

Greetings, Hinds County taxpayers!

I'm Timothy Lewis, a Democratic candidate for Hinds County Tax Collector in the 2019 primary election.

I'm one of eight children born and raised in the Mississippi Delta by two strong women, my mother and grandmother. They challenged us to be the best that we could be, and to do well by all people.

A Jackson resident for 28 years, I am a graduate of Humphreys County High and Alcorn State University, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree on "The Reservation." My private sector experience includes a decade in banking and finance, during which I was named 2005-06 Top Platform Producer in investments. I have 15 years of small business ownership and have served more than 25 years as a mentor, coach and community volunteer.

Critical to my candidacy is my record as Hinds County purchasing director. I saved taxpayers more than \$4.8 million through spending cuts from 2011-2013. That generated \$1.2 million in salary increases for 800 employees during fiscal 2011-2012, and additional funds to support public services. It was an honor to be recognized in the Sun Herald and Clarion-Ledger newspapers for my cost saving practices in Hinds County.

My wife of 13 years, Teila McKinney Lewis, and I are the proud parents of four adult children and three grandsons. We are dedicated members of the Amazing Institutional Church of God in Christ in Jackson and have been for 28 years.

I'm running for Hinds County Tax Collector out of a passion and desire to serve all citizens of the county. I want to do more, however, than collect taxes, issue bills and process payments.

The taxpayers of Hinds County need transparency, real accountability for government funds, cash management oversight, innovative customer service and an aggressive system for collecting delinquent taxes.

Failure to run the tax collector's office efficiently and professionally results in uncollected taxes. That means fewer tax dollars will support our schools, law enforcement and government entities that provide vital services. It puts a larger burden on those who responsibly pay their taxes.

I will bring integrity, honesty, transparency, accountability and a positive experience for customers to the office. You deserve no less.

I will provide training for staff to ensure that the Tax Collector's office is a service agency, not a political organization. Employees should be treated respectfully and valued for the skills and experience they bring to the office every day.

My experience, wisdom and passion qualify me to bring a culture change to the office of the Tax Collector. It is time for a new leadership style and a new vision. It's Time For A Change.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to speaking with you in the near future. I am available to speak with organizations, Church groups and others please call 601-842-1917.

Timothy C. Lewis

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Learn more about or to volunteer for the Lewis campaign by visiting
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Vintage Market still open for vendors

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Main Street Clinton's new market will debut this spring, the Boulevard Vintage Market.

The new market will feature vintage furniture, collectables, linens and vintage clothing. Organizers are in the process of recruiting vendors for the first market, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 30.

Vendors

who sell small furniture, china and porcelains, vintage jewelry, coin collectors, silver, antique garden décor, comic books and sports memorabilia, vinyl, linens, and vintage clothing are all welcome and encouraged.

"With the growing popularity of shows

like *Flea Market Flip* and *American Pickers*, we feel like the timing is right to try a vintage inspired market," said Main Street Clinton Director Tara Lytal. "It is our hope that customers can come to the market searching for a piece of furniture to repurpose, or they can find one ready to take home and put into use."

The event will be held at the Wood Activity Center on March

30 from 9a.m. until 3 p.m. Booths will be available both inside and outside the building for a \$35 rental fee.

Contact the Main Street Clinton office at 601-924-5472 for a vendor application or for additional information.



Registration still open for March Citizens' Police Academy

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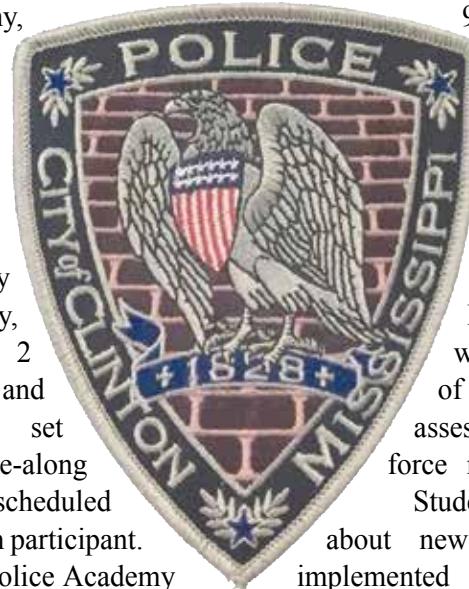
Spaces are still open in the Clinton Police Department's popular Citizens Police Academy, which is set for

March 25 through March 30. The class is held in the evenings from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, and with ride-alongs set for Friday. Ride-along times will be scheduled individually by each participant.

The Citizens' Police Academy is designed to give participants an in-depth look at how Clinton police operate. Goals of the Citizens' Police Academy include:

- To educate and inform the community about the Clinton Police Department;
- To promote the "Community Oriented Policing" philosophy;
- To provide a forum for police and community interaction; and
- To work to create a safer city.

The course is open to anyone older than 18 and requires a background check by the department.



Participants in the program visit a number of places within the county police department, including the

911 communications

center, the bomb squad, animal control, and special weapons and tactics (SWAT), according to program coordinator Mike Kelly. Students will learn about use of force and how to assess a scene in which force might be necessary.

Students will also learn about new technology being implemented by CPD and CPD's use of body-worn cameras.

Typically, people sign up for the program to learn about how police are trained, how the various units within the department operate and the laws officers follow, Kelly said, adding that the program adds transparency to the profession and gives students an idea of a side of policing rarely seen.

Applications to the program can be found online at: www.clintonms.org/citizensacademy.

For more information, visit the City website, or call Lt. Mike Kelly at 601-924-5252.