



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 with the City, 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.

Clearly, in District Two, which saw so many neighborhoods and businesses devastated, you are now defined by your resilient and compassionate response to the April 27, 2011 tornado. Seeing your strength and experiencing your hope, even in our darkest hour, renewed my promise that I would work even harder as your mayor.

To that end, with the City's access to federal disaster recovery funding, coupled with the City's contributions, many of the projects outlined in the Tuscaloosa Forward Plan are progressing with a significant portion set to go under construction in 2014 and 2015. Below is a brief update of a few projects:

- **ROSEDALE COURTS PHASE I, II AND III:** The City has invested more than \$7 million in this phased project. Phase I is complete and phase II is nearing completion. The final phase - 128 senior units - is under construction to be completed this year.

- **10TH AVENUE REVITALIZATION:** \$12.2 million is allocated to City Walk, infrastructure and streetscaping improvements with a scope from Mary Harmon Park to Hargrove Road. It's currently in the engineering phase, and construction should begin as early as 2015.

- **FOREST LAKE AND UNIVERSITY PLACE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:** This \$3.5 million project from Hackberry Lane to 15th Street creates pedestrian and bicycle access to the University Place elementary and middle schools, churches, neighborhoods and commercial areas via the City Walk. It also upgrades essential water, sewer and storm water utilities. Currently in the final phase of engineering, construction is set to begin this year.

- **THE EDGE:** This unique partnership between the University of Alabama, Chamber of Commerce and the City will build a business incubation center on 10th Avenue that fosters entrepreneurship and minority business development. EDA, ADECA and CDBG-DR grants will fund this \$9.2 million project.

- **HACKBERRY/HARGROVE REALIGNMENT:** Improvements to these two heavily traveled roadway segments will support reconstruction of nearby residential and commercial properties. This \$5.9 million project is in the engineering phase, with construction planned to begin late 2014.

In the next 12 to 24 months, the McDonald Hughes Center, Palmore Park and Mary Harmon Park will see significant upgrades as the City invests millions to improve our parks system. Further, we are likely to begin engineering next year for the revitalization of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

From the amazing work of Habitat for Humanity, to the rebuilding of the Masonic Lodge, Central Church of Christ and countless new homes, we are building back stronger, safer, smarter.

Our Council President and your representative, Harrison Taylor, deserves so much credit for his advocacy. He has been a mentor and great friend to me, and our City.

Obviously space prevents me from writing about so much more, but to that end, we are having a District Two Mayor's Night Out town hall meeting on Feb. 6, 2014 at Central 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. - 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, District Two. From 6:20 to 7 p.m., we will have a question-and-answer session.

I hope to see you soon!



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 Thursday, Feb. 6
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Central Elementary School

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