



The Nightly Newsletter With **Mayor Sandy Stimpson**

Good evening,

It is 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, and I am writing to give you an update from the City of Mobile.

The City of Mobile recently renewed our contract with the Osprey Initiative, which for years has helped us address litter in our waterways, particularly in the Three Mile Creek and Dog River Watersheds. Osprey Initiative's team works with the City to trap and collect trash that makes it into our waterways.

Under their new contract, Osprey will be maintaining twelve "litter gitters" to trap trash and debris on the surface of various waterways and the City's large Bandalong Litter Trap in Eslava Creek. We have also recently installed litter interceptors on sewer inlets in 30 key locations to help trap litter before it ever enters the stormwater system. Osprey will be regularly maintaining those as well.

In 2021, Osprey Initiative collected nearly 40,000 pounds of litter from our waterways in traps and by hand. The company's founder, Don Bates, grew up in the waters of Louisiana, and there is nowhere litter can float

that he's scared to wade into. We recently put together a video featuring Don and Rosemary Ginn, the Assistant City Engineer who leads our environmental department. They discuss what Osprey's team does for Mobile and how our partnership with them has benefited all parties. We are glad Osprey will continue to work with us to keep our waterways clean and clear.



Juneteenth, which occurs on June 19, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Last year we joined leaders at the state and federal levels in recognizing Juneteenth as an official holiday in the City of Mobile. This year the City of Mobile will be marking the holiday on Monday, June 20, and City officers will be closed. There will be a trash makeup day on Tuesday, June 21, for those whose trash is typically collected on Mondays.