000
803 Woody Dr Jackson, MS 39212	4 bd   2 ba	\$19,900
5566 Delmonico Dr Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   1 ba	\$8,100
2909 Tara Rd Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   1 ba   1,182 sq. ft.	\$15,000
1405 Holloman Ave Jackson, MS 39213	3 bd   2 ba   1,102 sq. ft.	\$8,900
548 Hillandale Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   3 ba   1,949 sq. ft.	\$112,000
109 Park Cir Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,420 sq. ft.	\$42,840
4315 Woodland Ave Jackson, MS 39206	3 bd   2 ba   1,129 sq. ft.	\$28,900
1327 Wooddell Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,933 sq. ft.	\$17,900
4148 Swan Hill Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   2,716 sq. ft.	\$96,568
3133 Santa Clair Cir Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,205 sq. ft.	\$3,600
1950 Ventura Dr Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   2 ba   1,308 sq. ft.	\$13,500
118 Chestnut Cv Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,419 sq. ft.	\$45,900

1039 Westway St Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,641 sq. ft.	\$25,000
603 Freemont St Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,558 sq. ft.	\$13,500
1003 Deryll St Jackson, MS 39212	4 bd   2 ba   2,040 sq. ft.	\$14,900
214 Forest Valley Dr Ccrp Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba	\$54,945
4215 Brussels Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   2,138 sq. ft.	\$119,900
2363 Coronet Pl Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   1 ba	\$9,900
2816 Woodside Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,184 sq. ft.	\$14,280
130 Malvern Pl Jackson, MS 39206	3 bd   2 ba   2,083 sq. ft.	\$60,000
3021 Woodside Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,266 sq. ft.	\$15,000
1308 W Mcdowell Rd Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   1 ba   1,165 sq. ft.	\$9,000
123 Longwood Ct Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba	\$25,000
629 Cedar Springs Dr Jackson, MS 39212	4 bd   3 ba   1,900 sq. ft.	\$65,000
5103 Sharp St Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   2 ba   1,425 sq. ft.	\$8,700
2623b Utah St Jackson, MS 39213	3 bd   1 ba   713 sq. ft.	\$5,500
2118 Mcfadden Rd Jackson, MS 39204	4 bd   2 ba   1,363 sq. ft.	\$13,500
126 Parks Rd Jackson, MS 39212	4 bd   2.5 ba	\$159,900
2025 E Northside Dr Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   4 ba   4,073 sq. ft.	\$145,000
285 Beechcrest Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   1,650 sq. ft.	\$46,800
3916 Henderson Rd Jackson, MS 39272	5 bd   3.5 ba   3,127 sq. ft.	\$45,390
4320 New Post Rd Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,222 sq. ft.	\$36,900
1704 Plantation Blvd Jackson, MS 39211	5 bd   3 ba   3,100 sq. ft.	\$115,000
5806 Cypress Trl Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   3 ba	\$39,900
5394 Brookhollow Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,380 sq. ft.	\$26,000
579 Sykes Rd Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,297 sq. ft.	\$18,500
154 Cedars Of Lebanon Rd Jackson, MS 39206	3 bd   1 ba   1,059 sq. ft.	\$27,900
1010 Hallmark Dr Jackson, MS 39206	4 bd   4 ba   2,792 sq. ft.	\$90,000
1979 Longwood Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,516 sq. ft.	\$19,900
152 Yorkshire Dr Jackson, MS 39212	4 bd   3 ba   1,967 sq. ft.	\$58,000
3234 Meadow Forest Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,242 sq. ft.	\$15,500
221 Manchester Ave Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   2 ba   1,509 sq. ft.	\$24,900
2761 Pinebrook Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   1 ba   1,154 sq. ft.	\$11,700
1034 Dorgan St Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   2 ba   1,362 sq. ft.	\$7,900
258 Grandview Cir Jackson, MS 39212		\$11,250
22 Park Crest Pl Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   1,842 sq. ft.	\$64,900
3446 Rainey Rd Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba	\$41,500
536 Wildberry Dr Jackson, MS 39208	4 bd   2 ba	\$37,500

4075 N State St Jackson, MS 39206	2 bd   2 ba	\$74,900
5102 Romany Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   1,825 sq. ft.	\$73,600
3016 Charleston Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   1 ba   1,060 sq. ft.	\$16,650
4557 Will O Lake Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,396 sq. ft.	\$25,000
6025 Lake Trace Cir Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   2 ba   2,049 sq. ft.	\$69,000
5120 Pine Point Dr Jackson, MS 39211	2 bd   3 ba   1,280 sq. ft.	\$58,900
2920 Woodside Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   1.5 ba	\$28,600
5101 Tarryton Pl Jackson, MS 39206	3 bd   2 ba	\$14,900
5726 Fernwood Dr Jackson, MS 39206	3 bd   3 ba   2,375 sq. ft.	\$60,000
3958 Eastline Dr Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   3 ba	\$310,000
710 W Capitol St Jackson, MS 39203	Commercial	\$99,900
1176 Ferncrest Dr Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   3 ba	\$41,900
1800 Springridge Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   1,616 sq. ft.	\$65,000
5305 Kaywood Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   4 ba   2,623 sq. ft.	\$105,000
703 Winter St Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   1 ba   1,788 sq. ft.	\$5,750
2336 E Manor Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   2,991 sq. ft.	\$249,900
2725 Terry Rd Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   1 ba	\$16,584
3145 Adrienne Dr Jackson, MS 39212	4 bd   1.1 ba   1,711 sq. ft.	\$16,000
5161 Mccoy Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba	\$159,900
843 Reaves St Jackson, MS 39204	3 bd   2 ba   1,986 sq. ft.	\$12,000
3165 Oak Forest Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   1 ba   1,104 sq. ft.	\$8,000
132 Ridge Dr Jackson, MS 39216	4 bd   2.5 ba   3,173 sq. ft.	
3420 Dundee Ln Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,716 sq. ft.	\$57,000
1036 Avondale St Jackson, MS 39216	4 bd   3 ba   2,775 sq. ft.	\$100,000
4827 Cottonwood Ln Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,277 sq. ft.	\$28,800
1141 Garden Park Dr Jackson, MS 39204	4 bd   2 ba	\$19,900
4224 Cypress Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba	\$15,500
4209 Richmond Cir Jackson, MS 39209	2 bd   1 ba	\$17,000
9927 Crooked Creek Jackson, MS 39272	3 bd   2 ba   1,503 sq. ft.	\$127,500
2374 Deer Oak Pl Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,189 sq. ft.	\$26,000
2037 W Ridgeway St Jackson, MS 39213	3 bd   1.1 ba   1,016 sq. ft.	\$5,000
159 Riverbend Dr Jackson, MS 39272	3 bd   2 ba   1,222 sq. ft.	\$60,000
253 Glenside Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   1 ba	\$40,000
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5266 Hanging Moss Rd Jackson, MS 39206	4 bd   2.1 ba   3,559 sq. ft.	\$85,000

3046 Downing St Jackson, MS 39216	3 bd   1 ba	\$12,580
5307 Old Byram Rd Jackson, MS 39272	2 bd   2 ba	\$29,900
137 Del Rio St Jackson, MS 39206	4 bd   2 ba   1,518 sq. ft.	\$15,500
4374 Redwood Cir Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,197 sq. ft.	\$39,000
5274 Hanging Moss Rd Jackson, MS 39206	3 bd   2 ba   1,678 sq. ft.	\$40,000
242 N Sunset Ter Jackson, MS 39212		\$14,800
445 Creston Ave Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   1 ba   992 sq. ft.	\$12,600
4970 Forest Hill Rd Jackson, MS 39272	3 bd   3 ba   1,765 sq. ft.	\$58,500
1630 Westbrook Rd Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   1,251 sq. ft.	\$62,500
3045 Woodbine St Jackson, MS 39212	4 bd   3 ba   1,684 sq. ft.	\$23,400
415 Mason Blvd Jackson, MS 39212	2 bd   1 ba   1,121 sq. ft.	\$9,900
144 Dexter Road Dr Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   2 ba   1,509 sq. ft.	\$26,999
511 Road Of Remembrance Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   1 ba	\$2,500
5862 Canton Park Dr Jackson, MS 39211	3 bd   2 ba   1,519 sq. ft.	\$34,900
511 Road Of Remembrance Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   1 ba	\$2,500
106 Sweet Gum Dr Jackson, MS 39212	3 bd   2 ba   1,710 sq. ft.	\$92,000
4208 Chennault Ave Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   2 ba   1,147 sq. ft.	\$3,600
217 Foxboro Dr Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   3 ba	\$52,500
5025 Wayneland Dr Apt B4 Jackson, MS 39211	2 bd   2 ba   1,201 sq. ft.	\$58,900
1530 Gay St Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   2 ba   2,186 sq. ft.	\$114,900
5742 Wildflower Dr Jackson, MS 39209	3 bd   2 ba	\$17,500
6058 Ferncreek Dr Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   2 ba   1,712 sq. ft.	\$64,000
1733 Sheffield Dr Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   3 ba   3,232 sq. ft.	\$269,900
1480 Westbrook Rd Jackson, MS 39211	4 bd   2 ba   2,006 sq. ft.	\$39,900

# 10 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH

EVERY FEBRUARY, AMERICA RECOGNIZES THE STRUGGLES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS MADE TO HONOR ITS ANCESTRY AND RECOGNIZE THE ADVANCEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR LIVES AND SOCIETY. ITS FOUNDING WAS AIMED AT INCREASING EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ON THE SUBJECT AT A TIME WHEN FORCES ACTIVELY TRIED TO WRITE FAMOUS FIGURES SUCH AS CRISPUS ATTUCKS AND HARRIET TUBMAN OUT OF THE HISTORY BOOKS. EVEN THOUGH THIS ANNUAL CELEBRATION MAY SEEM FAMILIAR AS AN ANNUAL TRADITION, ITS OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE IS RELATIVELY YOUNG AND FACED SCRUTINY AND CRITICISM INCLUDING BY THOSE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS VERY FOUNDATION.

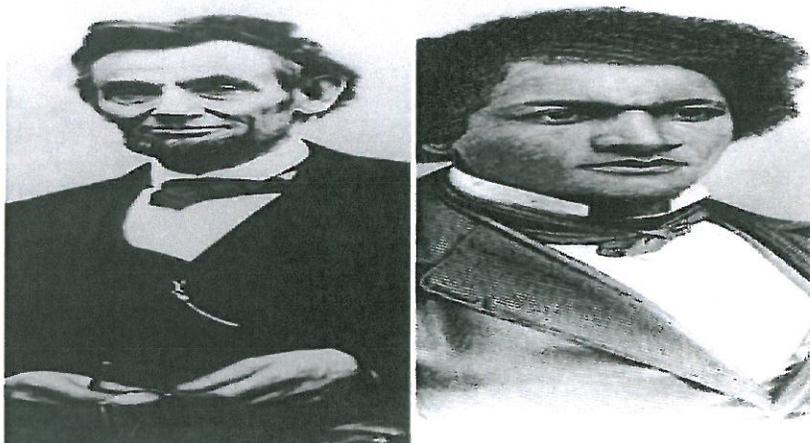


## 1. THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE WAS CREATED BY CARTER G. WOODSON

Woodson was a lifelong historian and educator who dedicated his life to making sure that African-Americans contribution to history and society were part of the mainstream curriculum. A graduate of the University of Chicago and the second African-American to receive a doctorate from Harvard University behind W.E.B. Du Bois, he and several other noted leaders founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now known as [the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History](#)) in 1912 and The Journal of Negro History in 1916 to educate the public on the achievements and contribution of the African-American community. Both made several notable advancements, but Woodson wanted to do more and dedicate an official time of observance to continue its reach across society.

## **2. IT WAS ORIGINALLY A WEEK-LONG OBSERVANCE**

Woodson wanted to reach a wider audience and involve communities in a period of observance, awareness and remembrance. According to the [ASALH](#), he started in 1924 with the establishment of Negro History and Literature Week, later renamed Negro Achievement Week, by spreading the word through his fraternity brothers as a graduate member of Omega Psi Phi and other civic organizations. Two years later, he expanded on the idea by issuing a press release on behalf of the Association announcing a week in February as Negro History Week.



## **3. FEBRUARY WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND FREDERICK DOUGLASS' BIRTHDAYS**

February wasn't just arbitrarily chosen by Woodson as a time on the calendar to dedicate to his special week. The birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist leader, writer and orator Frederick Douglass fell in the month of February and Woodson thought their days would serve as the perfect foundation for Negro History Week. Both birthdays were honored with celebrations, but Woodson felt these symbolic days perpetuated the very cycles of ignorance that his work and observances sought to end. He felt history was made not by great individuals but great people and a study and observance of the race as a whole and their contribution to society was more important.

## **4. LIKE ALL OBSERVANCES AND HOLIDAYS, IT ALSO SUFFERED FROM EARLY FORMS OF COMMERCIALIZATION**

The week-long observance was met with great fanfare and Woodson and his group received a great deal of demand for materials from schools and civil organizations. The demand was so great that impostors started sprouting up that pushed a false notion of history and heritage. Books from traditional publishing houses that largely ignored African-American history tried to publish books quickly to meet demand books and “mushroom presses” churned out poorly checked and researched history texts. Woodson issued public warnings about such charlatans and substandard materials and personally worked to make sure that organizations and schools received well-researched books and knowledgeable experts.

## 5. WOODSON WANTED TO EXPAND BLACK HISTORY WEEK TO BLACK HISTORY YEAR

Of course, Woodson didn't see his observance as just a weekly or even a monthly celebration worthy of attention just once a year. He saw it as an observance unbound by time. His efforts to increase awareness of African-American history were meant to reach to the rest of the school year and he pressed communities and schools to expand their education efforts beyond the boundaries of Negro History Week. He worked tirelessly to achieve his goal until his death in 1950.



U.S. Stamp Gallery

## 6. WOODSON WASN'T WIDELY RECOGNIZED FOR EFFORTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS

Despite all of Woodson's hard work, he didn't receive the true credit he deserved for his efforts to preserve and educate the nation on African-American's contribution to history for quite a while. Towards the end of the 1960s, [author and historian Noreen Hale](#) compiled Woodson's work in his first biography. Even though she characterized his writings as colorless and vague, his words and efforts stood as his crowning achievement and helped create “the fusion and vacillation between various tenets of both conservative and radical 'schools' of black thought.” This and other subsequent examinations of Woodson's work would earn him a place in history as a driving force behind one of the nation's earliest movements for the advancement of cultural studies and raising the awareness of their importance in the examination of history.

## 7. GERALD FORD WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO ISSUE AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE ON BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The 38th president often gets credit for expanding the observance from week to month, but the movement for expansion began long before the start of his presidential term. According to the [ASALH](#), communities in West Virginia expanded the celebration to a month-long observance in the 1940s and cultural activist Frederick H. Hammarurabi encouraged communities through

his cultural center in Chicago to spread the observance to the rest of the month. Soon, members of the ASALH followed suit and the celebration spread to a month-long celebration by the mid 1970s when [President Gerald Ford](#) issued the first official presidential message encouraging citizens to participate in the observance and “the message of courage and perseverance it brings to all of us.”

## **8. IT DIDN'T RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION BY THE US GOVERNMENT UNTIL 1986**

Ford started a worthy tradition of issuing messages on the observance of Black History Month, but it wasn't until 1986 when Congress approved and Ronald Reagan signed the first proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month that it was legally recognized as such, according to the [Library of Congress](#). That same year also marked the first federal observance of [Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#).



## **9. EVERY PRESIDENT SINCE HAS ISSUED AN ANNUAL PROCLAMATION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Reagan's signing of the official proclamation also started a new presidential tradition for the month-long observance with each president since issuing a message and a proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month all the way to President Barack Obama. These proclamations not only recognize February as the official month but also set the official theme for each period of observance with 2012 observed as [Black Women in American Culture and History](#). The [Library of Congress](#) has compiled a special section dedicated to Black History Month proclamations and messages from Congress and the White House.

## **10.NEXT YEAR MARKS A MAJOR ANNIVERSARY FOR THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION AND THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON**

The 2013 theme for Black History Month will also mark two major milestones in the fight for Civil Rights and African-American history. 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, the official executive order that granted freedom to all slaves in the Union. 2013 also marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic March on Washington to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where he gave his famous 'I Have a Dream' speech to a crowd of 250,000 people.

By Danny Gallagher  
February 16, 2012

# 10 TIPS TO MAKE SURE OBAMACARE WORKS FOR YOU

Congratulations. You bought insurance through one of the online Affordable Care Act exchanges, possibly after days or weeks of trying to get the site to work.

Don't relax. Joining the plan is only the first challenge. Now you have to understand it.

Policies sold through the online portals - to more than 3 million people so far - cover essential benefits and put a cap on your out-of-pocket medical costs.

But you need to follow the rules. And the boilerplate explanation you got from the insurance company may be hard to understand.

What do members need to know about these plans that they probably don't?

## **1. CARRY YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD EVERYWHERE.**

Make copies. It'll save huge amounts of hassle if you have an unexpected doctor or hospital visit.

## **2. UNDERSTAND YOUR PLAN'S DOCTOR AND HOSPITAL NETWORK.**

Insurance companies negotiate participation and payment rates with a network of providers to control costs.

"A lot of these exchange plans, in order to stay affordable, have much smaller networks than people are used to," says Nancy Metcalf, a senior editor for Consumer Reports. For many new members, "just because their friend has a plan and can go to a particular hospital doesn't mean that they necessarily can."

You can check a plan's directory - either online or often part of the documents you receive when you enroll - to find out if specific physicians are part of your network. You can call doctors' offices to confirm, too.

### **3. STAY IN THE NETWORK.**

The health law says that, once you join a qualified plan, you won't pay more out of pocket per year than \$6,350 for an individual and \$12,700 for a family. But this applies only to in-network care. Whether you're in an HMO that pays almost no out-of-network benefits or a PPO that covers some, the pocketbook protections don't apply if you use a non-network doc or hospital.

Non-network providers also frequently bill you far more than what they charge patients in their networks for the same procedure.

### **4. TRY TO STAY IN-NETWORK EVEN IF IT'S FOR EMERGENCY CARE.**

Insurance plans do have to pay for non-network emergency visits under the health law. If you're in a car crash far from home, you can't be picky about which hospital saves your life.

But non-network hospitals often "balance-bill" the difference between what your plan pays and what they charge, which is often much more.

### **5. AVOID ALL EMERGENCY ROOMS UNLESS IT'S REALLY AN EMERGENCY.**

Traditionally, health plans came with a modest copayment for an emergency visit - maybe \$150.

But many policies sold under the health law, even those in the more expensive "gold" category, not only have ER copays of several hundred dollars but also subject ER charges to the overall deductible. (Copays are flat fees for specific services. Deductibles are what you pay out of pocket before the insurance kicks in.)

That means you could be billed for the full cost of an emergency visit - up to the out-of-pocket limit.

"This is a huge difference and will really hurt the unsuspecting person," says John Jaggi, an Illinois insurance broker. "We're putting a lot more people into that exposure here."

Broken leg? Head to the hospital. Sprained ankle? Maybe wait until the urgent care center or doctor's office opens.

## **6. PAY MONTHLY PREMIUMS ON TIME AND ACCURATELY.**

"Do not mess around. Pay your premium," admonishes Karen Pollitz, a consumer specialist at the Kaiser Family Foundation. (KHN is an editorially independent project of the foundation.) "Otherwise that will be the end of you and you won't get to sign up again until the next open season."

(Open enrollment for 2014 coverage ends March 31. Open enrollment for 2015 begins Nov. 15.)

Even underpaying the premium by a few cents could give the insurance company grounds to kick you off, she said. Insurers allow a brief grace period if you get behind - somewhat longer if you're receiving premium subsidies - but they will terminate coverage for nonpayment.

## **7. REGISTER ONLINE WITH YOUR NEW INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Insurance sites are good for tracking claims. Increasingly they also let you shop around for the best deals on non-emergency treatment.

"Your health plan might pay one imaging center half what it pays another imaging center," Metcalf said. "That's really important if you've got a big deductible."

## **8. SAVE PAPERWORK. MAKE SURE YOU REALLY OWE WHAT DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS BILL YOU FOR.**

"Now is a good time to become a pack rat," says Pollitz. "If you've got any concern, it really is worth it to make a call and get them to explain what they did."

## **9. IF YOU DON'T GET SATISFACTION FROM PROVIDERS OR INSURERS, TRY REGULATORS.**

Check the insurer's explanation of benefits detailing your claims. It may show a phone number for a consumer assistance program in your state to help deal with medical coverage.

This list has contact information for state insurance departments and other regulators.

## **10. DO READ THE PLAN'S SUMMARY OF BENEFITS AND COVERAGE.**

"Get it and print it out, because that has the details of your plan," says Metcalf. "What do you have to pay in order to go to a primary care doctor? Is it before or after the deductible? How big is your deductible? How much does it cost to go to the emergency room?"

It's not like reading John Grisham. But the subjects - your health and your money - are really important.

## JOBS PROGRAM NEEDS MORE FUNDING, SUPPORT

**FOR ANY FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL, A GOOD JOB CAN MEAN EVERYTHING.** Ultimately landing that job starts months, and even years, in advance. Whether it is a child's earliest learning at home, elementary and high school education or workforce training, the foundation for success is laid long before a potential employee walks into an interview.

**THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO US THAT WE IDENTIFY CHILDREN WHO ARE AT RISK OF STEPPING OFF THE PATH TO SUCCESS. JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES HAS BEEN HELPING CHILDREN IN MISSISSIPPI FOR 25 YEARS, CHANGING LIVES FOR THE BETTER IN THE PROCESS.** Thirty-one states, including Mississippi, use this proven program to help students who might otherwise drop out stay on track.

We all know too well that **A STUDENT WHO DROPS OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL WILL SEE HIS OR HER OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE DIMINISH AS A RESULT.** Mississippi is working hard to implement public education reforms that will help reverse that trend, and Jobs for Mississippi Graduates is an important part of that effort. **This program is currently helping 1,100 students in 43 schools across the state, intervening to get these children to graduation and exposing them to opportunities beyond high school, including college, full-time employment or other vocational programs.**

**THE PROGRAM HAS AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH SUCCESS RATE — MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL. AND LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM WENT ON TO ATTEND A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE UPON GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL. THESE ARE CONCRETE NUMBERS THAT PROVE THE SUCCESS OF THE JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES PROGRAM.**

These statistics are also proof of how successful the public and private sectors can be when working together to boost graduation rates and prepare the next generation of Mississippi's workforce.

Whether it is Yokohoma Tire Company that is bringing thousands of jobs to Clay County, GRAMMER Inc. that recently announced it is creating more than 600 jobs in Lee County with a new U.S. headquarters there, or myriad excellent companies that operate in this state, Mississippi is continuing to grow its opportunities for sound employment right here at home.

In order to maintain these opportunities and attract others like them, we must ensure that *all* of today's students are well prepared to embrace success.

By expanding Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, we can take a strong step toward providing even more students with the tools they need to build vibrant futures.

**OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM TO AT LEAST 100 WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.**

Achieving this objective will take a unified effort. We will call on the Legislature to provide \$1 million in funding for the upcoming budget cycle, and we are asking school and business leaders to become more engaged in the Jobs for Mississippi Graduates program.

We are confident that the result of these efforts — brighter futures for more Mississippi children — will be more than worth the work.

Phil Bryant is governor of Mississippi. Mayo Flynt is president of AT&T Mississippi. To learn more about Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, visit [www.jmgms.org](http://www.jmgms.org). To learn more about national efforts, visit Jobs for America's Graduates online at [www.jag.org](http://www.jag.org).

Written by Gov. Phil Bryant and Mayo Flynt  
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# STILL PAYS TO LEARN

As tuition and student debt continue to rise, sometimes it's easy to question the value of a college education. Don't burn your text-books, just yet. **A STUDY BY THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER FINDS THAT GOING TO COLLEGE IS STILL WORTH IT. PEOPLE WITH A COLLEGE DEGREE MAKE AN AVERAGE OF \$17,500 MORE THAN PEOPLE WITHOUT ONE.**

**PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T GET A COLLEGE DEGREE ARE ALSO FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE UNEMPLOYED REPORTS NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO.**

# HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

## JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

### CONSORTIUM INVITATION ACCEPTED

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY IS ONE OF 15 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT HAS BEEN NAMED TO A NATIONAL CONSORTIUM TO CREATE INNOVATION AND MARKET-READY RESEARCH IN HBCU COMMUNITIES.**

The HBCU Innovation and Entrepreneurship Collaborative, announced by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, will pair administrators, faculty and students from the selected HBCUs with federal government and industry resources to spur economic development in agriculture, business, technology and engineering.

***THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WERE SELECTED FROM 44 APPLYING INSTITUTIONS.***

### PROGRAMS RECEIVE ACCREDITATION

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY'S ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS HAVE RECEIVED FULL ACCREDITATION.**

The computer engineering, civil and environmental engineering and computer science programs were recently accredited by the Accreditation Board For Engineering and Technology.

The technology program was accredited by Association of Technology Management and Applied Engineering.

Aló said JSU's programs have experienced "tremendous growth."

"Our enrollment in engineering has increased by 20 percent or more a year. We're bucking the national trend. We're drawing students from all over, which is an indication of the reputation of the program."

Aló said the programs are diverse, drawing students from across the U.S. and from China, India and South America.

# Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program



## PROGRAM

Targeting Youth Ages 16-24

APPLICATIONS will be ACCEPTED

**January 6, 2014 - March 3, 2014**

Family & Youth Division Office  
Metrocenter Mall

CITY OF JACKSON EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWS

will be CONDUCTED during the months of  
**FEBRUARY and MARCH 2014**

For more information, contact  
**THE FAMILY & YOUTH DIVISION**  
at **601-960-0326**.

**MAYOR'S SUMMER YOUTH  
EMPLOYMENT EXPO**

Targeting Youth Ages 16-24

**MARCH 10, 2014**

9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Metrocenter Mall  
(center court)



Chokwe Lumumba  
Mayor





# Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program

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## SUMMER 2014 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



Chokwe Lumumba  
Mayor

- ONLY TYPE AND/OR PRINT
- PLEASE COMPLETE AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ACCURATELY—YOU MAY ATTACH PAPER IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.
- PLEASE PROVIDE THE IDENTIFICATION FORMS LISTED BELOW.
- PLEASE ATTACH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO THE BACK OF THE APPLICATION IN THE ORDER LISTED BELOW:
  - PROOF OF PARENT'S INCOME
  - COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE ( MUST BE AGE 16 BY March 1<sup>ST</sup>)
  - COPY OF SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
  - COPY OF SCHOOL ID OR DRIVERS LICENSE OR MISSISSIPPI ID

**APPLICATIONS MISSING DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT.**

RETURN ALL APPLICATIONS  
JACKSON METRO CENTER MALL 3645 HWY 80 W. SUITE 101  
HUMAN AND CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
601 960 0326

DEADLINE: MONDAY- MARCH 3, 2014 AT 4:00 P.M.

\*INTERVIEWS WILL BE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> - MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>\*

\*\*Summer Youth Employment Expo will be held March 10, 2014\*\*

\*\*INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> - MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>\*\*

\*\*\* SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM START JUNE 2, 2014\*\*\*





Mayor Chokwe Lumumba

219 S. President Street  
Jackson, MS 39205

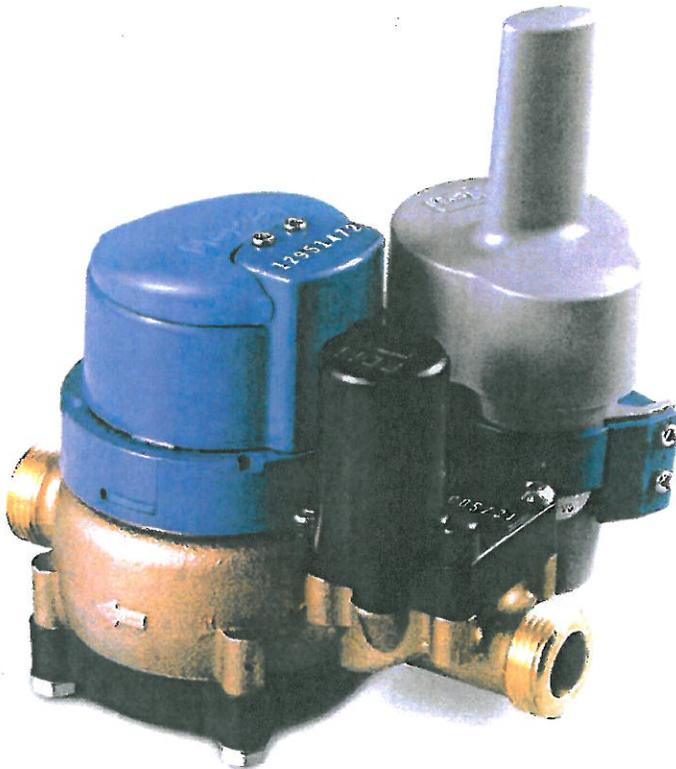
## PLEASE READ!

Important information regarding your Water Meter enclosed.

*We are changing existing meters to automatic meter reading upgrades. Information will be forthcoming as your neighborhood is scheduled for change.*

### Benefits of NEW Water Meters:

- Improves efficiency and accuracy of meter reading and water billing
- Eliminates the need for estimated bills.
- Saves staff time
- Minimizes need for personnel to go on the property
- Ability to detect leaks in plumbing system





Mayor Chokwe Lumumba

Dear Customer,

Beginning January 2014, the City of Jackson will initiate a comprehensive water meter replacement program that will replace approximately 65,000 meters with an automatic meter reading (AMR) system. The purpose of this effort is to upgrade the City's water distribution system with an electronic reading capability and to replace meters that have served beyond their estimated useful lives. The target meter population includes all commercial and residential meters. The estimated time of completion for the entire project is 24 months. The following is an overview of the project including public outreach, benefits of the program, and frequently asked questions.

**Overview:**

The AMR system will allow meters to be read from radio receivers in moving vehicles or from fixed receivers. The program is being conducted as part of the City's energy conservation program. Water meters are the devices used to measure the amount of water delivered to our customers. Replacing old water meters will ensure that the City of Jackson can accurately track both individual usage for billing purposes, and also monitor and evaluate community water demands.

**Public Outreach:**

All affected customers will be notified in advance in writing 30-60 days prior to installation and in person minutes prior to the installation of the new meter. For more information, please visit our website at [www.jacksonms.gov](http://www.jacksonms.gov).

**Commercial Accounts:**

All commercial accounts will be contacted personally by a representative from Siemens to schedule a convenient time to complete your meter replacement.

**Benefits:**

- Improves efficiency of meter reading and water billing
- Eliminates the need for estimated bills
- Saves staff time
- Minimizes need for personnel to go on the property
- Ability to detect a leak in your plumbing system

Your patience throughout this important project is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please feel free to contact the City's Water and Sewer Business Administration Office's Customer Service at 601-960-2000.

Sincerely,

Willie C. Bell, Jr., Interim Director of Public Works

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q: Are the new meters the same as the ones being replaced?**

**A:** Existing meters will be replaced with automated ones that transmit the meter readings to receivers or a mobile device. These automated meters eliminate the need to directly view the meter, and therefore improve efficiency and lower costs of the meter reading program.

**Q: Who will install the new meters?**

**A:** The contractors, Siemens and MAC & Associates, will replace approximately 65,000 water meters throughout Jackson beginning January 2014. The work crews will be wearing yellow or orange shirts with the logo "MAC City Contractor" and driving trucks with the same logo. They also will be wearing identification badges and carrying a letter from the City of Jackson Utilities Department explaining why they are in the neighborhood.

**Q: Will my water service be interrupted during the installation?**

**A:** Yes, there will be a temporary service interruption while the meter is replaced – typically about 15 to 30 minutes. A Siemens/MAC Construction representative will notify each resident prior to the installation of the new meter.

**Q: Do I need to be home for the meter replacement work?**

**A:** No, you don't need to be home.

**Q: How much will the meter cost me?**

**A:** There is no charge for the new meter.

**Q: Will my water bill increase?**

**A:** As meters age, they tend to run slower and may not measure all the water going through them. Depending on the age and accuracy of your existing meter, you may experience a higher bill due to the accuracy of your new meter. The new meters will simply record consumption more accurately.

**Q: What if there is a leak at the meter or any problem after the meter has been replaced?**

**A:** You should contact the Water and Sewer Business Administration Customer Service at 601-960-2000.



# CONGRESSMAN BENNIE G. THOMPSON

*WILL HOST*

## Affordable Health Care Enrollment

*with*

Humana, the Mississippi Health Advocacy, Oak Hill M.B. Church,  
University of Mississippi Medical Center,  
and the Mississippi NAACP



**Thursday, February 20, 2014 • 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Tougaloo College • 500 W. County Line Rd • Tougaloo, MS 39174

- YOU MUST BRING:**
- ▶ Social Security Numbers (or document numbers for legal immigrants);
  - ▶ Employer and income information for every member of your household who needs coverage (for example, from pay stubs or W-2 forms—Wage and Tax Statements);
  - ▶ Policy numbers for any current health insurance plans covering members of your household.

*“Navigators” will help consumers understand new health insurance options available through the Marketplace and will help consumers select a health plan.*

**Enrollment Ends March 31, 2014**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Congressman Thompson’s Bolton Office at 601-866-9003 or 1-800-355-9003 (In-State)*

## TIPS FOR USING 311

Call **311** for information about City events and programs, or to submit requests for non-emergency services. We will forward your request to the appropriate Department or Division and ask them to respond.

Our office is open every weekday from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM. You can also report concerns after hours and on weekends by leaving a voice mail message or by submitting your request online via the City's website.

### IMPORTANT TIPS TO REMEMBER:

- Be sure to provide your name, address and phone number when you report a problem, in case we need to call you back for additional details. Your personal information will be kept confidential at all times!
- Be as specific and as detailed as possible. For example: give the exact location or address of the problem if it's different from your own address. If the specific house number is not known, please provide the nearest available address, cross street or block number.
- Ask for (and retain) your Request ID Number in case you need to call back to check on the status of your request. If your request is submitted online, you will automatically receive your Request ID Number and status updates by email.
- Potential health or safety hazards are given first priority. All other requests are normally handled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Many factors can affect how long it takes to respond to a caller's concern, including weather conditions and the number of similar or related previous calls pending. For example: we get many more requests in the spring and summer months to cut ditches and vacant lots – so it sometimes takes longer to respond. We appreciate your patience!
- If you see a problem in your neighborhood, don't wait for someone else to report it. Call us right away, and we will work to get a response for you as quickly as possible!