



JUNE 28, 2024

Dear Residents of District 2,

On June 26, I joined Commissioners Merceria Ludgood and Connie Hudson, Alabama State Representative Adline Clark, Mayor Stimpson, several City of Mobile officials, along with representatives from the Africatown Redevelopment Corporation and other organizations, for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the **new Africatown Hall & Food Bank**.

Located at 2201 Papermill Road, Africatown Hall & Food Bank is the new home of the Africatown Redevelopment Corporation and a community food pantry operated by Yorktown Missionary Baptist Church and the Africatown Community Development Corporation. The building also provides office space and communal meeting/training spaces for the Africatown Heritage Preservation Foundation, Clotilda Descendants Association, and the Mobile Environmental Justice Action Coalition.

The Mobile County Commission constructed the \$2.4 million, approximately 5,300-square-foot building on land owned by the City of Mobile and leased to the County.

Africatown Hall & Food Bank is the first new construction in the community to feature an Afro-centric design, including the colors of the West African nation Benin's flag and traditional African patterns.

This is a huge achievement for the Africatown community and the city as a whole!

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

I spent last Saturday with the [Mobile Association of Real Estate Brokers, NAREB](#) as they hosted their Community Wealth Building Day event in Africatown at the Robert L. Hope Community Center!

This free event featured a variety of workshops and resources focused on homeownership, real estate investing, and steps to establishing generational wealth through property inheritance.

This event was particularly important to me because I believe in empowering our residents with the knowledge and tools necessary to build and sustain wealth. Homeownership and understanding the value in real estate investing are key components of financial stability and generational prosperity. Those in attendance gained valuable insights and strategies to help reshape their family's future.

A special thank you to **Alabama State Representative Adline Clarke** for all you do to ensure the growth and prosperity of our communities.

Congratulations to our [Parks & Recreation](#) team for keeping our youth safe and engaged this summer through our MPRDkids Summer Camp Program!

Last week, **Springhill Recreation Center** in District 2 was converted into a movie theater for our campers, equipped with a full concession stand, and pre- and post-movie entertainment. Many of our young guests brought blankets to keep them comfy during the featured film, "Super Mario Bros", while others brought pre-made snack boxes to hold all of their movie goodies in.

I'm excited to share this week's **Market in the Park** vendor list, we have an incredible selection of vendors lined up for you! With just two more markets left in the spring/summer season, it's the perfect opportunity to come out and support our fantastic local vendors.

Alongside the diverse vendor offerings, you can also enjoy live music while you shop. It's a delightful way to spend your Saturday morning, so be sure to join us this Saturday at Cathedral Square from 7:30 AM to noon.

See you at the Square!

Due to upcoming activity at the Mobile Civic Center, all Mobile Municipal Court traffic arraignments (formerly held in the Expo Hall) will be held in the Ceremonial Courtroom in Government Plaza beginning Tuesday, July 2, 2024. The date and time will remain the same.

REMINDER: The City of Mobile Parks and Recreation Department offers a **FREE Summer Meal Program** to children ages 2-18 at all of our MPRD Community Centers! No registration is required; on-site enrollment available.

Let's keep our children healthy and happy this summer!

It's a pleasure to be your public servant,

Councilman William Carroll
Mobile City Council
District 2