



District Update

From Mayor Walter Maddox

Tuscaloosa is an amazing city, with amazing people who are doing amazing things. At our recent inauguration, I echoed this sincere belief because during my eight years as mayor, I have witnessed our citizens rise to all challenges regardless if it were the dark clouds of the economic recession or the dark cloud of Mother Nature.

For me, seeing your strength, and experiencing your hope, even in our darkest hours, renewed the promise I made to myself and to you that I would work even harder as your mayor. To that end, I wanted to give you a brief update of what is happening in your district.

ROCK QUARRY ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL TRAFFIC - During rush hour times, the traffic at Old Colony Road and Rice Mine Road is causing severe delays, and in many cases backing up traffic to McWrights Ferry Road. I have authorized the Office of City Engineering to begin preliminary plans of a new access road into the campuses. I hope to recommend funding of a consulting engineer in April 2014.

MCWRIGHTS FERRY ROAD EXTENSION - This new road and expansion project would provide an alternate route to crossing the Lake Tuscaloosa Dam. We clearly need another route to relieve the traffic. Prior to the ending of congressional earmarks, the City secured funding for engineering and right-of-way acquisition, and both of these are on-going. To make this project come to fruition, it will take continued federal and state partnership, and we are working to make this happen. That being said, we are probably a decade from going to construction.

TUSCALOOSA REGIONAL AIRPORT - The airport has had two major projects in recent months. The first is a 5,700-foot extension

to Taxiway Bravo including LED lighting and signs. The second was an electrical upgrade to the main runway, Runway 4-22, and replacement of all the remaining signs on the airfield with LED signs.

LAKE TUSCALOOSA DAM SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS - Lake Tuscaloosa is the primary source of drinking water for 94 percent of Tuscaloosa County. As the central source of water, measures have been taken to ensure its safety and security including new security fencing and advanced surveillance technology.

Your representative Cynthia Almond deserves credit in the growth and vitality of our City. She's been a great friend and supportive colleague.

Unfortunately, due to lack of space, I am unable to touch on all the initiatives we are working on, but to that end, we are having a District Three Mayor's Night Out town hall meeting on Feb. 27 at Verner Elementary School.

The focus will be to outline our short and long term plans, and most importantly, to listen to your concerns and needs. There will be a meet and greet from 5:30 to 6 p.m. which is designed as a come-and-go opportunity to address any matters.

At 6 p.m., I will give an overview of what is going on in the City, and in particular, your district.

From 6:20 to 7 p.m., we will have a question-and-answer session.

As I stated recently at our inauguration, I am an imperfect person assuming the duties of a position that often requires perfection.

However, I accept this high responsibility because I believe in Tuscaloosa, and I believe that our best days are in front of us.

I hope to see you soon!





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Thursday, Feb. 27
 5:30 - 7 p.m.
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