



General Information

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JERRY BELK ACTIVITY CENTER

2101 Bowers Park Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun.
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MCDONALD HUGHES COMMUNITY CENTER

3101 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
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LEROY MCABEE, SR. ACTIVITY CENTER

3801 Loop Road
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
6 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun.
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BOBBY MILLER ACTIVITY CENTER

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
6 a.m.-8 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun.
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MARY ANN PHELPS ACTIVITY CENTER

2200 Rock Quarry Drive
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406
6 a.m.-8 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun.
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OL' COLONY GOLF COMPLEX

401 Old Colony Road
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406
205/562-3201

PARK OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE

1600 37th Street East
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ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY/BAMA THEATRE

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Our VISION

PARA will be a leader in providing activities and places for people to play and enrich their lives. We will dedicate ourselves to improving the quality of life for our patrons by providing clean, safe and attractive parks and facilities.

PARA will be a friend to the community and become a valued part of each person's life. People are the core of our organization and people are whom we exist to serve. We will work to touch every life in a positive way.

PARA will be dedicated to the dreams of our patrons. Working together, we will contribute to the livability and culture of our community and strive to create a better future.

Our MISSION

The mission of the Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority is to provide safe, clean, and beautiful facilities, parks and open spaces, along with professionally managed leisure services for all people, and to enrich quality of life, provide economic value, and encourage long-term community stability and growth. Through strong partnerships, we will achieve exceptional service and foster an atmosphere of cooperation, trust and innovation to better serve our community.

Live, Learn,
Play! PARA

Message from the Director



Dear PARA Friends:

This year marks PARA's 40th Anniversary and while four decades of service to the community have presented a variety of obstacles, few have been as daunting as the current economic crisis. Thankfully, PARA has always been an excellent steward of taxpayer dollars. The current budget cuts are a challenge but one we are prepared to face head on. Through times of adversity PARA has remained steadfast in our commitment to serving the citizens of Tuscaloosa County. We will continue to look for ways to cut costs and stretch every penny. However, we are resolved to do this without disrupting the many services offered to the community. Listed below are ways we have cut costs in Fiscal Year 2009 and ways we will further reduce expenditures in 2010.

Recreation:

- Travel Program – eliminated
- Reduce (non-summer) hours of operation at Freeman Pool
- Open Center pools one hour later and close them one hour earlier
- Play more games during daylight hours
- Decrease pool temperature

Centers:

- Begin Closing Centers on Holidays
- Reduced operating hours Monday through Saturday (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)
- Sunday closing
- Fee and rate increases
- Eliminated one full-time position in administration

Park Operations:

- Reduced mowing schedule
- No idle of vehicle engines
- Hiring Freeze
- In-house chemical application

Marketing:

- Reduce circulation on quarterly publication by 17%, reduce paper weight on guide
- Cut marketing/advertising budget by 50%
- Reduce costs on mailings by posting digital files on internet

Administration:

- No pay increases for full time employees
- No new employees
- Reduce electricity expenses by 5%

Despite cutting costs, PARA has continued to grow and address the needs of the community. PARA's impact on the community is evidenced by steady increases in attendance at centers, recreational programs, and special events. In addition, PARA's recreation programs including Flag Football and Soccer continue to grow and inspire thousands of local children to play year after year. Ol' Colony has garnered another award too, being named the number one public golf course in Alabama. As a community we have a lot to celebrate and be proud of. More and more people are taking advantage of the high quality services offered by PARA. Attendance has grown to a staggering 1,248,070 people marking an increase in attendance of 21 percent over the last five years and 30 percent over the last 10 years.

It is truly amazing to look back at all this agency has accomplished over four decades which is a testament to the dedication of local funding entities and the community we jointly serve. PARA's parks and activities enrich the lives of local citizens making Tuscaloosa both a desirable place to raise a family and an area ripe for economic opportunities and growth.

We hope we can count on your continued support. I invite you to live, learn, play PARA in 2010 and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Kelly,
Executive Director

Board of Directors & Elected Officials



Board of **DIRECTORS**

Through September 31, 2008

Hezekiah Carstarphen, Chairman, appointed by City of Tuscaloosa

Joe Duckworth, Jr. appointed by City of Tuscaloosa

Gary Falls appointed by Tuscaloosa County Commission

Sam Faucett appointed by City of Northport

Bobby Franks appointed by Tuscaloosa County Board of Education

Peggy Hogue appointed by City of Tuscaloosa

Leroy McAbee, Sr. appointed by Tuscaloosa City Board of Education

Clarence Richardson appointed by Tuscaloosa County Commission

Elected **OFFICIALS**

Tuscaloosa City Council

Walter Maddox, Mayor

Cynthia Almond

Lee Garrison

Bobby Howard

Bob Lundell

Harrison Taylor

William Tinker

Kip Tyner

Tuscaloosa County Commission

Hardy McCollum, Probate Judge

Bobby Miller

Reginald Murray

Don Wallace

Gary Youngblood

Northport City Council

Bobby Herndon, Mayor

Steve Acker

Bart Harper

Jay Logan

William Tunnell

Steve Webb

Board of Education

Tuscaloosa City Schools

Dr. Joyce Levey, Superintendent

Tuscaloosa County Schools

Dr. Frank Costanzo, Superintendent

U.S. Senators

Hon. Richard Shelby

Hon. Jeff Sessions

U.S. Congressmen

Hon. Spencer Bachus

Hon. Artur Davis

State Senators

Hon. Charles Bishop

Hon. Phil Poole

Hon. Bobby Singleton

State Representatives

Hon. Gerald Allen

Hon. Robert Bentley

Hon. Chris England

Hon. Ken Guin

Hon. Alan Harper

Hon. A. J. McCampbell

Hon. William Thigpen, Sr.

About PARA

The Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority is constantly expanding to fit the needs and wants of the community. PARA values the importance of recreation and has witnessed the positive growth realized by communities with a variety of park and recreation opportunities. PARA offers cultural arts, parks, and leisure activities. These diverse activities attract families and individuals of all ages and socio-economic levels. Because of PARA's broad audience, we have established a valued presence in Tuscaloosa County.



This year PARA is celebrating a major milestone, 40 years of service to the community. Established through a legislative act in 1969, PARA is a county wide non-profit agency funded by the City of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County and the City of Northport. Guided by an eight-member board of directors who are appointed by three local governments and two school boards, PARA has grown in to an essential part of the community. In the last 40 years of service, PARA's budget and services offered have grown exponentially. At its inception PARA had 24 facilities, a \$245,745 budget and 17 employees. Since that time the assets and services PARA provides to the community have expanded tremendously. At present we have 37 Park sites, five Activity Centers, and over 2,000 acres of land spread throughout Tuscaloosa County. These properties include walking trails, a multipurpose arena, boat landings, ball fields, garden plots, playgrounds, indoor and outdoor swimming facilities, picnic shelters and pavilions, the Veterans Memorial Park, the M-Bend Area of Hurricane Creek, the best municipal golf course in the state and Tuscaloosa's only First Tee chapter. PARA's five activity centers offer the community indoor walking tracks, gymnasiums, workout facilities and three therapeutic pools. All these amenities are open to the public and are either free or available for a nominal fee. The variety of programs offered, coupled with the reasonable rates make PARA both a popular and essential part of this community.

In order to keep participation and user costs affordable for everyone, PARA must continue to rely on funding from the three governmental entities we serve. This funding fluctuates annually and we continue to work toward increased funding from each of these sources as our services to the community expand. In addition to generating about 26 percent of our overall operating budget through program fees and charges, PARA is an excellent steward of taxpayer dollars. However, despite being fiscally frugal, we are constantly stretching resources and are often faced with difficult decisions. Funding appropriations have not kept up with the rate of inflation and until a permanent funding source is secured, PARA will always be faced with financial limitations.



PARA Foundation & Veterans Memorial Endowment



PARA FOUNDATION

The objectives and purposes of the PARA Foundation shall be to promote, assist, advance and strengthen efforts to improve the availability and quality of parks and recreational facilities and opportunities in Tuscaloosa County and specifically to aid and assist the Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority, the governing bodies of Tuscaloosa County, and the cities located therein, and other agencies of state and local governments, in connection with the development, improvement, and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities, programs, and opportunities. The Foundation shall conduct its affairs as a cultural, educational and benevolent, not-for-profit corporation, expressly limited to religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the continental limits of the United States of America.

The arts, our park lands and a variety of recreational opportunities are necessary for all citizens of Tuscaloosa County to ensure a good quality of life. Contributions are tax-deductible to the amount allowed by law and can be made in memory or in honor of someone.

The PARA Foundation balance was \$14,069.04 in undesignated funds as of September 30, 2008.

Veterans Memorial Park ENDOWMENT

The purpose of the Veterans Memorial Park Endowment is to raise funds to be permanently invested in an endowed enhancement fund for the Veterans Memorial Park. Located on McFarland Boulevard on the grounds of the former U.S. Army Northington General Hospital Chapel, the one-acre site has been retained in public ownership, with PARA's oversight. This historic site is mandated to have a beneficial public purpose.

The Veterans Monuments and Memorial Park Committee worked with representatives of local governments, PARA and the private sector to create this educational veterans park. The majority of the costs to date have been donated by the private sector, including more than \$100,000 of in-kind construction activity.

The Veterans Memorial Park Endowment is managed by the Board of Directors of the Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority Foundation. The principle of the endowment will be maintained in perpetuity and annual earnings will be allocated to the enhancement and maintenance of the park.

Donors may make gifts to the endowment at any time and the PARA Foundation will appropriately notify family members or honorees of memorial or honorary gifts.

Our Community/Activity **CENTERS**

PARA has five multi-purpose centers conveniently located throughout the community. Each center has a gymnasium, exercise room, catering kitchen and community rooms available to rent for meetings, parties, classes and other functions. Additional distinct center characteristics include features such as indoor walking tracks, indoor therapeutic and/or recreational pools.

Annual center memberships are available for purchase. Membership allows use of the common areas of all centers. Membership options include family, couple, individual and senior memberships. Citizens may also use these facilities on a casual user basis. Fees for memberships, casual users and facility rentals are reasonably priced. Since beginning the service in August 1997 through September 2009, there have been 40,502 center memberships purchased.

In addition, each of PARA's centers has developed Neighborhood Programming for their respective surrounding communities. Limited examples of Neighborhood Programming are listed below:

Jerry Belk Activity Center

- Opened August 1997; dedicated October 4, 1997
- Featuring tutoring available for elementary school students, walking challenges, QuickStart Tennis and open volleyball.

McDonald Hughes Community Center

- Acquired December, 1997; new addition dedicated June 13, 1999
- Featuring the Summer Food Program, offering 25,563 free lunches to children during the summer school break and "Kids in Kin" family parenting program

Leroy McAbee, Sr. Activity Center

- Opened April 1, 1998; dedicated July 4, 1998
- Featuring tutoring programs and indoor garage sales

Bobby Miller Activity Center

- Opened September 1, 2006; dedicated September 10, 2006
- Featuring the Brown Branch of the Tuscaloosa Public Library, walking challenges and QuickStart Tennis

Mary Ann Phelps Activity Center

- Opened February 1, 1998; dedicated June 18, 1998
- Featuring Parent Track and Stroll Patrol walking programs, summer reading class and Quick Start Tennis



Recreation & Leisure



PARA's Recreation Division encompasses almost every activity imaginable including traditional sports, leisure classes, aquatics, therapeutic recreation, outdoor adventures, youth, adult and senior activities and special events. Highlights from these areas include:

- Sports activities for adults and youth include basketball, softball, youth football, cheerleading and instructional soccer. The community continues to have a strong interest in these programs.
- Group and private tennis lessons as well as clinics, mini-camps and challenge ladders are held at the Jack Evans Tennis Complex in Bowers Park for people of all ages and abilities. Pick-up games and open court playtime is also available. The courts are lighted with play available during regular park hours, 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily.
- Leisure classes are available to the community for a variety of interests including but not limited to: photography, baton, dance & color guard, line dancing, martial arts, watercolor painting, yoga and dog obedience.
- Activities for senior citizens remain very popular. Such activities include: leisure classes, line dance classes and special events such as cooking demonstrations and Breakfast & Bingo.
- The following aquatic programs are offered through PARA: swim lessons, water aerobics, water exercise classes, Arthritis Foundation Aquatics, a pre-competitive swim program, lap swim, open swim times and much more. The pools are also available for private and group rentals and are often used for splash parties and other youth programs.

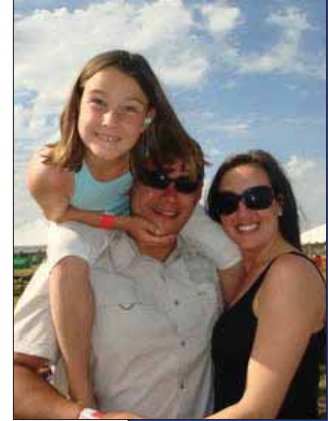
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Recreation & Leisure

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- The Therapeutic Recreation program is available to adults with developmental disabilities and/or physical challenges. The program provides activities that help promote socialization, physical coordination, activities of daily living and communication skills. Participation in Special Olympics, social clubs, travel opportunities and special events are among the offerings.
- The Outdoor Adventure program continued for its fifth year, providing opportunities for families, adults and active seniors to get outdoors and enjoy nature.
- The PARAkids Day Camp program hosted 539 elementary school-aged children during summer break and school holidays. The program offers structured recreation, skills and values that children need to practice while growing up. Activities include skating, swimming, bowling, arts and crafts, organized sports, field trips, special events, guest speakers and more.
- The Extended Day program at Rock Quarry Elementary School was very successful. Recreation, arts and crafts and tutoring are available to 60 students per day who participated during the school year.
- Rockin' N' Rollin', Splash Parties, Safe Haven Youth Basketball and John Merrill's All Star Basketball Camp provide additional opportunities for youth.
- The 32nd annual July Jubilee celebration on July 4, 2009, was hosted for the second time in Sokol Park. This location proved to be a tremendous success with crowds larger than ever before. Estimated attendance was over 30,000 and the event featured live music performed by a variety of entertainers, youth activities and a fabulous fireworks display at dusk.
- The 2009 West Alabama Christmas Parade featured Grand Marshals Carrie Fitts and Emily Leigh representing the Volunteers of Kentuck. The theme "Tinsel in T'Town" provided ease in decorating for the downtown Tuscaloosa parade route.



Sponsors



Our SPONSORS

PARA relies on the vital support provided by both community and corporate sponsors. These relationships allow us to continue to strengthen our outreach in West Alabama while offering programs of the highest caliber. Thanks in part to philanthropic corporate partners, PARA is able to offset thousands of dollars a year in operating expenses. These savings are passed on to citizens of Tuscaloosa County and allow for high-quality programming at reduced rates. PARA would like to recognize the generous and ongoing contributions of the following sponsors:

Buffalo Rock/Pepsi

Piggly Wiggly

Jim Walter Resources

Nucor Steel Tuscaloosa, Inc.

Nick's Kids Fund

Lawrence, Hitt & Pugh, LLP

The Crossley Family

Moody Radio

boost mobile

Hamner Real Estate

Wycomp Technology

ACA National & Jr. National Honor Society

Academy Sports and Outdoors

Alabama Power Company

Almon Associates, Inc.

Anders Hardware Co., Inc.

American Shutterbug

Atlas Welding Supply

Bank of Moundville

Bank of Tuscaloosa

Ms. Sheila Benoit

The Bridge Builders, Dr. Samory Pruitt

Bryant Bank

Cabiness Paint

Cadence Bank, N.A.

Capstone Bank

Clear Channel Radio

Compass Bank

Credit Union of Alabama

Desperados Steakhouse

Ms. Julie Dunn

DCH Health System

Drake Printers

Duckworth-Morris Realty Co., Inc. and

DMG, LLC

Ms. Jamie Ellwanger

Ms. Angela Fernandez

First Federal Bank

First National Bank of Central Alabama

Friday Oil Co.

Ms. Krista Garcia

Gene Lary's Trophy Shop

Mr. Jimmy Tom Goostree

Hall-Taylor Construction, Inc.

Ms. Justine Hamilton

Hampton Inn

Mr. Brion Hardin

Mr. Jim Harrison, Jr.

Harrison Galleries

Hollyhand Construction

Hotel Capstone

Hudson-Poole Fine Jewelers

Ilex Nurseries

Indian Hills Animal Clinic

The Insurance Center of Tuscaloosa

Mr. Carl Jamison

Jessup and Associates

Krispy Kreme

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Sponsors & Volunteers

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Mr. Norm Lacy
Ms. Marsha Lee
Left Hand Soap
Laura Lineberry
Little Caesar's Pizza
Manna Grocery
Ms. Billie Jo Maxcey
Mr. David Mayo
McAbee Construction Co.
McAbee Pigfitters
McGiffert and Associates, LLC
Mr. Kevin McMahan
Merrill Gardens
Miller Service
Mills Electric
Moe's Southwest Grill
Mugshots Grill & Bar
Newk's Express Cafe
Post Net
Premier Service Company
Promotional Concepts, Inc.
Randall-Reilly Publishing
RBC Centura
Ms. Michelle Reedy
Regions Bank
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SouthernLINC Wireless
Southmark Design
Spanky's Portable Toilets
Spray Max, Inc.
S.T. Bunn Construction
Super Sports, Inc.
Mr. Daniel Tinker
Townsend Ford/Townsend
Honda
The Tuscaloosa Convention and
Visitors Bureau
Tuscaloosa Credit Union
The Tuscaloosa News
Tuscaloosa Teachers Credit Union
Tuscaloosa Toyota
UA College of Arts & Sciences
UA Housing & Residential
Communities
University Programs
Ward Scott Veron Architects, Inc.
Wachovia Bank
Warrior & Associates, Inc.
Watkins Construction Company, Inc.
Mr. Tom West
WVUA-TV
Wycomp Technology, Inc.



Our VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a vital and much appreciated aspect of the Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority. Many scheduled events, classes and leagues sponsored by PARA could not take place without the assistance of volunteers in areas such as pre-planning, coordination, facilitation, instruction and publicity. We are constantly recruiting and have a variety of options for volunteers.

Examples of PARA volunteer opportunities include:

- coaching and organizing youth and adult sports
- assisting with special events
- serving as a leisure class instructor, playground site supervisor or therapeutic recreation program assistant
- providing clerical/office help
- lending your talents as an artist, photographer, entertainer or other expertise
- serving as advisory committee member
- and many more!

The Arts



The Arts & Humanities Council of Tuscaloosa is the artistic arm of PARA and serves as an umbrella for 40 arts organizations in Tuscaloosa County, supporting and encouraging participation in and enjoyment of the arts for people of every age and interest group. The Council operates the historic Bama Theatre for a wide range of community users, publicizes arts events for its 40 organizations, and sponsors exhibits by citizens, students and arts groups. Professional presentations of theatre, dance and music are offered at the Bama Theatre and area schools. The Council publishes a semi-annual arts magazine, *Jubilation*, which features artists and arts events in and

around West Alabama. Art, educational, foreign and independent films are shown as part of the Cinema Nouveau Movie Series. Film festival partnerships include the Jewish Film Festival, the Black Maria Film Festival and the German Film Festival. The Arts & Humanities Council recognizes volunteers, educators and artists in the bi-annual Druid Arts Awards, and the Small Grants Program nurtures small and pilot arts activities. Bama Fanfare, SPECTRA and the Artists-in-Residence educational programs serve over 30,000 children annually. Annual exhibitions in the Junior League Gallery include the West Alabama Juried Show, the Visual Arts Achievement Awards and the Double Exposure Photography Competition.

Member ORGANIZATIONS

- Actor's Charitable Theatre
- Alabama Blues Project
- Alabama Choir School
- Alabama Public Radio
- Arts 'n Autism
- Barbershop Harmony Society
- Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility
- Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama
- Children's Hands-On Museum
- Crossroads Arts Alliance
- Friends of the Arboretum
- Kentuck Museum Association
- Northwest Alabama Arts Council
- Pointe Society of Tuscaloosa
- Stillman College Fine Arts
- String Quartet Society of Tuscaloosa
- Theatre Tuscaloosa
- Tuscaloosa Academy Drama Department
- Tuscaloosa Children's Theatre
- Tuscaloosa City Schools Arts Division
- Tuscaloosa Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society
- Tuscaloosa Community Dancers
- Tuscaloosa County High Drama Department
- Tuscaloosa Community Singers
- Tuscaloosa Symphony Guild
- Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra
- Tuscaloosa & University Women Painters
- Tuscaloosa's One Place
- University of Alabama College of Arts & Sciences
- University of Alabama Creative Campus
- University of Alabama Creative Writing Program
- University of Alabama School of Music
- University of Alabama Museums:
 - Paul W. Bryant Museum
 - Alabama Museum of Natural History
 - Moundville Archaeological Park
- University of Alabama Department of Theatre & Dance
- University of Alabama Press
- University Programs
- West Alabama Aids Outreach
- West Alabama Quilter's Guild
- Westervelt Warner Museum of American Art

Big Year, Nice Accolades for Ol' Colony Golf

"This has been an extremely good year at Ol' Colony," reports John Gray, head professional. Ol' Colony was nicely recognized by Golf Digest magazine as a "Top 10 Course in Alabama" and as the "Best Municipal Course in Alabama," two accolades we were very proud to receive.

"Ol' Colony is a Jerry Pate designed championship golf course with over 70 bunkers and 25 acres of lakes that come into play on several holes. Ol' Colony never gets boring. The fairways and greens are Bermuda grass and are very well maintained," explains Gary Braughton, assistant golf pro at Ol' Colony. "We are priced extremely well considering the challenge of the user friendly, championship golf awards we've earned," he said.



The First Tee of Tuscaloosa

Directed by Michael Shivetts, The First Tee of Tuscaloosa junior golf program is in its 10th year at Ol' Colony and has grown to serve 400 youth on location and 1,000 through local schools. The program is somewhat unique in that it incorporates life skills education in which 6-18 year olds learn valuable lessons about the importance of maintaining a positive attitude, honesty, etiquette, and sportsmanship from the golf course to every day life. The Brion Hardin First Tee Teaching Facility is equipped with a Trackman Launch Monitor, V1 Pro Software and Explainer Plane System, an indoor putting area and two hitting bays for fittings and lessons. Individual and corporate rates/lesson packages are available. Three new holes and teaching greens are under construction and scheduled to open this summer.

Community Partnerships

Last summer Bart Rottier, director of Play Golf America Dixie Section and Matt Curtner-Smith, professor and department head, University of Alabama's Department of Kinesiology, presented Ol' Colony with a Ryder Cup-PGA "Growing the Game" grant. As part of the program, professional golfers who have played on a Ryder Cup Team designate schools to receive the educational grants to teach golf to college students. UA was designated as a recipient of the grant by Ryder Cup Team player Boo Weekley. Ol' Colony is the home course for UA golf teams and features the private, state-of-the-art Jerry Pate Golf Center practice facility.

PARA and the City of Tuscaloosa applied for and received a transportation enhancement grant to improve the Ol' Colony walking trail. The trail begins at the maintenance entrance to Ol' Colony on Old Colony Road, turns south to North Ridge Road joins the side walk across from Verner Elementary School and then connects with the sidewalk on Rice Valley Road. When completed this will be a nice asset providing walking pleasure for the community.

The Weather

"We have a beautifully maintained course and this past year was the toughest for turf management in 20 years," said Gib Fox, course superintendent. "We manage and grow turf to develop a good root system and last fall was challenging with the wet weather. During winter when temperatures dropped below 25 degrees it was difficult for the Bermuda grass. We covered our greens, much like you cover your delicate plants, to protect them and ensure they had the best chance to survive. We made a calculated decision to close for a few days over the winter to ensure the absolute best golfing game for our golfers. We trust a few days of inconvenience will pay off during the remainder of the entire year," Fox said.

Pro Shop and Diner

The Pro Shop is fully stocked with everything a golfer might want such as Ol' Colony and UA Championship logo items to name brands including Callaway, FootJoy, Titleist, Cleveland and Nike. The Diner features Philly cheese steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, salads, soft drinks and adult beverages.



Parks, Planning & Development



Completed **PROJECTS**

FISCAL YEAR: October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009

District Development

District 1: Completed a multi-purpose field at Northside Park, purchased a swing set, border and safety fall material for Walker Elementary School

District 2: Completed a walking track and refurbished the basketball courts at Holt Elementary School, purchased swings, slides, border and safety fall material for Lakeview Elementary School; The City of Vance applied for a LWCF grant for the construction of a ball park

District 3: Duncanville Little League completed renovations on their Little League park, renovated the batting cages and expanded one field for the Duncanville Middle School team. The field expansion included renovating the infield, resetting the bases, new safety cap for fences, foul ball netting and renovation of dugouts.

District 4: Echols Middle School girls softball was awarded a grant for rest room concession building. Due to permitting issues they were unable to construct the building. Myrtlewood Elementary School received funding for the construction of a covered walkway from the school to the Community Building. Northport Tigers Baseball team received money to light their Little League field at the Hasson Center.

Capital Projects

PARA partnered with the City of Tuscaloosa and Boys State to complete improvements to Kaulton Park, Harmon Field, West End Park and Rosedale Park. All of the parks received new shrubs and landscaping upgrades as part of their beautification.

Kaulton Park: new ball field, backstop, foul poles and team benches were installed

Harmon Field: infield renovations, new signage, new backstop, team benches and bleachers

West End Park: practice field constructed

Rosedale Park: basketball court resurfaced and new backboards were installed

Veterans Memorial Park: new lighting installed including spotlighting of new memorial stones

District DEVELOPMENT

In 2009, the Tuscaloosa County Commission allocated \$200,000 to the Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority to be used in four districts for development. Each district received \$50,000 to be spent during the fiscal year. Since 1995, the District Development program has contributed \$2,075,149.93 to community projects and the community has contributed \$2,823,118.07 in matching funds.



District Advisory Committees represent each of the four districts with a cross section of citizens serving on the committees that review project requests. The committees make their recommendations to the PARA Board of Directors and final approval is made by the Tuscaloosa County Commission.

District Advisory COMMITTEES

DISTRICT 1

James Barnett, Chairman
Cynthia Almond, Councilwoman
Billy Booth
Mike Carr
Gary Honeycutt
Marvin Kennedy
Gary Maluda
Rev. Don Springer
Don Wallace, Commissioner
Steve Webb, Councilman

DISTRICT 2

Billy Hubbard, Chairman
Herman Bell
Andy Foster
Tom Perryman
Mark Phillips
Randall Turner
Kip Tyner, Councilman
Brett Whitehead
Gary Youngblood, Commissioner

DISTRICT 3

Perry Free, Chairman
Lee Garrison, Councilman
George Hinson
Bob Lundell, Councilman
Bobby Miller, Commissioner
Don Presley
Mike Spiller
Eddie Tinsley

DISTRICT 4

Lee Garrison, Councilman
Lorene Glover
Bobby Howard, Councilman
Jay Logan, Councilman
Reginald Murray, Commissioner
Mike Porter
Don Presley, Ex-Officio Member
Harrison Taylor, Councilman



2009 Financial Overview

Attendance

January 1-December 31, 2009

Program	Number by Reservation	Percentage
21st Century Play Centers	7,665	0.61%
Aquatics	143,588	11.50%
Arts	86,460	6.93%
Athletics	192,924	15.50%
Casual Center/Memberships Card Users	144,504	11.60%
Casual Center Users	15,978	
Center Membership Holders	128,526	
Facility Rentals/Usage	480,072	38.50%
Center Rentals	202,395	
Fields	155,960	
Other Outdoor Facilities	4,000	
Other Indoor Facilities	33,899	
Jenkins Multipurpose Arena	24,680	
Shelters	47,878	
Tennis Courts	11,260	
Instructional Classes	10,730	0.86%
Ol' Colony Golf	31,219	2.50%
Recreational Travel	558	0.04%
Senior Citizens	5,809	0.46%
Special Events	61,249	4.91%
Special Programming	47,838	3.83%
Therapeutic Recreation	8,121	0.62%
Youth and Teens	27,699	2.22%
TOTAL	1,248,070	

Attendance

2009-2004 = 5 years = 21% Increase

2009-1999 = 10 years = 38% Increase

Capital Disbursements

October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009

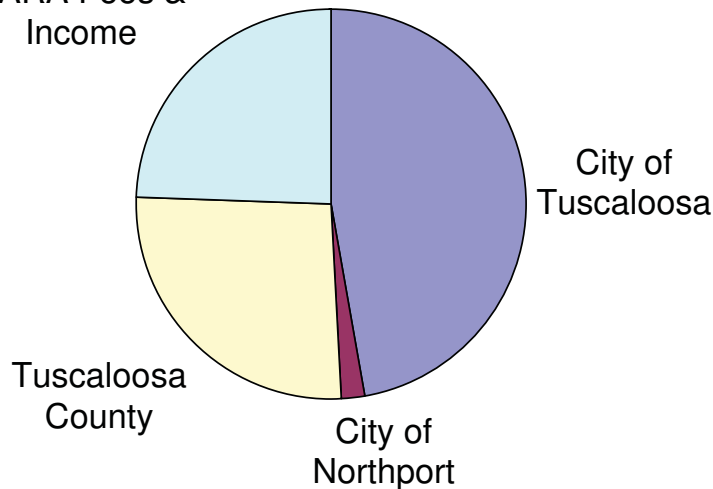
Area	Dollar Amount	Percentage
District Development	\$246,562.08	25.80%
West End Park	\$28,166.46	2.90%
Faucett Brothers Activity Center	\$234,828.75	24.50%
BAMA Theatre HVAC	\$35,055.63	3.70%
Motor Vehicles	\$59,028.00	6.20%
Building Improvements	\$44,078.79	4.60%
Walking Trail at Ol' Colony	\$37,381.00	3.90%
Veterans Memorial Park	\$175,402.83	18.30%
Equipment	\$24,707.98	2.60%
Other	\$71,536.04	7.50%
TOTAL	\$956,747.56	

2009 Financial Overview

Receipts

October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009

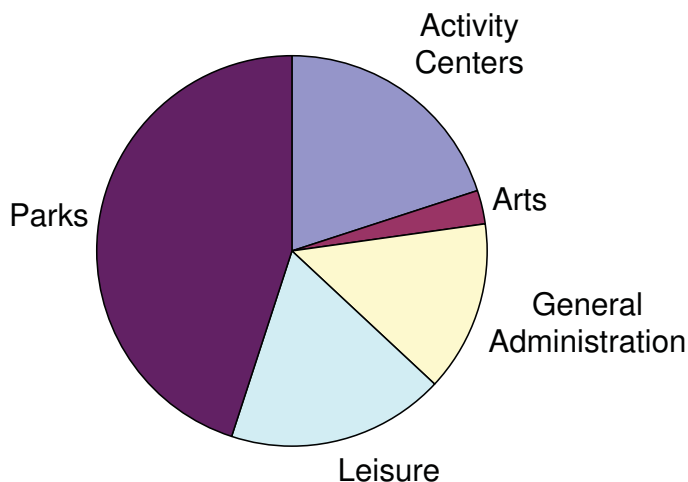
PARA Fees &
Income



Source	Dollar Amount	Percentage
City of Tuscaloosa	\$3,768,237.68	47.36%
City of Northport	\$150,000.00	1.89%
Tuscaloosa County	\$2,086,515.12	26.22%
PARA Fees & Income	\$1,951,777.27	24.53%
TOTAL	\$7,956,530.07	

Disbursements

October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009



Division	Dollar Amount	Percentage
Activity Centers	\$1,594,984.37	20.09%
Arts	\$215,314.77	2.71%
General Administration	\$1,123,782.42	14.16%
Leisure	\$1,431,290.30	18.03%
Parks	\$3,573,584.10	45.01%
TOTAL	\$7,938,955.96	

Parks & Shelters



Park Name	Acres	Rate	Capacity
1 Binion Creek Landing	6.2		
2 Bowers Park	156.8		
Elm Shelter		\$60	50
Maple Shelter		\$60	75
Minnie Sellers Shelter		\$95	150-175
Pine Shelter		\$60	50
Sycamore Shelter		\$60	75
3 Braughton Park	15		
4 Capitol Park	5	\$50/hr	
5 Cardinal Park	5		
Cardinal Shelter		\$60	75
6 Carrol's Creek Island	26.7		
7 Evans-Roshell Park	3.5		
8 Faucett Brothers Park	80		
Hawthorne Shelter		\$40	25
Loblolly Shelter		\$40	25
White Oak Shelter		\$40	25
9 Fosters Boat Landing	10		
10 A.L. Freeman Park	3		
Spruce Shelter		\$60	75
11 Harmon Park	3.4		
12 Hughes Community Center			
Druid Oaks Shelter		\$40	25
13 Jaycee Park	6		
Jaycee Pavilion		\$60	50
14 Kaulton Park	9.3		
15 Kentuck Park	38.5		
Hickory Shelter		\$60	75
Sweet Gum Shelter		\$60	50
16 McKinney Park	1.4		
17 Monnish Park	5.9		
Dogwood Shelter		\$60	35
Oak Shelter		\$60	35
18 Moundville Boat Landing	5		
19 Newt Hinton Park	39		
20 Northport Community Center	4.5	\$140	150

Parks & Shelters

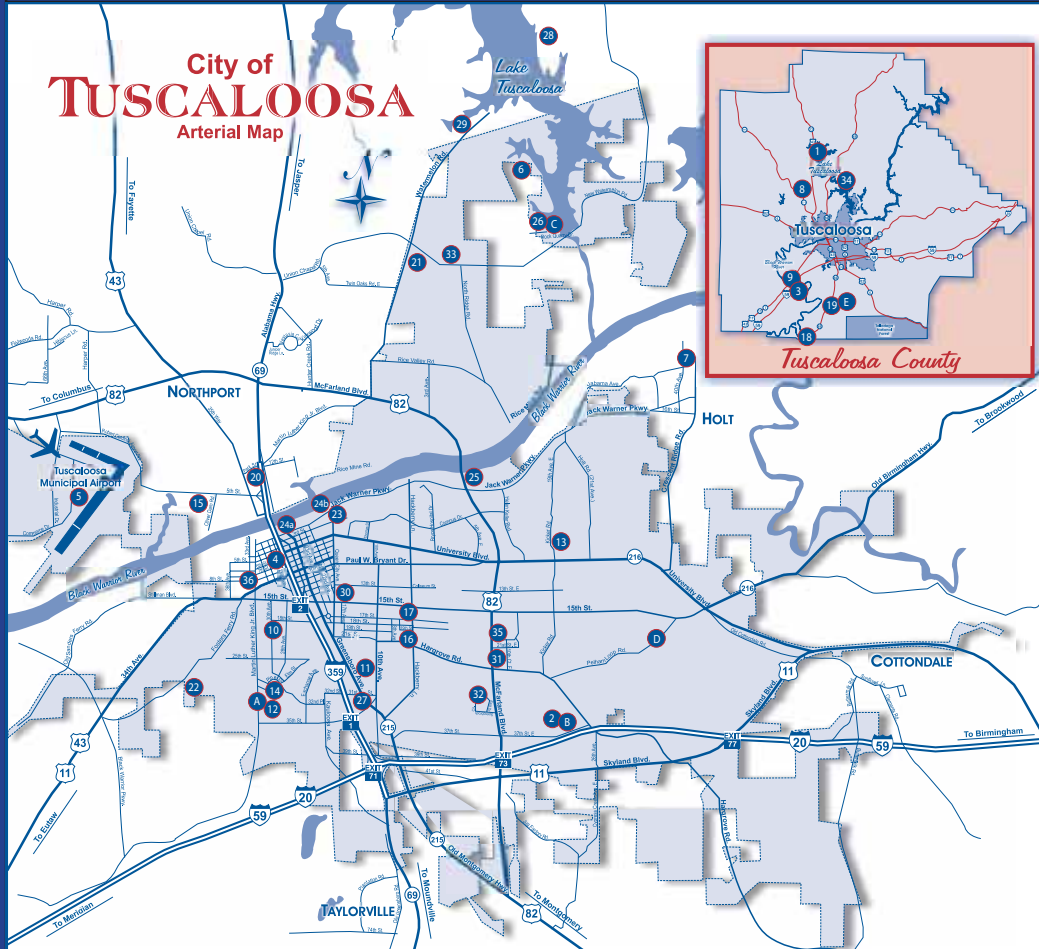


Park Name	Acres	Rate	Capacity
21 Ol' Colony Golf Complex	597		
22 Palmore Park	215		
Mimosa Shelter		\$60	75
Red Bud Shelter		\$95	100
Walnut Shelter		\$60	75
23 Queen City Park	11.9		
China Fir Shelter		\$35	10
24 River Road Park	5		
a. Birch Shelter		\$40/hr	50
b. Cypress Shelter - west		\$85	50
26 Riverview Boat Landing	5		
27 Rock Quarry Park Boat Landing	46.5		
Cedar Shelter		\$60	50
28 Rosedale Park	5.8		
Lion's Club Building		\$140	125
29 Sexton Park	18		
30 Sharpe's Landing	21		
31 Annette N. Shelby Park	12	\$55	
32 Snow Hinton Park	40		
Cherry Shelter		\$70	25
Magnolia Shelter		\$95	200
33 Springbrook Park	1		
34 Munny Sokol Park	325		
Box Elder Shelter		\$60	75
Ray C. Jenkins Multipurpose Arena		\$375	
Willow Shelter		\$60	75
35 Treasure Island	24.8		
36 Veteran's Memorial Park	0.2		
37 West End Park	2.1		

Activity Centers

- A McDonald Hughes Community Center**
- B Jerry Belk Activity Center**
- C Mary Ann Phelps Activity Center**
- D Leroy McAbee, Sr. Activity Center**
- E Bobby Miller Activity Center**

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