

Grassroots gardeners leave court square well groomed



Members of the Magnolia Garden Club in Lexington progressed in their regular upkeep and maintenance of the plant beds around the Lexington Court Square on Tuesday, June 2. The local group has adopted the green space around Lexington’s main thoroughfare by keeping in landscaped for the past five years. Member Fran Thurmond (pictured above at right) says volunteers are welcome in keeping the town attractive. “Even one hour per month could help,” Thurmond said. Pictured above, Diane Rhea (at left with rake), Sheila Hammett, and Thurmond. (Photo Submitted)

THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker

Wicker Welcomes Mississippi National Guardsmen to Washington

Volunteers Bring Calm and Security to Nation’s Capital

During this time of great pain and unrest for our country, a group of dedicated young Mississippi troops is bringing peace and stability to our nation’s capital. They are volunteers from our very own Mississippi National Guard who, at the request of the Pentagon, left their families and homes to guard the streets of Washington. These men and women are coordinating with law enforcement to protect peaceful protesters, local residents, private property, and our most cherished monuments from the riots and vandalism that have marked recent days.

Modern-Day Minute Men

These volunteers deserve high praise for their swift response. At noon on Monday, they received word from Mississippi’s Adjutant General Durr Boyles. By 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, nearly 400 guardsmen had packed their bags, suited up, and were busing into Jackson from all over the state. They converged at Thompson Field in Flowood, where Mississippi’s 172nd Airlift Wing flew them on C-17s to Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington. Senior leaders then worked late into the night planning Wednesday’s objectives. By

Wednesday afternoon, our guardsmen were carrying out missions, bringing calm to a city on edge.

In the evening, the guardsmen began a rotation. Two hundred deployed to posts in downtown Washington to support riot control, and at midnight, the remaining 200 took their place. It may be surprising to learn these troops are unarmed. They are equipped only with riot shields, face covers, body armor, and masks. And they are joined by hundreds of fellow guardsmen from across America.

Hearts of Service

Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith and I were able to meet with a number of these volunteers, including Lieutenant Colonel Charles Moss, the deputy commanding officer. On our way, in the center of town, we had to pass through checkpoints and drive down deserted streets with boarded up storefronts and restaurants. One of the young guardsmen I spoke with is an Army specialist and graduate of Jim Hill High School in Jackson, where he participated in the JROTC program. He shared with me the joy he takes in going back to

meet with young cadets who are finding JROTC to be a profound source of direction and stability in life. I can only hope they follow in his footsteps and model his heart of service.

Many of these soldiers are already seasoned veterans. They lead civilian lives, including several current and former congressional staffers. Most were stationed last year in Kuwait, where they were part of the campaign against ISIS in nearby Iraq and Syria. Some of them also served in Jordan, Oman, and Qatar before returning home.

Heroes, Now at Home

The dedication these troops showed during overseas deployments is now being displayed on the streets of Washington. Each of them volunteered to leave their families and jobs at a moment’s notice to serve this country they love. I am sure many of them never expected to be guarding our nation’s capital, but they are doing so with distinction that ought to make every Mississippian proud.

At a time of national crisis, when some might be tempted to doubt this country’s future, our National Guardsmen remind us of the spirit of service that makes America truly great. They are not only protecting our capital. They are showing that character, sacrifice, and love of country will outlast the pain and suffering that our nation has recently endured.

Mississippi Lottery Corporation reopens claims center

Press Release

On Friday, June 5, the Mississippi Lottery Corporation (MLC) announced the re-opening of its Claims Center starting Monday, June 8, 2020. The Claims Center is located at 1080 River Oaks Drive, Building B-100, Flowood, MS, 39232.

Due to ongoing health concerns surrounding the COVID19 pandemic, the MLC has established additional safety precautions to ensure the health and well-being of the public and its employees.

“We are looking forward to seeing our winners in person again,” said MLC President Tom Shaheen. “Some players have taken advantage of our mail-in claims program, which has always been available for player convenience, while others have been waiting for us to reopen. Winners should anticipate the process taking longer than under normal conditions.”

The MLC Claims Center will open under these guidelines, beginning Monday, June 8:

- The Claims Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. No one will be allowed to enter the building prior to 9 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- Only one claimant at a time will be allowed in the Claims Center to honor proper social distancing during the claims process.
- Other claimants and companions will be required to wait outside in their vehicle until called or texted.
- Upon arrival, winners will be required to sign in and provide a cell phone number which we will use

to call or text them when the MLC Claims staff is ready to work on their claim.

• Anyone entering the Claims Center should wear a mask/facial covering. To protect your safety, lottery employees handling claims will be wearing personal protective equipment including mask or facial/covering and gloves.

• In an effort to expedite the process, please complete a claim form ahead of time and have all proper identification on-hand at the time of arrival. See link provided below for claims form and instructions: <https://www.mslotteryhome.com/players/how-to-claim-your-prize-winnings/>.

As a reminder, valid prize claims valued up to \$99,999.99 may still be mailed into headquarters.

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REQUEST FOR BID

COMPETITIVE BIDS PROPOSALS, addressed to Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc Board of Directors, will be received in the office of **MCHC Administration Department - Procurement, 17280 Hwy 17 South, Post Office Box 479; Lexington, MS 39095** (Phone: 662-834-2566) **Until 5:00 PM, from Wednesday, May 27, 2020 through Wednesday, June 10, 2020 For Proposal To Install New Roof.** Summary of Task for MCHC Greenwood Clinic located at 201 E Washington Street Greenwood, MS 38930 will include but are not limited to: remove loose debris and roof over existing, if there is any rotten or damaged decking replace it at modern additional charge, furnish and install polyester mat, furnish and install TPO white single ply roof system with term bar and trim at back per manufacturers specifications, clean up trash generated by company, Two year guarantee on workmanship. Proposals Will Be Opened on Wednesday, **May 27, 2020 at 8:00 A.M.** The Successful Bidder Will Be Required To Provide Proof Of General Liability Insurance. The Dr. Arenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc Board Of Directors Reserves The Right To Reject Any Or All Bids Or Responses.

BID DETAIL SUMMARY:

MALLORY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER is requesting bids for Installation of New Roof for 2020 at the listed locations:

Greenwood MCHC

201 E Washington Street

Greenwood, MS 38930

The bid should include a price for removing the old roof and installing a new roof at the Mallory Community Health Center Greenwood Clinic:

- Remove loose debris and roof over existing
- If there is any rotten or damaged decking replace it at a modest additional charge
- Furnish and install polyester mat
- Furnish and install TPO white single ply roof system with term bar and trim at back per manufacturers specifications
- Clean up trash generated by company and haul away
- Two year guarantee on workmanship

Bids will be accepted from **Wednesday May 27, 2020-Wednesday June 10, 2020** (please provide proof general liability insurance with proposal)

Mallory Community Health Center – Procurement (Roof Bid)

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