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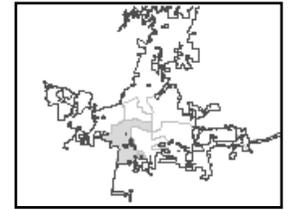
NEWSLETTER

City of Tuscaloosa
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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Greetings;

April 27, 2011...this date cannot define us; however, it will shape our way of life for years to come in District 2 and the City of Tuscaloosa. Since I last communicated with you through my newsletter, our City experienced the largest natural disaster in our history. I would like to thank Mayor Maddox and the City of Tuscaloosa staff for your countless hours of dedication to our citizens as we continue to rebuild. We are coming back! I am encouraged by so many signs and flags that fly high in the air within our district. They continue to be a signal of hope for a better tomorrow. Please continue to call me at 248-5020 with announcements and invitations to your community meetings. I look forward to our continued partnership.

Many exciting things are taking place in our City that I would love to share with each of you...

Community Memorial Services: The City of Tuscaloosa will host a Community Memorial Service on Friday, April 27, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at Coleman Coliseum located at 323 Paul W. Bryant Drive located on the University of Alabama campus. The service will honor the lives lost in the April 27 storm, and to recognize the heroes of our response and recovery. In addition to the Community Memorial Service, the City would like to initiate a Week of Remembrance by promoting community sponsored events also reflecting on the April 27 tornado. Neighborhoods, churches and community groups planning any type of ceremony or activity are encouraged to submit their events to the City's Community Calendar by emailing city@tuscaloosa.com or calling Tuscaloosa 311. Additional information about the Community Memorial Service, as well as a list of scheduled activities, will be released at a later date.

Tuscaloosa Amphitheater: The Tuscaloosa Amphitheater experienced phenomenal success being

nominated for a 2011 Pollstar Concert Industry Award in the category of Best New Major Concert Venue. Years ahead of our most optimistic projections, the Amphitheater earned a small surplus during its first year of operation hosting two dozen concerts, athletic events and community programs making it everyone's venue elevating our community's quality of life. Please visit www.tuscaloosaamphitheater.com to learn more about our upcoming season.

Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum: The Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum was opened on December 13, 2011. The museum features artifacts, replications, photographs and iPad displays of the area's history as reflected through rivers, roads, rails and other forms of transport. Built in the old Queen City Pool Bathhouse located at 1901 Jack Warner Parkway, the museum is open, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors (older than 65) and children 6 to 17. Children younger than 5 are admitted free. For more information please visit www.mwwtm.com, contact the museum's director, Shaina Strom at 205-759-9603 or contact Tuscaloosa 311.

Government Plaza Park: Government Plaza, with its gazebo, fountain, benches and walkways, abuts the free parking deck sitting right behind City Hall, and across 21st Avenue from the Federal building. Besides the open grassy area, the plaza features other amenities such as power for the lighting and music equipment, assessable bathrooms in the adjacent Intermodal Facility which provides over 400 free parking spaces and the Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame Monument. For rental information, please contact TDOT Director Tera Tubbs at 205-248-5800 or Tuscaloosa 311.



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Some very important projects vital to District 2 include...

Greensboro Avenue Streetscape: The City is rapidly approaching the completion of the Greensboro Avenue Streetscaping project. Vital to the stimulation of economic and retail development in this area, the \$2.8 million of the project's cost was funded partly with \$1.7 million coming from federal stimulus money administered through the Alabama Department of Transportation. The City also used \$501,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant money on the project.

Revitalization of 10th Avenue, Rosedale Court and Forest Lake: I appreciate the community participation in the various Tuscaloosa Forward community meetings that have been held since April 27. We have one opportunity to get it right. I encourage you to contact me at 248-5020 to share your thoughts and ideas as we continue to move forward with the Tuscaloosa Forward Generational Master Plan. For more information about the plan please visit www.tuscaloosafoward.com.

Tuscaloosa Police Precincts: The Tuscaloosa Police Department is planning to re-open the East Precinct in Alberta and a new West Precinct on Culver Road by this summer. The East Precinct, which opened in December 2009, sustained heavy damage in the April 27 tornado. The presence of the precincts in areas with high crime levels will provide a positive impact on crime and hopefully stimulate economic development.

Other Initiatives: Jemison Avenue ditch retrofitting is almost complete and City Engineers continue to put speed tables and resurfacing in areas of most need based on engineering studies. If you need assistance with non emergency services and information, please remember to dial 311 from anywhere in Tuscaloosa.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES

WEEKLY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Weekly on Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers – City Hall (Pre-Council Meetings on Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. in the Narashino Room adjacent to the Council Chambers in City Hall)

PUBLIC PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Weekly on Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Daugherty Room – Second Floor, City Hall

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On the Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Daugherty Room – Second Floor, City Hall

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

First Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Daugherty Room – Second Floor, City Hall

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Daugherty Room – Second Floor, City Hall

OTHER MEETINGS

If there is a need for additional Committee meetings, notice will be given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Law, Act 2005-40 (Ala. Code §36-25A-1).