

**May 5, 2017**

## **Busy week planned during Creek Week, ending with Creek Fest**

MOBILE, Alabama — There are several events on the schedule for Creek Week, starting this weekend before wrapping up May 13 with the third annual Creek Fest. Other events will be announced as they are added to the agenda.

**On Sunday**, there will be a community-wide clean-up day at Tricentennial Park from 1 to 4 p.m. Trash kits (bags and gloves) will be provided by Mobile Baykeeper. This will be an area Scout Service Hours clean-up event. Volunteers are welcome to join the cause.

**On Monday at 10 a.m.**, the City of Mobile is conducting a ground-breaking ceremony to commemorate the beginning of Phase One of the Mobile Greenway Initiative. This will take place at Tricentennial Park near the Stanton Road Bridge.

Discussions for a walking/biking path along Three Mile Creek from Langan Municipal Park to the Mobile River began in the 1980s. Women Making a Difference, a public health advisory board for the Mobile County Health Department (MCHD), got things rolling in 2013 by applying for and receiving a \$218,650 grant from the Sybil H. Smith Charitable Trust. The funds will be used to install the 0.8-mile section of the Mobile Greenway path beginning at the eastern edge of Day Lake at Tricentennial Park and extending westward to Ridge Road West. City officials will later expand the path going east and west from Tricentennial Park.

**On Wednesday**, nearby businesses and residents are invited to bring their lunch and a friend to a “brown bag” event at Tricentennial Park. They can learn about the Mobile Greenway Initiative and the upcoming Creek Fest event. This will be from 11 a.m. to noon.

**On Friday**, work for setting up Creek Fest will begin. The always popular “idea board” that takes suggestions for future projects will be set up, while areas for vendors, Scout merit badge stations and food areas will be marked off. This will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**On Saturday**, the free Creek Fest will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The family fun day will be filled with music from Molly Thomas, food, fellowship, environmental exhibits, canoe and kayak rides in the creek, cane-pole fishing tournament in Day Lake for children 16 years and younger, and merit badge opportunities for Boy Scouts. Chief Meteorologist Jason Smith of WALA-Fox10 will again serve as the master of ceremonies.

To learn more, visit [www.CreekFest.org](http://www.CreekFest.org) or [www.facebook.com/IloveCreekFest](http://www.facebook.com/IloveCreekFest).