



JULY 12, 2024

Dear Residents of District 2,

I had the privilege of meeting with many of you at the **Midtown Community Action Group meeting** on July 9th. It was an honor to hear your appreciation, ideas, concerns, and even your frustrations firsthand. We discussed various issues and mapped out plans to address them. For those matters outside the City Council's direct control, I made sure everyone knew whom to contact for assistance.

Councilman Cory Penn from District 1 also joined us. His presence reaffirmed our commitment to working collaboratively across district lines for the betterment of our communities and the city as a whole. Together, we are stronger, and I'm confident that by continuing to work together, we can achieve positive outcomes for all residents.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussion. Your engagement and dedication to our community are invaluable. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at council2@cityofmobile.org.

[Click here](#) to watch the replay.

On July 11, the City of Mobile released our **Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the 2023 Fiscal Year**. Since 2018, we have made it a priority to provide citizens with an easy-to-understand look into the city's finances. Although not required, we believe it's essential for Mobilians to understand how their tax dollars are managed and spent. Our Finance Department has been nationally recognized for the quality of these public reports over the past five years.

The City of Mobile's financial outlook has remained strong over the last 12 months. We have continued to pay down debt and streamline city revenues and assets. During this time, Mobile also became the second-largest city in Alabama, thanks to a successful annexation campaign in West Mobile. Our city welcomed 3.4 million visitors last year,

including attractions like the Africatown Heritage House and the Carnival Spirit, bringing an additional \$1.8 billion into our local economy. Throughout the 2023 PAFR, you will see how your tax dollars support the incredible work that our departments are doing to make Mobile a safer, better, and more engaging place to call home.

You can find the 2023 PAFR and other financial information about the City of Mobile by [clicking here](#).

The **7th Annual MOB Music Festival** is coming to downtown from July 12-14, 2024! Join us for a FREE, three-day celebration of music, culture, and community! This event is for the ENTIRE Family!

Show Times:

Friday, July 12: Starting at 5pm - 10pm

Saturday, July 13: Starting at 5pm - 10pm

Sunday, July 14: Starting at 3pm - 8pm

Locations:

Main Stage at Cathedral Square: Live performances from 40+ artist, Free Health Screens, Kids Zone, vendors, DJs, and food trucks!

The MOB Experience at The Temple: Artist performances, bar, DJs, photo 360 booth. Extended hours until 1AM on Friday & Saturday, until 10PM on Sunday.

Contemporary Arts Center: Free exhibit tours at 301 Conti Street, Mobile, AL.

Don't miss out on incredible performances spanning indie, country, bluegrass, rock, gospel, soul, funk, jazz, brass band, blues, R&B, and hip-hop! For more details, [click here](#).

Opportunity 4Entertainers & Performing Arts will host its **17th Annual Alabama Hip Hop Week Community Tour**, taking place from July 15th to July 21st, 2024. This week-long series of events is designed to address key community challenges such as gun violence, mental health awareness, conflict resolution, financial literacy, health & Safety concerns, and more through a blend of youth-focused activities and adult social events.

Event Schedule:

Tuesday, July 16

2024 Hip Hop Week Community Kick-off

Laun Park, 2563-3243 Windmill Dr, Mobile, AL 36693

2pm - 6pm

Wednesday, July 17

2024 A Conversation with Kidz

Hillsdale Park, 6024 Lorna Rd, Mobile, AL 36608

11am - 4pm

Thursday, July 18

2024 Next-up Challenge (Youth Talent Show)
Figures Park, 658 Donald St C, Mobile, AL 36617
12noon - 5pm

Friday, July 19

2024 We Are B-MO (Family Day) Taylor Park
1050 Baltimore St, Mobile, AL 36605 2pm - 6pm

The daytime events are geared towards youth, featuring educational seminars and live performances at community centers and local parks. These sessions address critical issues such as gun violence, mental health, financial literacy, life goals, drug abuse, conflict resolution, and community safety.

If you or someone you know are in need, I would like to personally encourage you to stop by **Prince of Peace Catholic Church** on Saturday, July 27th.

FREE food boxes and back-to-school supplies will be distributed beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mobile City Council will hold a **Committee Meeting of the Whole** on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at 205 Government Plaza in the Mobile City Council conference room on the 9th floor of the South Tower.

The purpose of this meeting is to further discuss the Council's current investigation into public allegations against the Administration made by former Mobile Police Chief Paul Prine. This is a working meeting, and no public comments will be taken. For further information or inquiries, contact the Mobile City Council office at citycouncil@cityofmobile.org or 251-208-7441.

It's a pleasure to be your public servant,

Councilman William Carroll
Mobile City Council
District 2