



JUNE 21, 2024

Dear Residents of District 2,

I hope this email finds you in great health and high spirits.

On June 19, the City of Mobile hosted its **Juneteenth Celebration: "Empowerment Through Entrepreneurship"**. Also called Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Emancipation Day, Juneteenth is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate when the final group of enslaved Africans were freed in Galveston, TX, in 1865, more than *two years after* the Emancipation Proclamation officially abolished slavery.

During this event, guests took a deep dive into financial wellness and entrepreneurship with our esteemed guest speaker, Dr. Shana Lewis. Resources related to retirement, insurance, and investing were provided, and we were able to groove to the captivating rhythms of the Africatown Drummers! This is a time to not only celebrate a crucial piece of Black history, but of American history as a whole. This is *our* history.

A special thank you to the Heritage Angels of Bay Carnival pictured below.

During this week's Council meeting, we approved a contract to replace the HVAC system at **Springhill Recreation Center** in District 2. This much-needed improvement will ensure that our community center remains a comfortable and enjoyable space for everyone.

I am dedicated to ensuring that our community centers are well-maintained, up-to-date, and welcoming places where families and neighbors can gather and enjoy their time together. The Springhill Recreation Center is a vital hub for our community, providing a space for recreation, social activities, and community events. This upgrade is a testament to our ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our area.

Do you know of a project in Downtown Mobile over the past 12 months that has been transformational in some way?

Nominate that project for a **Main Street Mobile Award!** For details and list of award categories, [click here](#).

It is my pleasure to be the guest speaker at the **District 2 Midtown Community Action Group** meeting on Tuesday, July 9th at 6 p.m. at 269 Mohawk St (Westside United Methodist Church).

All midtown residents are invited.

Don't forget to join me tomorrow at the Mobile Association of Real Estate Brokers' **Community Wealth Building Day in Africatown** on Saturday, June 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Robert L. Hope Community Center. This event is *free* will feature a variety of workshops and resources focused on homeownership, real estate investing, and the benefits of establishing generational wealth.

We are super excited about our upcoming **Junior Firefighter Days** in collaboration with the Mobile Fire and Rescue Department. The District 2 session will be held at Sullivan Community Center on July 25th from 9 a.m. to noon. During these 3-hour sessions, children (ages 5-12) will receive a close-up look at fire-fighting and the tools of the trade.

[Click here](#) to register for the Sullivan location session.

Through interactive demonstrations, participants will learn what it is like to be a firefighter and have an opportunity to view fire-fighting equipment!

On Friday, July 26, there will be a graduation ceremony for the new "Junior Firefighters" at James Seals Community Center from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This ceremony is open for all parents, friends, and family of the graduates to attend!

**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**