

Groundbreaking news: Economic & Community Development

If you've driven in downtown Birmingham lately, chances are you have been diverted to a detour due to construction. The new Publix near UAB is expected to open at the end of this month, as well as the Thomas Jefferson Tower reuse renovation. Parkside District, surrounding Railroad Park and Regions Field, is adding a Hilton Garden Inn on 2nd Avenue to occupy the block between 17th & 18th Street.

Alabama School of Fine Arts recently purchased city-owned property to expand their downtown campus. Sale of the land and building was recently approved by City Council and Dr. Michael Meeks, Executive Director of ASFA, told us, "The Alabama School of Fine Arts and the ASFA Foundation are thrilled to partner with the City of Birmingham to expand our instructional space and facilities. Now that our purchase of the 18th Street building is approved, we are able to begin planning specific uses for the building with input from our faculty and staff. We are confident that the school will put the building to a use that will enhance the creative offerings in Birmingham's Cultural/Entertainment District". We are very glad to have neighbors such as this who are excited to invest in Birmingham and contribute to our culture, education and overall positive aesthetic of our City.

William A. Bell, Sr.

While downtown has certainly seen significant investment in recent years, there are also many projects in other areas of town that are changing the landscape of our neighborhoods and communities. Shindigs, formerly a food truck and catering business, is set to open a brick-and-mortar in the building previously occupied by V. Richards in Forest Park. Renovations are currently underway and we are looking forward to an opening in early 2017.

I hope you have heard about the Salvation Army's investment in North Birmingham, just off Finely Avenue. They have bought the block that was previously Lewis Elementary School, began renovations, and are working with the City to obtain the old Slossfield Community Center and Slossfield Library. They plan to house many community resources and classes at this new and much larger campus.

Since the devastating tornadoes of 2011, City departments have allocated much time and many resources to rebuilding the communities that were affected. Currently in Pratt City, our Community Development team is looking forward to breaking ground on a development of at least 30 new, affordable housing units alongside the new 8-acre communal green space. These homes will be built in conjunction with the park, hopefully by early next spring. The residential units will be 'green', weather-enforced, detached single-family homes.

On Birmingham's west side, there are great things in store for Five Points West and the community surrounding the CrossPlex. Currently, the Design Review Committee has given its approval to the structural design features for a Starbucks restaurant and employee training facility, a Comfort Inn and Suites, and a building that will house additional retail shopping. Walgreens drugstore has also confirmed to be an occupant of this development. Our Office of Economic Development has made this a priority project and are hopeful other retailers and restaurants will announce plans for the area soon. A formal groundbreaking for the Starbucks facility is scheduled for December 1. This is a critical project for our Western side of town and I'm looking forward to seeing this project realized.

This is an exciting time to be in Birmingham. It is truly great to see positive development in so many areas of town. I'm glad you are a part of this renaissance and hope you will patronize these local businesses and national partners that have chosen to call Birmingham home. Let's keep Birmingham moving Forward.

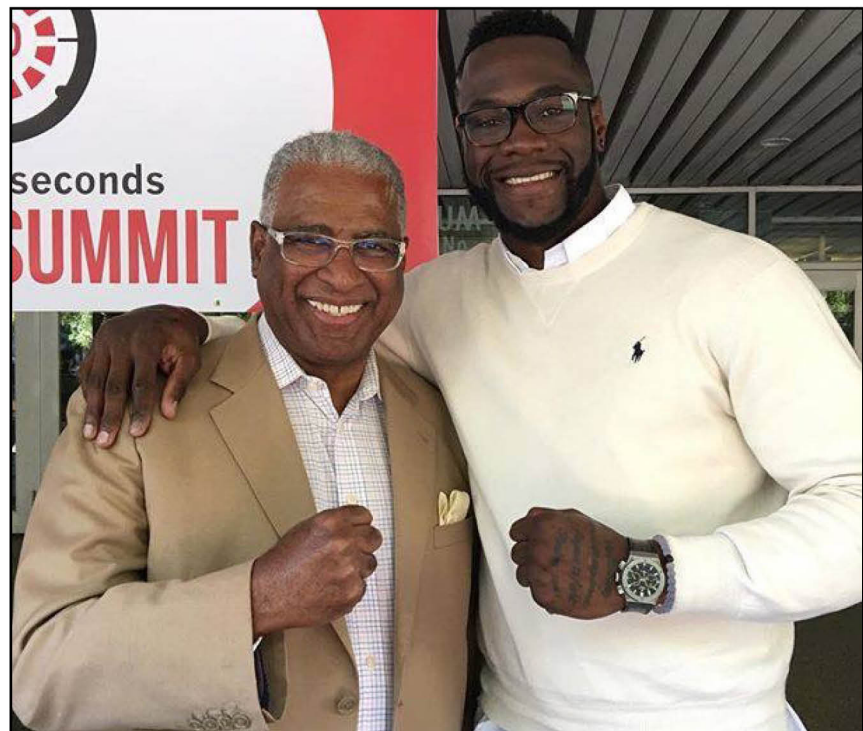
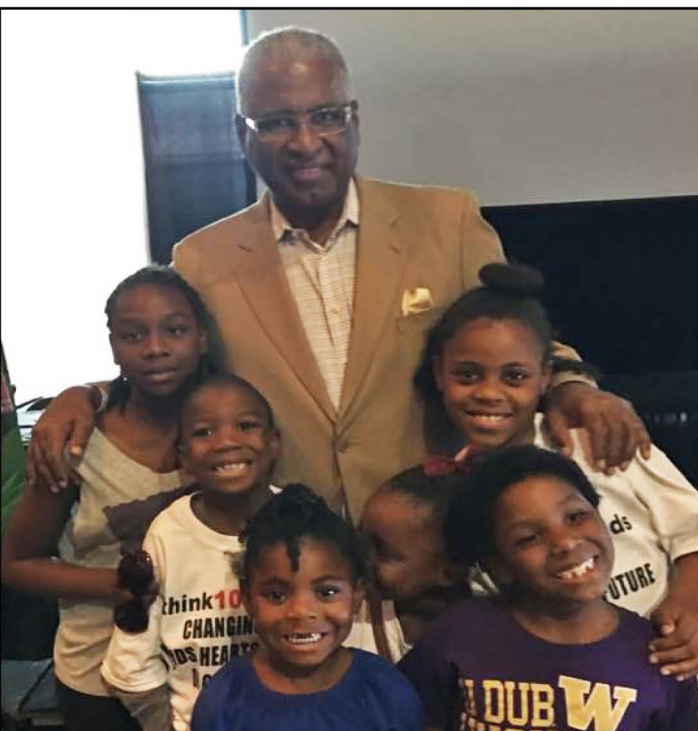
#think10seconds: Mayor Bell asks youth to think before they act

Mayor Bell partnered with ALLA, Inc., Parents Against Violence Foundation, Be The Vision Ministries, Youth Against Violence and members of the Birmingham Police Department for the **#think10seconds** Youth Summit. On Sunday, October 9th, students, young adults and parents gathered at Boutwell Auditorium for an afternoon of family-friendly, positive entertainment. Participants enjoyed food, music, and fantastic door prizes, including a 32-inch television, Magic City Classic tickets, gaming cards, free haircuts, and much more.



#think10seconds

During the Summit, the movie “Barbershop the Next Cut” was shown and several students participated in a discussion panel and provided feedback on the content of the film. To add to the excitement, Heavyweight World Champion Deontay “The Bronze Bomber” Wilder delivered a dynamic speech about the importance of thinking before you act and how your decisions impact others. Wilder and Mayor Bell encouraged those present to “**think10seconds**” before making a negative decision which could possibly change their lives forever.



Birmingham Department of Public Works teamed up with local elementary schools to encourage community collaboration. The kindergarten classes at West End Academy got their first real lesson 'going green'. Each student was taught what can be sorted into the recycling bin instead of the trashcan, and why this is so important. Students also experienced what refuse collectors do on a daily basis, loading and unloading waste from the trucks. Teaching our children the importance of recycling can play a great role in saving our local landfill space and ultimately our planet.



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PLEASE INCLUDE ONLY THESE MATERIALS IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN



PAPER

- Junk Mail
- Magazines
- Office Paper
- Newspaper
- Cardboard



METAL

- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Tin cans



PLASTIC

- Soft drink bottles
- Water bottles
- Mouthwash bottles
- Plastic jars



PLASTIC

- Laundry detergent
- Milk jugs
- Shampoo bottles
- Cleaning supply bottles

DO NOT INCLUDE

Trash - Phone Books - Styrofoam - Glass - Plastic bags and other plastic material not listed above



BIRMINGHAMFORWARD

— MAYOR WILLIAM A. BELL, SR. —

Department of Public Works: Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling Schedules

Schedule for: Large trash, Brush & Yard Waste:

Brown Springs, Ensley Highlands, Fairview, Garden Highlands, Gate City, Jones Valley, Oak Ridge Park, #1(Antwerp Ave. to Crest Green Rd.) Riley, South Woodlawn	Nov. 07 Nov. 21 Dec. 05 Dec. 19	Airport Highlands, Brownsville Heights, Brummitt Heights, Central City, Dolomite, East Birmingham, Evergreen, Five Points South, Maple Grove, Norwood, Penfield Park, Pine Knoll Vista, Roebuck Springs, Roosevelt	Nov. 14 Nov. 28 Dec. 12 Dec. 19
Belview Heights, Bush Hills, Mason City, North East Lake, Powderly, Rising/West Princeton, Woodland Park, Zion City	Nov. 08 Nov. 22 Dec. 06 Dec. 20	Collegeville, Crestwood North, Oak Ridge Park, # 2(Antwerp Ave. to 60 th St. So.) Fairmont, East Avondale, Ensley #1(35 th St. to 20 th St. Ensley), Harriman Park, Kingston #1 (19 th Ave. N. to 10 th Ave. N.) Killough Springs, North Avondale, Roebuck	Nov. 15 Dec. 06 Dec. 13 Dec. 20
East Thomas, Enon Ridge, Germania Park, Green Acres, Industrial Center, Oakwood Place, Smithfield, Tarpley City, West End Manor, West Goldwire, Woodlawn	Nov. 09 Nov. 23 Dec. 07 Dec. 21	Apple Valley, Bridlewood, Echo Highlands, Ensley #2 (20 th St to 12 th St. Ensley), Forest Park/South Avondale, Inglenook, Kingston #2 (10 th Ave. N. to 7 th Ave. N.) Redmont Park, Sun Valley, Tuxedo	Nov. 16 Dec. 14 Dec. 28
Arlington-West End, Central Park, College Hills, Graymont, South East Lake #1 (Red Oak Rd to 77 th St. So.), South Titusville	Nov. 10 Nov. 29 Dec. 08 Dec. 22 Dec.	Acipco-Finley, Central Pratt, Crestwood South, Highland Park, North Birmingham, North Pratt, Overton, Sandusky, South Pratt, Southside, Spring Lake	Nov. 17 Dec. 01 Dec. 15
Druid Hills, East Brownville, Eastlake, Fountain Heights, Glen Iris, Grasselli Heights, Hillman, Hillman Park, North Titusville, Sand Ridge, South Eastlake #2 (77 th St. So. to 66 th St. So.), Wahouma, West Brownville	Nov. 18 Nov. 30 Dec. 09 Dec. 30	Crestline, Eastwood, Hooper City, Huffman, Liberty Highlands, Oak Ridge, Sherman Heights, Smithfield Estates, Thomas, Wylam	Nov. 18 Dec. 02 Dec. 16 Dec. 30

Your regular trash/ household refuse is picked up twice per week: either Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Friday. This schedule does not change. Recycling is picked up on Wednesdays. Other large trash and yard waste is picked up on a varying schedule according to season. The current schedule is listed here. Please put your waste out on your curb the night before pick up is scheduled to run. Also note, the City of Birmingham Department of Public Works does not accept mattresses, construction materials or chemicals ; these should be disposed of properly with a third party. The City of Birmingham does not provide trash cans but we do provide recycling bins.

If you need a recycling bin, call 311 - they are FREE!

Glass and electronics may be dropped off at Alabama Environmental Council Recycling Center:
4330 1st Avenue South,
Birmingham, AL 35222,
Tues-Fri: 10-2, Sat: 9-4, and
CLOSED Sunday & Monday.
Other items accepted at this location can be found on their website:
<http://www.aeonline.org/>

When everyday is Father's Day: community resources for single parents

Being a single parent can be tough, especially for those who have no other support network. The **Fatherhood Initiative** and it is part of the *Parenting Matters* program at the Family Guidance Center of Alabama. This initiative offers comprehensive services to fathers and helps single parents recognize the vital role they play in their children's lives. The program helps facilitate effective co-parenting relationships through positive interaction between fathers, co-parents and extended family members. In addition to the four-week interactive classroom curriculum, single fathers can learn about job search coaching, financial stability and other skills to help them in providing for their children. Program Director Fred Hilliard says The Fatherhood Initiative has surpassed their expectations and they are always looking for men who want to participate and stay the path to make a difference in the lives of their children. For the next phase of the *Parenting Matters*, Hilliard says they hope to partner with houses of faith to establish in-house programs to assist single fathers. To find out more about the Fatherhood Initiative, contact the Family Guidance Center at **205-945-6000** or **fhilliard@familyguidancecenter.org**.

While community members in the Woodlawn and Gate City area were waiting to complete their ballots for the 2016 Birmingham Neighborhood Election, several took time out for some good conversation with Birmingham's Director of Community Policing and Revitalization Andre' Watson. They also brushed up on what's happening in the 'Ham with the very first issue of *Citizen's Forward* city newsletter.

This newsletter will be mailed to Neighborhood and Community officers on the first Monday of every month. It is also available for pickup at neighborhood meetings, public libraries and City of Birmingham Recreation Centers, or at City Hall.



Serving our City since 1968: Mr. Tyrone Ward

Many memorable events happened in 1968: Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, astronauts orbited the moon ten times, America saw its first interracial kiss on television (*Star Trek*), and Mr. Tyrone Ward started work at the City of Birmingham. He is still an employee in our Public Works Department today.

Mr. Ward began working for the City on July 31, 1968 as a 'laborer' at a pay rate of a \$1.50 an hour. At 6:00am every business day, for the last 48 years, Mr. Ward has served his City through numerous tasks and projects, and through ten mayoral administrations. We asked him a few questions about his tenure at the City of Birmingham:

Citizens Forward: What do you remember most about when you first started at the City?

Mr. Ward: I remember having a 'Blacks Only' and 'Whites Only' locker room. Although the civil rights movement gained major ground, there was still segregation in the workplace. Blacks could only apply for non-classified positions.

Citizens Forward: What do you like most about your job?

Mr. Ward: I enjoy working with the people. I love talking to citizens and working in the community. I am just glad to see how far our city has come.

Citizens Forward: Do you have plans to retire?

Mr. Ward: After 48 years, I still love what I do. I don't see me going anywhere any time soon.

Mr. Ward, we are glad to have you. You have served your City and its citizen's well and we hope you stay with us a long time. Thank you for your dedication.

Knowledge is Power: NSLM teams up with UAB to create curriculum



The Negro Southern League Museum (NSLM) has made quite a footprint in Birmingham since its grand opening last year. The Museum has hosted many events, visitors of all ages from across the country, and is looking forward to opening a restaurant overlooking Regions Field in the spring. Not only is it a hit on the social scene, but it takes education seriously too. Toby Richards, curator for the NSLM, has partnered with UAB to foster an on-going relationship to allow UAB students and faculty to utilize the museum, which sits just a few blocks from UAB's campus.

When UAB Arts & Sciences students went to register for classes for spring semester, they had a few new options. For the first time, undergraduate students could register for *Sociology: Segregation through the lens of Negro Southern League Baseball*. The UAB Department of Sociology and the NSLM partnered to develop a course that allowed students to analyze historical segregation and its impact on modern society by utilizing the abundance of historical artifacts and documents housed at NSLM.

This fall semester, students in Dr. Nyesha Black's class had the opportunity to engage with Jarvis Patton, Chief of Operations for the City of Birmingham, to hear about his family's history with voting rights in Alabama and discuss the importance of voting today. Mr. Patton is the son of the late William C. Patton, who for years played a key role in registering African Americans to vote and served as the National Director of Voter Education for the NAACP and founded the Alabama State Coordination Association for Registration. Chief Patton discussed hot topics of the current election and examined why voting matters on a local and state level, as well as in a national presidential race. The class will also participate in a discussion with former Negro League players.

The Negro Southern League Museum is expanding its reach and looking forward to further opportunities to utilize its collection and teach future generations. Just this summer and fall, the Museum sent items for an exhibit at the Los Angeles County Fair and to Palm Beach, Florida. Additional materials are on loan to the Black Belt Museum at the University of West Alabama.

To learn how you can become involved with the Negro Southern League Museum and for exciting events & updates, visit www.birminghamnslm.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@nslmbham).



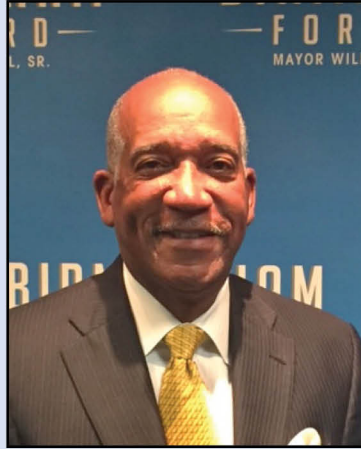
UAB Students pictured with Dr. Nyesha Black, Ms. Toby Richards of NSLM, and City of Birmingham



Birmingham Bios: Getting to know our Department Directors

Jarvis Patton

Chief Operations Officer



How long have you been with the City? 21 years

What other positions have you held? Council Administrator

Hometown: Birmingham

Family & Pets: Married, to wife Connie, with two grown children who both reside in Birmingham; no pets

My last meal would be: T-bone steak, medium well with a salad

Favorite sports team: Golden State Warriors

On the weekends I like to: play golf

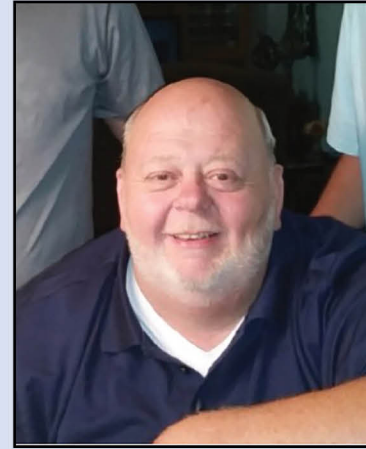
My favorite thing about my job is: I like what I do

Favorite restaurant in Birmingham: Pappadeaux's

Favorite Birmingham activity: Magic City Classic

Steve Moode

Director, Arlington Home & Gardens



How long have you been with the City? 23 years

What other positions have you held? Food Services Supervisor, Museum Coordinator at Arlington

Hometown: Birmingham

Family & Pets: Two sons; one is in Law School in Montgomery and the other is a senior in high school

My last meal would be: steak, baked potato, salad and chocolate cake

Favorite sports team: University of Alabama

On the weekends I enjoy: woodworking

My favorite thing about my job is: I like all of it – seeing people appreciate our beautiful grounds and museum.

Favorite restaurant in Birmingham: Arlington

Favorite Birmingham activity: meeting friends for dinner when I'm not watching my son play football

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a.....Library Party!

Halloween is for kids? Not at BPL! The Birmingham Public Library Young Professionals hosted a Super Hero Costume Party to benefit our local public libraries. The costume party was held October 21, 2016 at the main downtown library branch. Attendees came dressed in a wide array of outfits and competed for best costume. It was a spooky night of good music, local refreshments, and networking with library staff, YP's and friends of the library.

To learn how you can be involved with activities such as this and supporting our libraries, visit www.friendsofthebpl.org

