



JUNE 14, 2024

Dear Residents of District 2,

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

As many of you know, I have been very vocal about the need for more transparency throughout the affordable housing process in the City of Mobile. As this sentiment is also shared among all of my colleagues, the Mobile City Council held an Entitlement Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

During this meeting, the City of Mobile's Senior Director of Neighborhood Development, James Roberts, will attend to provided the Council with an overview of recent Affordable Housing developments. Roberts will discuss the City's authority within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development & Mobile Housing Authority Recovery Agreement, provide an update on the Mobile Housing Authority code citation, and summarize the role of the City's Tenant Advocate Inspector within Municipal Enforcement.

Keri Coumanis with the Department of Community Planning & Development was also present to give insight into the possible development of a Capital Cooperative District in our area.

[Click here](#) to watch Director Roberts' and Ms. Coumanis' full presentations.

Congratulations to **Prince of Peace Catholic Church** on a successful annual Lawn Festival on June 1st!

It was great to see the community come together for a weekend of fellowship, food and fun. A few of the luckiest attendees were even able to take their shot at sinking me in the dunking booth! It was all in good fun and I was happy to volunteer my time.

**LODA Artwalk** is here again!

Join us for music, vendors and more on Friday, June 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Cathedral Square, and bring the kids out to create crafts in our Kids' Zone. This monthly event brings Mobilians from all over the city to District 2 every month to spend time with family and friends and we honor the rich art culture in our city.

You are invited to join the Mobile Fire & Rescue Department as they unveil and demonstrate its new boathouse and lift for Fire Boat 2.

Please note that *you must RSVP* for access to the property and must bring a government-issued ID for entry.

Africatown Heritage House is hosting its fourth 2024 Heritage Lecture Series event, a collection of speeches designed to touch on topics related to the Black experience. Karlos Finley will present his lecture entitled The Stone That The Builder Refused in Barracoon on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Mr. Finley will discuss how the history of Clotilda has become the cornerstone of cultural heritage tourism and an example of what our African ancestors were capable of, and what we are capable of also.

Capacity is limited and guests are required to RSVP to attend by calling (251) 206-5268.

The Mobile Association of Real Estate Brokers will be hosting a **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.

This event is 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. By attending, you can gain valuable insights and strategies to help secure your family's future. There will also be food and door prizes!

I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to learn from experts and connect with resources that can make a significant impact on your financial well-being.

**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**

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