



MAY 17, 2024

Dear Residents of District 2,

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

**Bienville Square** is turning 200 later this month, and with recent renovations, she is looking better than ever!

Mobilians and downtown stakeholders are invited to come down to District 2 for the **Bicentennial Celebration on Friday, May 24** at 11 a.m. Pack a blanket or bring a chair and enjoy lunch from Frank N LoLa's food truck and Mexican popsicles from Jefe Paletas. There will also be live music from guitarist Mark Habib until 1:30 p.m.

On May 14, I had the honor of presenting a proclamation recognizing May 2024 as **Historic Preservation Month** in the City of Mobile.

Mobile is fortunate to have its history reflected in the preservation efforts and restoration of a vast collection of historic homes and buildings that represent our heritage and define the character of our beautiful city. In the 2023 fiscal year alone, investments in locally designated historic districts exceeded \$189 million, and hundreds of historic buildings were given new life.

A special thank you to the Mobile Historic Development Commission, the [Historic Mobile Preservation Society](#), the [Downtown Mobile Alliance](#), Main Street Mobile, and Restore Mobile, Inc. in conjunction with the [Alabama Historical Commission](#) and the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#).

The city's Community Affairs Department is proud to support **Elizabeth's Crayons**, a wonderful initiative that collects coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, and markers for children and families in the Mobile area. Donations are currently being accepted in the atrium of Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, from **May 15 to June 5**.

For more details on the coloring book and supply drive, please email Malcolm Banks at [elizabethscrayons@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethscrayons@gmail.com).

This initiative was started in 2021 by Malcolm Banks, a graduate of the City of Mobile's C251 Citizens Academy, in honor of his late mother, Angeline Elizabeth Jones, who loved coloring. In its first year, Elizabeth's Crayons collected hundreds of supplies for USA Children's & Women's Hospital, and this year, Malcolm aims to collect 1,500 books.

To further support this cause, there will be a **field day** for families on June 8 at Stewart Memorial C.M.E Church, 1266 Dr. Martin Luther King Ave. in District 2, beginning at 9:00 a.m. At this event, families can collect the donated supplies and connect with other community resources.

I hope to see you there!

If you missed our **STEM Fest** last month, don't fret! STEM Saturdays are back at our MPRD Community Centers!

We are setting sail next Saturday, May 18 at **Dotch Community Center in District 2**. This is a FREE interactive and hands-on program for youth in grades K-12. Perfect for encouraging and engaging young minds!

Click [here](#) and get ready to find "What Floats Your Boat" with STEM Mobile!

School's out next Friday and we are back with our **Teacher Workday Mini Camps** at our MPRD Community Centers. Children ages 5-12 are welcome to join us for music, dance, arts and crafts, games and so much more!

Camp runs from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please visit [mprd.recdesk.com](http://mprd.recdesk.com) > Programs > Camp Life for mini camp locations and registration.

**REMINDER:** Make plans to enjoy the **Prince of Peace Community Lawn Festival!**

This weekend-long event will take place Saturday, June 1st from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. and Sunday, June 2nd immediately following Mass. Come out for some family fun with live music, games, all you can eat crawfish and more! I encourage you to get your tickets early so, [click here](#) to connect with Prince of Peace Church for more details.

*It's a pleasure to be your public servant,*

**Councilman William Carroll**  
**Mobile City Council**  
**District 2**