

County Commissioner Stephen D. Nodine

Working to Maintain a Conservative Fiscal Government & Improving the Quality of Life in Mobile County

District Two News

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District Two Year In Review

Message from Commissioner Nodine

I would like to wish each of you a Happy and prosperous New Year. I hope you enjoyed a blessed holiday season with friends and family. 2006 was a banner year for the Mobile County Commission and for District Two in particular. From newly paved roads to new parks, from new sidewalks to new jobs, Mobile County is truly on the move. I vow to make 2007 District Two's most successful year yet! Here are a few highlights from the past year for District Two; working together, we can accomplish anything.

The compromise the County garnered with the Department of Transportation, Mobile Area Water and Sewer and several environmental groups not only paved the way for the construction of a long-awaited project to build a new Highway 98 that stretches from Schillinger Road in Mobile to the Mississippi State Line, but also led to the passage of a new set of subdivision regulations for the County that provide for the protection and preservation of our natural resources.

The Alabama Department of Transportation began construction of the first phase of the project in the summer of 2006. The three phase project is estimated to cost \$73 million dollars.

The following are cost estimates for the County Pay As You Go Program for projects that are located in District Two:

2000 Program: \$33,650,000 2004 Program: \$60,100,000 2006 Program: \$5,770,000

Total Project Amounts for District Two: \$99,520,000

We secured 1.7 million dollars in greenspace funding to build new sidewalks in West Mobile, giving citizens the opportunity to travel and exercise safely.

The Semmes Community Playground is scheduled to open in February of 2007; the park will include a state of the art play area, picnic pavilions and walking trails. The project was completed in January of 2007 and cost approximately \$700,00.00. This fast-growing area has received over 2 million dollars for capital improvement projects, and I will continue to work to ensure that the residents of West Mobile have their needs met.

Soon I will unveil a plan for a new library in Semmes, renovations to the Boys and Girls Club and a playground in the Tanner Williams area. Stay tuned for more details!

As important as these large-scale projects are to the advancement of the community, it is often the smaller projects that have the largest impact on citizens' lives. The following is a short list of the many appropriations I have worked for to improve the quality of life in the district:

- \$700,000 for the Semmes Community Park
- \$250,000 for the Tanner Williams Park
- \$900,000 for the Migrant Health Care Facility in Semmes
- \$800,000 for Mary G. Montgomery High School and Semmes Soccer Club for a new parking lot
- \$20,000 for the Semmes Historic Schoolhouse and park
- \$100,000 in grant matching funds for the Volunteer Fire Departments
- 1 million dollars for new ambulances for Mobile County EMS
- \$10,000 for Wilmer Football
- \$50,000 for the Semmes Athletic Association
- \$700,000 for the Wilmer Senior Center
- \$30,000 for JE Turner Elementary for new playground equipment
- \$25,000 for new computers for Tanner Williams Elementary School
- \$15,000 for Wilmer Elementary to buy new playground equipment
- \$10,000 for Semmes Middle School Volleyball
- \$40,000 for the Semmes Community Center for roof and air conditioning repair.
- \$2,500 for the Mary G. Montgomery High School Band to march in the governor's inaugural parade.

You Are Invited to the Ribbon Cutting at the

Semmes Community Playground

The Semmes Community Playground is complete! This extensive project provides a much-needed playscape for young children as well as picnic pavilions and a walking trail. The Semmes Community is growing in leaps and bounds and the playground area, located behind the Semmes Community Center, represents the commitment of the County Commission to the western portion of the County.

Please join us for the ribbon cutting on Saturday, February 3 at 11:00 AM at the playground site- 10141 Moffett Road.

Call our office at 251-574-2000 for more information.



District Two Opens Satellite Office in Semmes

Residents in District Two no longer need to travel to downtown Mobile to meet with Commissioner Nodine.

The District Two satellite office opened January 16th, and will provide citizens and business people in the area a chance to meet and discuss issues with the Commissioner and staff without having to travel to downtown Mobile.

"This satellite office will be more convenient for residents who work and live in the area," said Commissioner Nodine. "This is something that has been in the works for the last six months, and I am happy to announce that we are ready to open the office."

The office will be open Tuesdays from 9am to 4pm and will be located at the Semmes Community Center, at 10141 Moffett Road.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at the Semmes Satellite Office, please call 251-574-2000.

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