

DISTRICT 3 | FALL 2018

TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL

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GREETINGS DISTRICT 3

It is my pleasure to serve you for a fourth term, and what a great, productive term it has been so far. At the beginning of this term, I was elected City Council President, where I have had the opportunity to serve as a liaison to the Mayor and represent the City in an official capacity at

public functions. Along with serving as City Council President, I continue to serve each and every one of you in District 3. Allow me to update you on a few exciting matters in our district.

COUNCILOR CYNTHIA LEE ALMOND

NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

As we begin a new school year, there are a few notable changes to bring to your attention. The first is the opening of Northridge Middle School. Northridge Middle School is located next to Northridge High School, and it will be taking the place of Rock Quarry Middle School and University Place Middle School. We are ably represented on the Tuscaloosa City School Board by Dr. Guy May.

With the new school, traffic patterns will be a little different. To reduce congestion, the school system has implemented staggered start times for different schools. We sincerely hope that this will alleviate much of the heavy morning and afternoon traffic and provide your family with a safer, easier commute.

In addition to the staggered start times, we have added turn lanes and will closely monitor traffic flow to see if any additional infrastructure improvements need to be made.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS 7:55 A.M. - 2:40 P.M. **TUSCALOOSA MAGNET SCHOOLS ALBERTA SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS**

MIDDLE SCHOOLS | 8:10 A.M. - 3:10 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOLS | 8:25 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.

STARS ACADEMY AND SUCCESS PREP 8:25 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.

MCWRIGHT'S FERRY ROAD

As you know, the McWright's Ferry Road extension over North River has been planned for decades now. The Tuscaloosa County Road Improvements Commission (TCRIC) has budgeted over \$54 million for this project. According to BKI, the engineering firm designing the project, designs are substantially complete. The city, along with BKI, will perform value engineering on the design and then right of way acquisition can begin.

The estimated construction time for this project is 3 years and is projected to begin in late 2019. The construction of the McWright's Ferry Road extension will extend the roadway from Rice Mine Road to McWright's Ferry Road across North River. Once completed, this extension will create a second access to areas and neighborhoods across the Lake Tuscaloosa dam.







The first District 3 Cleanup Day took place last fall at Northridge High School. The City of Tuscaloosa teamed up with community members and local students to roll up their sleeves and take a few hours to pick up litter around District 3. The event was hosted along with the Keep America Beautiful organization, which partners with communities around the country to promote waste reduction, recycling, and litter prevention. We hope to build on the success of this event with another cleanup day this fall, so please stay tuned for announcements regarding the date, time and location!



LAKE TUSCALOOSA REGULATIONS

Recently, the City of Tuscaloosa adopted updated regulations regarding electricity on piers. Anyone who owns a dock on the lake must have a permit, and if the dock has electricity running

to it, the owner must have it inspected and approved by a certified electrical technician. We have had a good response to the changes, so thank you for your cooperation. Everyone's goal is to keep our lakes a safe place to live and play. We welcome feedback from Lake Tuscaloosa residents as we continue to make improvements to our ordinances.





