

The City of

# Irondale

Build Community. Build the Future.  
Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr.



## COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

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“ The beloved community is a society in which every individual is valued, where justice prevails, and where love binds us together. ”  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### A.G. GASTON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OPENS

On January 20th, Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. joined community leaders, families, and partners to celebrate the opening of the A.G. Gaston Boys & Girls Club – Irondale Branch, now located in the former Irondale Public Library building. Following the opening of the new Library on Grants Mill Road, the City seized the opportunity to repurpose this space into a meaningful community resource dedicated to serving Irondale’s youth.

The Club will provide a safe, supportive environment with programming centered on four core pillars: academic success, healthy lifestyles, the arts, and character development. Transportation will be provided from Irondale schools to ensure accessibility for families. Parents can learn more or sign up by calling 205-923-3377 or visiting [www.aggastonbgc.org/parent-portal](http://www.aggastonbgc.org/parent-portal).



### COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

#### STUDENT ART & ESSAY CHALLENGE

Submissions Due February 12  
Use the “BELOVED COMMUNITY” theme to explore what Dr. King meant by a society built on unity, justice, and love. Students may submit drawings, paintings, poetry, or essays inspired by this vision.  
Winners Announced February 17

#### UNFORGOTTEN ARCHITECTS

Mayor Stewart presents a special program about lesser known black history heroes.  
February 7 | 11:30 a.m.  
Irondale Public Library

#### SHARED LIGHT: AN INTERFAITH GATHERING

Illuminating faith, justice, and unity for a united purpose of building community.  
February 21 | 10:30 a.m.  
Irondale Public Library

#### THE ALABAMA SOLUTION

Screening of the Oscar Nominated Film about the woes of the Alabama Prison System.  
February 24 | 6:00 p.m.  
Irondale Public Library

#### AT THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

February 10 - Mayor Stewart Shares “The Dream”  
February 13 - Screening of “Shirley”  
February 20 - Field Trip to Negro Southern League Museum & Yo Mama’s Restaurant  
February 24 - Music Program with DJ Doug  
February 27 - Screening of “Sunday Best”

### City Hall Happenings

City Council Meetings  
February 3 & 7 | 6:00 p.m.

Message from the Mayor  
February 1 | 3:00 p.m.  
Tune in on Facebook!



February 4 - Frank Pennington of Irondale Public Works  
February 18 - Emma Tolbert of Irondale Public Relations  
12:30 p.m.  
LIVE on Facebook & YouTube @City of Irondale

### STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS “IMPACT 2026”

February 12 | 11:30 a.m.  
Pine Tree Country Club

Hosted by the Irondale Chamber  
Tickets: [www.IrondaleChamber.org](http://www.IrondaleChamber.org)  
Mayor Stewart shares insight into his focus areas for the year: economic development, education, and eco-tourism.



### SAVE THE DATE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS DAY

April 18 | 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Shades Valley High School  
Open to ALL Young Business Owners, Ages 5 - 20  
Apply: [www.tinyurl.com/IrondaleYE26](http://www.tinyurl.com/IrondaleYE26)  
Sell Your Products & Compete for over \$3,000 in Total Prize Awards

### REGISTER NOW! IRONDALE YOUTH SPORTS

Ruffner Park Sports Complex  
Practice Begins in March  
Opening Day: April 4  
Ages 4-12  
Baseball, Softball, & T-Ball  
Details: [www.IrondaleYouthSports.com](http://www.IrondaleYouthSports.com)

