



SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

Dear Residents of District 2,

As plans for **Mobile's New Arena** continue to come together, the City of Mobile wants to make sure that local businesses have the tools they need to compete for opportunities related to this major project. On Tuesday, Sept.10, our Office of Supplier Diversity will again partner with Volkert Inc. and Norman Hill Consulting Solutions for an "Opportunity and Matchmaker Meeting."

Hosted at the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico, this meeting is designed to inform small businesses and contractors in the Mobile area about the various opportunities a project of this scale will create for local suppliers, contractors and subcontractors. It will be geared toward small businesses, minority-owned businesses, prime contractors, subcontractors, and those certified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) or those interested in the DBE certification process.

This will be the second meeting for local small businesses that the City of Mobile and its project partners have hosted related to the New Arena project. It will be an excellent opportunity to network with other local businesses, contractors and stakeholders involved with the project.

The "Opportunity and Matchmaker Meeting" is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10. If you're an interested small business owner, you can register by clicking [here](#).

I am excited to share a wonderful opportunity for students to get involved with the Breakthrough Teens program by joining their **Youth Advisory Board and Committee** for the 2024-2025 term.

The Youth Advisory Board plays a crucial role in assisting the Teen Mentor Coordinators in developing new and engaging events for the youth of Mobile. This is an incredible chance for students to represent their high schools, expand their networks by connecting with influential leaders in our city, and even gain access to paid positions.

I strongly encourage you to support your students in applying for this fantastic opportunity. It's a great way for them to build leadership skills, contribute to their community, and gain valuable experience that can help them in the future.

If your student is interested in becoming a part of the Youth Advisory Board, please click [here](#) to access the application.

Registration is now open for the **MPRD After School All-Star Program!**

This free program is offered at 10 of our MPRD Community Centers, several of those being in District 2, and allows children ages 5-16 to get homework help, enjoy a nutritious meal, dive into arts and crafts, experiment with S.T.E.M., and more!

MPRD After School All-Star programs operate between the hours of 3:00 - 7:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday. Please note the All-Star locations in the graphic below, and visit mprd.recdesk.com to sign your child up at an MPRD Community Center near you!

Join the City of Mobile's Animal Services team for **Paws in the Park** on Saturday, September 7 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.! Come meet and play with adoptable dogs and puppies in District 2 at Cathedral Square.

Check out our adoptable pets at www.animalservicesmobile.com.

Just in case you missed it, watch the latest episode of the “**Let’s Hear From You District 2**” podcast [here](#)!

It's a pleasure to be your public servant,

Councilman William Carroll
Mobile City Council
District 2