



AUGUST 9, 2024

Dear Residents of District 2,

On August 6, the Mobile City Council approved the **return of Amtrak** service to our city! This is a significant step forward for our community and our region.

The approved resolutions include a funding agreement with Amtrak, committing the City to provide just over \$3 million in operating assistance over three years, a lease agreement that allows the City to lease space at the foot of Government Street for the passenger platform under certain conditions, and an intergovernmental agreement in which the Port of Mobile agrees to pay Mobile \$1 million over three years in support of the project.

This decision was carefully considered. Extensive effort went into thoroughly reviewing and making necessary adjustments to the agreement to ensure it serves the best interests of our community.

I believe the return of Amtrak will bring significant benefits to our community, such as improved connectivity, a boost in tourism, and economic growth.

The **Midtown Community Action Group** will host an important community meeting on Tuesday, July 9th, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at Westside United Methodist Church, located at 269 Mohawk Street in District 2.

Whether you have questions, suggestions, or simply want to stay informed about what's happening in District 2, I encourage you to join us. This is also an excellent chance to connect with your neighbors, build stronger community ties, and engage in meaningful dialogue about the future of our district.

We have another wonderful opportunity for our youth in District 2 coming up with **STEM MOBILE!**

Our next **STEM Saturday** will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024, to engage K-12th-grade participants. The event will be held at the Robert **Hope Community Center** located at 850 Edwards St., Mobile, AL 36610. This STEM Saturday will cover as the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) topic. Students will learn and engage in hands-on STEM activities and demonstrations as they build and test mechanical lungs as a part of the Lungs & Respiratory System theme!

This event is open to the public. [Click here](#) to register.

I encourage you to come out tonight as the 90's take over downtown Mobile at **LODA ArtWalk!**

Join us from 6-9 PM for a night of nostalgic fun with 90's-themed activities, crafts, art vendors and more. Don't miss the Dancing for Diversity Community Dance Off, meet Barbie and enjoy the Kids' Zone with a video game truck!

Our **Fall 2024 Activity Guide** is now available online! Please click on the link below and start marking your calendars with all of the great things we have coming up for the remainder of the year!

As the weather cools down, it's the perfect time for outdoor sports. MPRD is offering basketball, flag football, volleyball, and soccer leagues for all ages, along with clinics at the Mobile Tennis Center, Azalea City Golf Course, and Cottage Hill Gymnastics Center.

Our staff provides enriching activities for everyone, including adaptive programs for Mobilians with disabilities. This fall will also bring exciting events like LoDa ArtWalk and the return of Market in the Park in Downtown Mobile.

[Click here](#) to view the guide.

I would like to personally invite the Lafayette Heights community to come out for the dedication ceremony of **Lafayette Heights Park**.

This ceremony will be held on Thursday, August 15th at 8:30 a.m., 1508 St. Stephens Road.

It's a pleasure to be your public servant,

Councilman William Carroll
Mobile City Council
District 2