



**Celebrating 40 Years**



**1970-2010**

# Annual Report 2009-2010

**Tuscaloosa County Park & Recreation Authority**  
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# General Information

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8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun.  
205/562-3200

## MCDONALD HUGHES COMMUNITY CENTER

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
8 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. and closed Sun.  
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## LEROY MCABEE, SR. ACTIVITY CENTER

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35404  
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8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun.  
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35405  
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## MARY ANN PHELPS ACTIVITY CENTER

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35406  
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8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun.  
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401 Old Colony Road  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35406  
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## PARK OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35405  
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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 & 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:

The challenges we are facing as we move into our fifth decade of providing arts, parks and recreation opportunities continue to be serious and significant. Today most, if not all, public agencies are challenged to continue to provide a high standard of service, programs and facilities, while at the same time are forced to cut costs and make the absolute most with their available resources. The PARA Board of Directors and staff are committed to continue to provide the very best programs, facilities and parks possible. We understand the importance of what PARA provides, we know of its positive affect on the quality of life throughout the community. PARA's conservative approach to managing its day-to-day operations is helping us to maintain a positive attitude as we face this time of great uncertainty. We trust the community as a whole appreciates our efforts to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

PARA's impact on the quality of life within the community is evidenced by steady increases in attendance at centers, programs, parks and special events. Records show an increase in attendance and participation up 7.05 percent over the previous year, some 1.3 million uses/visits. Over the past five years we have seen a 21 percent increase, a 30 percent increase over the past ten years. We are confident future numbers will continue to increase as we are able to add services, programs and facilities. In addition, PARA routinely receives compliments or hears positive remarks regarding quality of our services, programs, parks and facilities from people who have moved to the Tuscaloosa County area from other areas in the state, region and/or nation. As the population of this area continues to increase, so will the demand for arts, parks and recreation.

Looking back, we are very proud of the accomplishments made over the past 40 years, accomplishments that made a significant impact on the quality of life for our residents. As we look forward, we see opportunity for improvements that will continue to enhance our communities, continue to help make our communities an inviting place to live, a good place to live.

I invite you to live, learn, play PARA.

Don Kelly  
Executive Director



# Board of Directors & Elected Officials



## Board of **DIRECTORS**

Through September 31, 2010

Joe Duckworth, Jr., Chairman, appointed by City of Tuscaloosa  
Hezekiah Carstarphen, 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 celebrated 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 38 Park sites, five Activity Centers with plans for a sixth, 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 relies 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 \$25,005.58 in undesignated funds as of September 30, 2010.

### 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. Distinct center amenities include features such as indoor walking tracks, indoor therapeutic and or recreational pools.

Annual center memberships are available for purchase and allow use of common areas of all centers. Membership options include family, couple, individual and senior memberships. Citizens may also use the 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 2010, there have been 42,010 center memberships purchased.

### **Jerry Belk Activity Center**

- Opened August 1997; dedicated October 4, 1997
- Featuring tutoring 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 24,951 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 adult exercise 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, QuickStart Tennis and Small Business Workshops

### **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 including 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, 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: Zumba, baton, dance & color guard, line dancing, Yoga, Pilates, watercolor painting 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, Breakfast & Bingo and Pickin' N' Grinnin.'
- The following aquatic programs are offered through PARA: swim lessons, water aerobics, 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 provides opportunities for families, adults and active seniors to get outdoors and enjoy nature. The most popular trips are hiking and canoeing.
- The PARAkids Day Camp program hosted 523 elementary school-aged children during summer break and school holidays. The program offers structured recreation, skills and values that are key to child development. 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 is very successful. Recreation, arts and crafts and tutoring are available to 65 students per day who participate during the school year.
- Youth sports such as girls and boys basketball, soccer, flag and tackle football and slow and fast pitch softball offer our youth additional opportunities to stay fit and develop athletically.
- The 33rd annual July Jubilee celebration on July 4, 2010, was hosted for the third year 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 2010 West Alabama Christmas Parade featured Grand Marshals

Theophilus Danzy, former Stillman College head coach and Alvin P. DuPont, former mayor. The “Crimson Christmas” theme honored recent national championship football celebrations of the University of Alabama.



# 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  
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  
Ellison's Tree Service

Duckworth-Morris Realty Co., Inc. and  
DMG, LLC  
Jamie Ellwanger  
Angela Fernandez  
First Federal Bank  
First National Bank of Central Alabama  
Friday Oil Co.  
Krista Garcia  
Gene Lary's Trophy Shop  
Mr. Jimmy Tom Goostree  
Hall-Taylor Construction, Inc.  
Justine Hamilton  
Hampton Inn  
Brion Hardin  
Jim Harrison, Jr.  
Harrison Galleries  
Hollyhand Construction  
Hotel Capstone  
Hudson-Poole Fine Jewelers  
Ilex Nurseries  
Indian Hills Animal Clinic  
The Insurance Center of Tuscaloosa  
Carl Jamison  
Jessup and Associates  
Krispy Kreme

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# Sponsors & Volunteers

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Norm Lacy  
Marsha Lee  
Left Hand Soap  
Laura Lineberry  
Little Caesar's Pizza  
Manna Grocery  
Billie Jo Maxcey  
David Mayo  
McAbee Construction Co.  
McAbee Pigfitters  
McGiffert and Associates, LLC  
Kevin McMahon  
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  
Michelle Reedy  
Regions Bank  
Schlotzsky's Deli

SouthernLINC Wireless  
Southmark Design  
Spanky's Portable Toilets  
Spray Max, Inc.  
S.T. Bunn Construction  
Super Sports, Inc.  
Daniel Tinker  
Townsend Ford/Townsend Honda  
Tuscaloosa Tourism & Sports  
Commission  
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.  
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 47 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 47 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 Tuesday Night Movie Series. Film festival partnerships include the Jewish Film Festival, the Black Maria Film Festival, Manhattan Short 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, Poetry Out Loud and the Artists-in-Residence educational programs serve over 30,000 children annually. Annual exhibitions in the Junior League Gallery and the newly created Greensboro Room gallery include the West Alabama Juried Show, the Visual Arts Achievement Awards and the Double Exposure Photography Competition.

## Member ORGANIZATIONS

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

# Ol' Colony Golf

## Ol' Colony Golf Complex

The dream of a championship public golf course for Tuscaloosa was realized with the opening of Ol' Colony Golf Complex in the year 2000. The Jerry Pate designed 18-hole course is considered one of the best in the area. Within one year, it was named one of the "Top 5 Best New Public Courses in America" by *Golf Digest*. Since then it has continued to live up to this reputation.

The name Ol' Colony is a reference to the Boys Colony, a former home and farm for boys with disabilities. The 597-acre site is leased from the Alabama Department of Mental Health. Remaining acreage is ample enough for an additional 18 holes. Initial project funding came from a \$3 million loan from the City of Tuscaloosa, a \$3 million bond issue backed by the Tuscaloosa County Commission and private donations.

### Amenities/Programs

The First Tee of Tuscaloosa is dedicated to providing young people of all backgrounds the opportunity to develop life skills through golf and character education is the youth component of Ol' Colony. Now in the eleventh year, it has grown to serve 400 certifying participants on site and reaches over 2,000 youth in Target Outreach Programs in the community. With the implementation of The First Tee National School Program into 31 Tuscaloosa City and County elementary schools in 2010, the Tuscaloosa Chapter is now impacting over 14,000 youths. In 2010, the Chapter opened its First Tee Short Course for all participants.

The Jerry Pate Golf Center at Ol' Colony is one of the top practice facilities in the nation. The Center provides for the University of Alabama's men's and women's golf teams as well as the ability to have full practice sessions inside or out depending on the weather.

### Pro Shop and Diner

The Pro Shop is fully stocked with everything a golfer might want in brand name golf gear. The Diner features an expanded menu of breakfast and lunch offerings made to order. Alfresco dining on the patio makes for a memorable Ol' Colony experience.

### Lessons/Corporate Programs

The Brion Hardin First Tee Teaching Facility is equipped with a Trackman Launch Monitor, V1 Pro Software and Explanar Plane System, an indoor putting area and two hitting bays for fittings and lessons. Individual and corporate rates/lesson packages are available.

### Ol' Colony...Redefining Golf and the Great Outdoors

John Gray, head professional, Gary Braughton and Michael Shivetts, golf professionals  
Gib Fox, maintenance and Jonathon Hollingsworth, superintendent  
Anna Xenakis, diner manager



# Parks, Planning & Development



## Completed **PROJECTS**

FISCAL YEAR: October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

### District Development Projects for 2010

**District 1:** Verner Elementary School installed a tot playground in their “Field of Dreams” and Rock Quarry Elementary School installed outdoor basketball goals and two 3-bay swing sets. Northside Little League continued to improve their facilities with the renovation of a ball field that included infield mix, turf sprigging and irrigation.

**District 2:** Cottdendale Little League renovated a ball field and Holt High School renovated the infield of their baseball stadium.

**District 3:** Duncanville Little League was able to complete their dugout renovations which included the installation of team benches, parking lot fencing, renovations to the infield and concession stand and the installation of a playground unit. Taylorville Community Club assisted in the installation of signage for Newt Hinton Park.

**District 4:** Myrtlewood Elementary School constructed a covered walkway from their gymnasium to the school building. This featured an aluminum covered walkway, concrete sidewalk, steps and landscaping.

### Capital Projects

PARA partnered with the City of Tuscaloosa and the annual Boys State community service project. This year, the project focused on elementary schools. Skyland, Northington, and Alberta Elementary Schools were the recipients of improvements to their playgrounds. Mulch was added as fall protection. Bench seating, new ball field diamonds and basketball courts were repaved and striped. Painting was an additional job completed in all locations.

The Historic Queen City Park trails were completely renovated with a \$100,000 grant from the Recreational Trails Program. Ol’ Colony Trail, Phase 2 was completed with a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant. Kaulton Park received a prefabricated restroom as an addition to the city sidewalk project.

The PARA Building that houses the Historic BAMA Theatre and Arts and Humanities Council of Tuscaloosa received a new roof and roof access, a much-needed first step toward renovation of the building.

# Parks, Planning & Development

## District DEVELOPMENT

In 2010, 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 \$2,188,155.81 to community projects and the community has contributed \$3,202,315.07 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  
Don Presley, Ex-Officio Member  
Harrison Taylor, Councilman

# 2010 Financial Overview

## Attendance

January 1-December 31, 2010

*\* 2010 Attendance represents a 9.55% increase over the past year.*

*\* Does not include attendance numbers for open park use.*

Program	Number by Reservation	Percentage
21st Century Play Centers	990	0.07%
Aquatics	154,700	11.31%
Arts	84,041	6.15%
Athletics	170,077	12.43%
Adult	48,530	
Youth	121,547	
Casual Center/Memberships Card Users	143,072	10.46%
Casual Center Users	17,685	
Center Membership Holders	125,387	
Facility Rentals/Usage	571,127	41.77%
Center Rentals	236,293	
Fields	165,285	
Other Outdoor Facilities	5,570	
Other Indoor Facilities	33,248	
Jenkins Multipurpose Arena	40,324	
Shelters	84,783	
Tennis Courts	3,624	
Instructional Classes	18,015	1.32%
Ol' Colony Golf	33,670	2.46%
Recreational Travel/Outdoor Adventure	1,329	0.10%
Senior Citizens	7,348	0.54%
Special Events	63,940	4.68%
Special Programming	83,975	6.14%
Therapeutic Recreation	8,121	0.59%
Youth and Teens	26,851	1.96%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,367,256</b>	

## Capital Disbursements

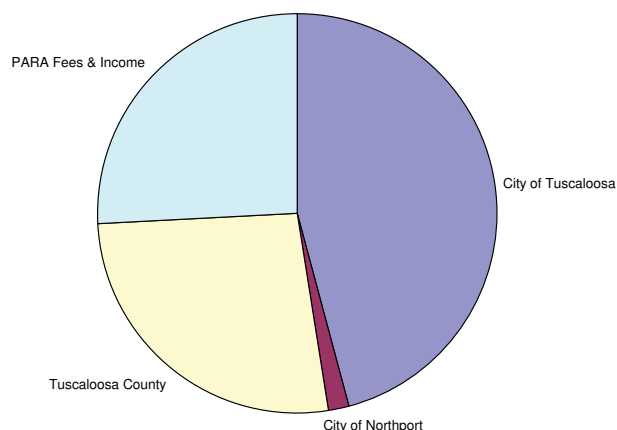
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Area	Dollar Amount	Percentage
District Development	\$177,291.32	17.26%
Kaulton Park	\$36,655.94	3.56%
Faucett Brothers Park Activity Center	\$256,806.08	25.00%
Binion Creek Landing	\$63,383.80	6.17%
Queen City Trail	\$74,396.84	7.24%
Building Improvements	\$80,192.64	7.80%
Ol' Colony Walking Trail	\$198,598.52	19.33%
Veterans Memorial Park	\$6,325.78	0.61%
Equipment	\$16,699.00	1.62%
Park Development	\$116,584.15	11.41%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,026,933.27</b>	

# 2010 Financial Overview

## Receipts

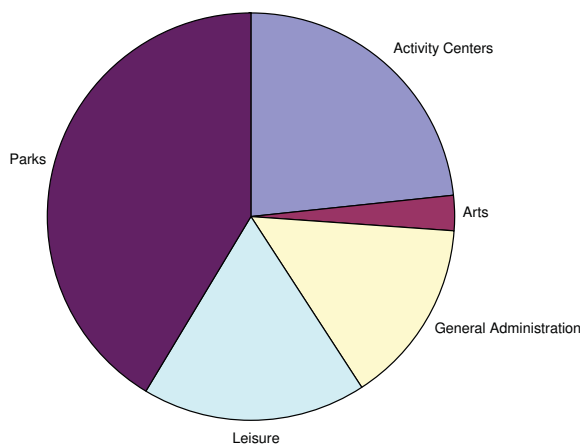
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Source	Dollar Amount	Percentage
City of Tuscaloosa	\$3,526,257.58	45.93%
City of Northport	\$112,500.00	1.46%
Tuscaloosa County	\$2,055,908.24	26.78%
PARA Fees & Income	\$1,981,368.24	25.83%

## Disbursements

October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010



Division	Dollar Amount	Percentage
Activity Centers	\$1,787,522.83	23.28%
Arts	\$213,674.53	2.71%
General Administration	\$1,143,667.45	14.89%
Leisure	\$1,358,547.47	17.69%
Parks	\$3,172,369.37	41.36%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,675,781.65</b>	

# Parks & Shelters



Park Name	Acres	Rate	Capacity
<b>1 Binion Creek Landing</b> 16651 Hwy. 43 N., Northport 35473	6.2		
<b>2 Bowers Park</b> 2101 Bowers Park Drive, Tuscaloosa 35405	156.8		
Elm Shelter		\$60	50
Maple Shelter		\$60	75
Minnie Sellers Shelter		\$95	150-175
Pine Shelter		\$60	50
Sycamore Shelter		\$60	75
<b>3 Braughton Park</b> Hwy 11, Fosters 35463	15		
<b>4 Capitol Park</b> 2800 6th Street, Tuscaloosa 35401	5	\$50/hr	
<b>5 Cardinal Park</b> 7325 Robert Cardinal Airport Rd., Tuscaloosa 35401	5		
Cardinal Shelter		\$60	75
<b>6 Carroll's Creek Island</b> Lake Tuscaloosa	26.7		
<b>7 Evans-Roshell Park</b> 4006 20th Street NE, Tuscaloosa 35401	3.5		
<b>8 Faucett Brothers Park</b> 13040 Eugenia Faucett Dr., Northport 35476	80		
Hawthorne Shelter		\$40	25
Loblolly Shelter		\$40	25
White Oak Shelter		\$40	25
<b>9 Fosters Boat Landing</b> Fosters Landing Lane, Fosters 35463	10		
<b>10 A.L. Freeman Park</b> 3001 Dragons Ln., Tuscaloosa 35401	3		
Spruce Shelter		\$60	75
<b>11 Harmon Park</b> 2901 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa 35401	3.4		
<b>12 Jaycee Park</b> 701 Kicker Rd., Tuscaloosa 35404	6		
Jaycee Pavilion		\$105	50
<b>13 Kaulton Park</b> 2929 Pine St., Tuscaloosa 35401	9.3		
<b>14 Kentuck Park</b> 3401 5th Street, Northport 35476	38.5		
Hickory Shelter		\$60	75
Sweet Gum Shelter		\$60	50
<b>15 McKinney Park</b> 1400 19th Street, Tuscaloosa 35401	1.4		
<b>16 Monnish Park</b> 1500 Hackberry Ln., Tuscaloosa 35401	5.9		
Dogwood Shelter		\$60	35
Oak Shelter		\$60	35
<b>17 Moundville Boat Landing</b> Black Warrior River, Moundville	5		
<b>18 Newt Hinton Park</b> 300 Bobby Miller Pkwy., Tuscaloosa 35405	39		
<b>19 Northport Community Center</b> 2100 Park Street, Northport 35476	4.5	\$140	150
<b>20 Ol' Colony Golf Complex</b> 401 Old Colony Rd., Tuscaloosa 35406	597		

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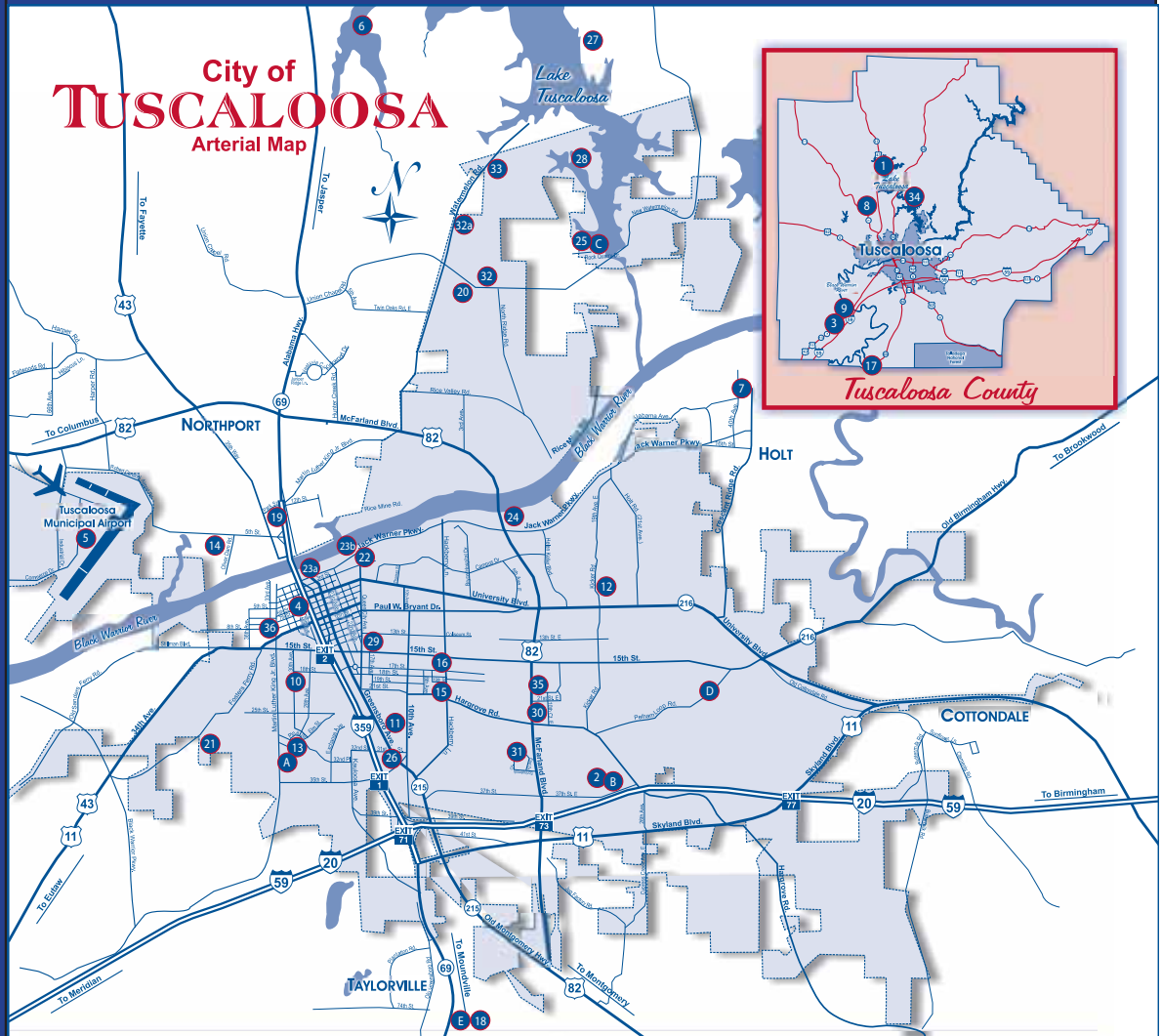


Park Name	Acres	Rate	Capacity
<b>21 Palmore Park</b>	215		
3701 Fosters Ferry Rd., Tuscaloosa 35401			
Mimosa Shelter		\$60	75
Red Bud Shelter		\$95	100
Walnut Shelter		\$60	75
<b>22 Queen City Park</b>	11.9		
Queen City Avenue, Tuscaloosa 35401			
China Fir Shelter		\$35	10
<b>23 River Road Park</b>	5		
1600 Jack Warner Pkwy., Tuscaloosa 35401			
a. Birch Shelter		\$40/hr	50
b. Cypress Shelter		\$85	50
<b>24 Riverview Boat Landing</b>	5		
Black Warrior River, Tuscaloosa 35401			
<b>25 Rock Quarry Park Boat Landing</b>	46.5		
2300 New Watermelon Rd., Tuscaloosa 35406			
Cedar Shelter		\$60	50
<b>26 Rosedale Park</b>	5.8		
3000 Greensboro Ave., Tuscaloosa 35401			
Lion's Club Building		\$140	125
<b>27 Sexton Park</b>	18		
Sexton Bend Road, Tuscaloosa 35401			
<b>28 Sharpe's Landing</b>	21		
13750 Sharp's Lake Rd., Northport 35473			
<b>29 Annette N. Shelby Park</b>	12	\$55	
1614 15th St., Tuscaloosa 35401			
<b>30 Snow Hinton Park</b>	40		
1000 Hargrove Rd. E., Tuscaloosa 35405			
Cherry Shelter		\$70	25
Magnolia Shelter		\$95	200
<b>31 Springbrook Park</b>	1		
500 Springbrook Circle, Tuscaloosa 35405			
<b>32 Munny Sokol Park South</b>	325		
5901 Watermelon Rd., Northport 35473			
Willow Shelter		\$60	75
a. Ray C. Jenkins Multipurpose Arena		\$375	
6025 Watermelon Rd., Northport 35473			
<b>33 Munny Sokol Park North</b>			
6198 Watermelon Rd., Northport 35473			
Box Elder Shelter		\$60	75
<b>34 Treasure Island</b>	24.8		
Lake Tuscaloosa			
<b>35 Veterans Memorial Park</b>	0.2		
1701 McFarland Blvd. E., Tuscaloosa 35404			
<b>36 West End Park</b>	2.1		
3230 8th St., Tuscaloosa 35401			

## Activity Centers

- A McDonald Hughes Community Center**  
3101 MLK Blvd., Tuscaloosa 35401
- B Jerry Belk Activity Center**  
2101 Bowers Park Dr., Tuscaloosa 35405
- C Mary Ann Phelps Activity Center**  
2200 Rock Quarry Dr., Tuscaloosa 35406
- D Leroy McAbee, Sr. Activity Center**  
3801 Loop Rd., Tuscaloosa 35405
- E Bobby Miller Activity Center**  
300 Bobby Miller Pkwy., Tuscaloosa 35405

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