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Tupelo Department of Parks & Recreation



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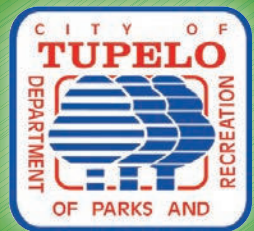
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Mission Statement

The City of Tupelo Department of Parks and Recreations strives to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Tupelo by providing professionally designed comprehensive recreation and leisure programs and services. To accomplish the mission, the Department:

- Provides diversity in programming opportunities to meet the changing needs and interests of users,
- Maintains safe, well-managed facilities and programs to ensure opportunities for participation by all,
- Fosters the development of knowledge, interests, and behaviors that promote a healthy lifestyle,
- Encourages the development of positive attitudes regarding participant and sportmanship,
- Offers programs and services at a cost that is affordable to all.

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(Contact Tupelo Parks and Rec Office)

(662) 841-6440

Bel Air Golf Shop

(662) 841-6446

Lee Acres Center

(662) 841-6452

Oren Dunn City Museum

(662) 841-6438

Rec-Check

(662) 842-8422

Tupelo Aquatic Center

(662) 840-3768

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Rockwell Center - 1199 Joyner Avenue

\$250.00 Rental Fee: Friday, 6pm – Sunday, 10pm/ \$200 damage deposit
Fee includes 1 large room/1 small room, kitchen facility. This facility is used mainly for birthday parties, family reunions and dances.

C.C. Augustus Center - 1400 North Green Street

\$250.00 Rental Fee: Friday, 6pm – Sunday, 10pm) /\$200 damage deposit
Fee includes 1 large room for up to 100 people. This facility is used for various events. The facility is also available for neighborhood activities.

Bel-Air Center - 2107 Country Club Road

\$800.00 Rental Fee, \$400.00 damage deposit.
Fee includes the building and outside green space, ballroom with kitchen and also has 100 chairs and enough tables for 72 guests.

Ballard Park - 655 Rutherford Road

East Pavilion; \$50.00 – ½ Day, \$75.00 – Whole Day
Gazebo; \$100.00 - per day (weddings/church services)
Stage; Fee depends on size/type of event.

Hancock Park - 310 Monument Drive

Pavilion: \$75.00 – per day (holds 25-30 people)

Theron Nichols - 1743 Mitchell Road

Pavilion; \$75.00 per day (holds 25-30 people)

Veterans Park - 800 North Veterans Boulevard

Veterans Pavilion; \$75.00 - ½ Day, \$125.00 – Whole Day (holds 75 people)
Veterans Memorial Pavilion; \$75.00 – ½ Day, \$125.00 – Whole Day (holds 40 people)

Gumtree Park - 683 North Front Street

Pavilion: \$100 – Whole Day (holds 75 people)

A.M. Strange Building - 579 N. Green Street

Building: \$25.00 Rental Fee, per day, \$25.00 damage deposit. (holds 25-30 people)
Includes tables & chairs

Contact Sheila Young at the Tupelo Parks & Recreation office for rental information at 662-841-6440 or email sheila.young@tupeloms.gov

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2025 Calendar

January

- 1-31 Oren Dunn City Museum -Elvis' 90th Birthday
- 1-19 Soccer Pre-Academy Online Registration
- 6 Recreational Basketball Resumes
- 12-Feb 2 Spring Online Registration for Baseball and Softball
- 2- Feb 10 Top Soccer Online Registration
- 27 Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriters Jam Session

February

- 1-28 Oren Dunn City Museum, Black History Month
- 1-2 Soccer- Ultimate Frisbee Competition
- 2 Adult Softball Registration
- 6 Recreational Basketball Regular Season Games Ends
- 8 Mooreville High School Softball Jamboree
- 15 Tupelo Development League Soccer Games
- 22 Youth Softball Free4all Tournament
- 21-22 Youth Baseball Tournament, N. MS Kick-off
- 22-23 North MS Singles Tennis Championship
- 23-25 Tupelo Spring Classic - Soccer
- 24 Oren Dunn City Museum - Songwriters/Performers Jam Session
- 28- Mar 2 Tennis- N MS Singles Championship at Rob Leake City Park

March

- 1-31 Oren Dunn City Museum - Ruth Liveakos: Golden Age of Theatre
- 1-2 Adult GSL Winter Worlds Softball Tournament
- 1-2 ECRL Soccer
- 1 March Mayhem Grand Slam Baseball Tournament
- 3 Tupelo Futbol Club Pre-Academy Begins
- 4 Recreational Soccer Begins
- 8 Youth Softball Tournament- Big Bat Classic
- 8-9 ECRL Soccer
- 11-13 Spring Breack Soccer Camp
- 14-15 Tupelo Aquatic Center - Lifeguard Certifications
- 14-15 Youth Baseball Tournament - Grand Slam Bases Loaded
- 14-15 Tupelo Aquatic Center- Lifeguard Certification Course
- 15 Tupelo High School Softball Jamboree
- 17 TOP Soccer Begins
- 21-23 Pickleball Tournament - Habitat for Humanity (Lee Acres)
- 22-23 Tupelo Development League Soccer
- 25 Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
- 28-29 Grand Slam Big Boy Classic Tournament
- 29 National Vietnam War Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park
- 29 Cherry Blossom Festival - Ballard Park

2025 Calendar

April

1	Summer Day Camp Online Registration
1-30	Oren Dunn City Museum, Farming History of Tupelo
4-6	Baseball Tournament- Grand Slam Blue Suede Shoes
5	Youth Softball Tournament - Spring Fling
5	Youth Fishing Rodeo - (Veterans Memorial Park)
12-13	Adult Softball Tournament- Southern NIT
12-13	ECRL Soccer
14-May 9	Challenger League Basketball Registration
19	Tupelo Development League Soccer
21	Tupelo Aquatic Ctr - Lifeguard Certification Class
22	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
25-27	Baseball Tournament - Grand Slam Super Slam Turf Kings (Veterans)
26	Tupelo Aquatic Ctr - Adult Triathlon
26	Power Wheels Road Rally (Ballard Park West)

May

1-31	Oren Dunn City Museum - Southen Fiber Artists Quilt Show
2-4	Baseball Tournament - Gumtree Classic
3-4	Adult Border Battle Softball Tournament
9-11	Adult Softball - Gumtree Senior Classic
12-June 1	Fall Sports Registration (Flag Football and Soccer)
16-18	2nd Baseball Grand Slam Super Slam Bombs Away at Veterans
16-18	Tennis - MTA State Championship (55 & over)
17-18	ECRL Soccer
23-25	Youth Softball Memorial Day Showcase
26	Memorial Day Ceremony - Veteran's Park
27	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Summer Hours for Fun & Family Recreational Swim
27	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
31	Youth Softball - North MS Classic



2025 Calendar

June

1-30	Oren Dunn City Museum - Judy Ready: Golden Age of Dance
2	Summer Day Camp Begins
2	CC August Pool Opens- Summer Hours for Fun & Family Recreational Swim
2	Challenger League Basketball Begins
6-8	Baseball- Grand Slam State Tournament
13-14	Baseball Tournament- June Jam
24	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
28-29	USSSA Gumtree - Adult Softball Tournament
29- July 20	Adult Fall Softball Registration
29- July 20	Adult Fall Kickball Registration

July

1-31	Oren Dunn City Museum - Dairy Kream 70th and Johnnie's Drive Inn's 80th
4	All America City Picnic In the Park - Ballard Park
7-Aug 8	Challenger Softball Registration Begins
11	Summer Day Camp Ends
12-13	MS GSL Adult Slow Pitch State Tournament
13	Tupelo Aquatic Center - End of Summer Hours
17-20	Tupelo Aquatic Center - MS Swimming Inc, LC State Championship
18-19	Ultimate Frisbee Midnight Madness
22	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
25	CC Augustus Pool Closing for Summer
25	Ballard Park- Night Crawler 5K
30-Aug 2	Tupelo Aquatic Center - USA Swimming Southern Zone Senior Championship

August

1-31	Oren Dunn City Museum - Dennis Bailey: Voice of Opera
8-10	Tennis- MTA State Championship / Mixed Doubles
9-10	Adult Softball - USSSA Adult Slow Pitch State
15-16	Grand Slam Baseball Tournament
26	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
26	Recreational Flag Football Starts
29-30	Grand Slam Baseball Tournament

2025 Calendar

September

- 1-30 Oren Dunn City Museum - Cotton Mill Stile
- 1-24 Youth Basketball Online Registration
- 2- Oct 7 Challenger League Softball Begins (Tuesdays only)
- 3 Tupelo Aquatic Center - Tupelo High School Swim Invitational
- 9 Recreational Soccer Starts
- 13 Touch A Truck - Veteran's Park
- 19-20 Baseball- Grand Slam Tournament
- 20-21 Tupelo King Cup Soccer
- 20 Community Forward Festival
- 21 Celebration of Cultures Festival - Location TBD
- 23 Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session

October

- 1-31 Oren Dunn City Museum - Hidden Treasures of Oren Dunn City Museum
- 3-5 Grand Slam Fall State Baseball Tournament
- 6 End of Recreational Flag Football
- 11 Oren Dunn City Museum - Dudie Burger Festival
- 17-18 Tupelo Aquatic Ctr - MHSAA Swim Championship
- 17-18 Grand Slam State Baseball Tournament
- 18 Fall Movie in the Park - Ballard Park
- 23 End of Recreational Soccer
- 23-Nov 14 Oren Dunn City Museum - Rocks, Fossils, & Gems Exhibit
- 25 Youth Softball - Tupelo Spooktacular
- 28 Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/ Songwriter Jam Session
- 30 Tupelo Parks & Rec - Annual Calendar Planning Meeting

November

- 1-30 Oren Dunn City Museum - Rocks, Fossils, & Gems Exhibit
- 6 End of Recreational Flag Football
- 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony - Veteran's Park
- 20 Annual Christmas Lighting & Festival of Christmas Trees at Ballard Park & Santa/ Mrs. Claus at Oren Dunn
- 25 Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/ Songwriter Jam Session

December

- 1-30 Oren Dunn City Museum - Rich Toys
- 1 Recreational Basketball Begins
- 6 Kaleidio Spoke - Ballard Park
- 16 Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/ Songwriter Jam Session

CHALLENGER LEAGUE SPORTS

Challenger League Sports are open to all individuals with physical challenges or intellectual disabilities, ages 5 and up. This league is established to provide an athletic outlet for all individuals regardless of their abilities. This league participates in softball, soccer, and basketball. Cost \$ 10.00

Top Soccer

Online Registration: Jan. 2- Feb. 9
Estimated Start Date: March 17

Challenger Basketball

Online Registration: Apr 14 - May 9
Estimated start date: June 2

Challenger Softball

Online Registration: July 7- Aug 8
Estimated start date: Sept. 2

YOUTH RECREATIONAL BASEBALL

Recreational Baseball is designed to offer all players a chance to experience the game at the grass roots level. Games are played during the week and open to all players ages 4-15. The recreational baseball program's goals is to teach the basic fundamentals and sportsmanship. The baseball complex has twelve (12) lighted baseball fields located at the BankPlus Sportsplex at Ballard Park with restrooms, two (2) pavilions, batting cage, and a one-mile trail surrounding the park.

Online Registration dates: Jan. 12 - Feb. 2 **Estimated start date:** April 16

Days of the week: Mon, Tues & Thurs

Ages: 4-15 (Age before May 1, 2025)

Cost: \$55.00 for city residents

\$65.00 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$80.00 for Lee County residents

YOUTH COMPETITIVE BASEBALL

Tupelo Ranger Baseball and Tupelo Titan Baseball are the highest levels of baseball offered by Tupelo Department of Parks and Recreation. Age divisions range from 7U-14U, and are sanctioned through USSSA Baseball and Grand Slam Baseball. Coaches are voted on by the Tupelo Youth Baseball Association Board, and players are chosen each year through a tryout assessed by two (2) evaluators and one head coach. The coach and independent evaluators rate each participant on fielding, mobility, arm strength, accuracy, speed, bat control, and power.

Online Registration dates: Try-outs TBD

Estimated season: August – October & February – June

Days of the week: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Weekends

Ages: 7-14 (Age before May 1, 2025)

YOUTH RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL

The youth softball league aims to provide a positive learning environment for girls to master the fundamentals of fastpitch softball, practice sportsmanship, teamwork, and participate in healthy competition. The league is designed to promote skilled progression through modifications of rules at each playing level, starting with t-ball then coach pitch, then finally fastpitch. Games are played at the softball complex located at Veterans Memorial Park.

Online Registration dates: January 12- Feb 2 **Estimated start date:** April 15, 2025

Day of Week: Tuesdays and Thursdays (Monday makeups)

Ages: 4-13, (Age as of Dec. 31, 2024)

Cost: \$55.00 for city residents

\$65.00 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$80.00 for Lee County residents

YOUTH COMPETITIVE SOFTBALL

The Tupelo Softball Association proudly hosts the Mississippi Express program for competitive fastpitch softball. Teams are formed using an open tryout format, evaluating players based on skills and drills designed to allow players to display their talent in the various aspects of the ever-evolving game of fastpitch softball. Players selected to teams will compete throughout the year in tournaments and showcase events on the local, state, regional and national levels.

Tryout dates: Late June – late July 2025

Estimated Start date: TBD

Days of week: Weekday practices, weekend games

Ages: 6-18, (Age as of Dec. 31, 2024)

YOUTH RECREATIONAL SOCCER

Tupelo Futbol Club (TFC) is designed to promote and teach the game of soccer to all youth of Lee County. Soccer is played each year in the Fall and Spring and all games are played at the BankPlus Sportsplex at Ballard Park in Tupelo.

Online Registration dates: May 12 -June 1 **Estimated start date:** September 9

Days of week: Mondays for U13+, Tuesdays and Thursday

Ages: Boys or girls born before December 31, 2021

Cost: \$55.00 for city residents

\$65.00 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$80.00 for Lee County residents

TUPELO FUTBOL CLUB

Tupelo Futbol Club's purpose is to provide players with the best available training and coaching to help them improve their team and individual skills. TFC seeks to provide every player with the opportunities, both on and off the field, that will help them advance to the highest level. TFC also hopes to create a program that ALL players, parents and spectators will be proud of and that they will represent our community with pride.

Tryout dates: TBD

Estimated start date: August 1

Ages: Boys and girls born between 2007 and 2018

For more info: www.tupelofc.org

TUPELO PRE-ACADEMY

The Tupelo Pre-Academy soccer program is designed to introduce your child to soccer in a fun and exciting format. Our aim is to allow kids an opportunity to experience soccer and get excited to play for the next seasonal year. Players eligible for this program would be age eligible to register for recreational soccer next year.

Online Registration dates: January 1-19 **Estimated start date:** March 3

Ages: Boys and girls born between August 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021

Cost: \$55.00 for city residents

\$65.00 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$80.00 for Lee County residents

YOUTH RECREATIONAL FLAG FOOTBALL

This league provides the children of Tupelo with a recreational program that teaches the basic fundamentals and sportsmanship. There are five lighted fields located at the BankPlus Sportsplex at Ballard Park with restrooms, concession stand, walking track, skate park, and a playground area.

Online Registration dates: May 13 – June 3 **Estimated start date:** August 21

Days of week: Mon and Thursday

Ages: 6-11 (Age as of September 1, 2025)

Cost: \$55.00 for city residents

\$65.00 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$80.00 for Lee County residents

YOUTH BASKETBALL

This league is open to both boys and girls. Games are played at the Tupelo Middle School, Lee Acres Storm Shelter, and Theron Nichols Storm Shelter. We use drop down goals for the youngest groups to help them become fundamentally sound. Check our website for upcoming camps and clinics.

Registration dates: September 1- 21

Estimated start date: December 1

Day of Week: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat

Ages: 6-15 (Age as of September 1, 2025)

Cost: \$55.00 for city residents

\$65.00 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$80.00 for Lee County residents

FEES DO NOT INCLUDE UNIFORMS

NORTHEAST MS TENNIS ACADEMY

Individual and semi-private lessons are available upon request for those who wish to develop and improve specific skills or just looking for a great workout. We also offer junior clinics for ages 5-18. All instructional programs offered are designed to allow each individual to progress at their own pace and to the extent of their ability. All lessons are taught at the Rob Leake City Park Tupelo Tennis facility.

Contact: Jarred Grimes at 662-669-0042

For more information: www.tupeloparksandrec.org

ADULT & SENIOR TENNIS LEAGUES

These leagues are coordinated through USTA, Southern Tennis Association (STA), and the Mississippi Tennis Association (MTA). All players must be current members of the USTA for the entire local league season. These are fun and exciting leagues to engage in friendly competition. All players, teams, and local leagues must abide by all applicable USTA, STA, and MTA rules and regulations, which can be found at www.mstennis.com. All home matches will be played at the Rob Leake City Par; Tupelo Tennis facility.

For more information: northeastmstennisacademy@gmail.com

BEL-AIR GOLF COURSE

The 9-hole Bel Air Golf Course in Tupelo, MS is a public golf course that opened in 1940. Bel Air Golf Course measures 2461 yards from the longest tees. Contact the course for lessons or clinics.

2107 Country Club Road

Tupelo, MS 38804

Phone: (662)841-6446

Days of Week & Cost: Mon-Thurs (9w/cart \$20) (18 w/cart \$30)

Friday-Sunday (9 w/cart \$25) (18 w/cart \$35)

Senior Adults: Mon and Thurs before 12:00pm, (18 w/cart \$15)

TUPELO DISC GOLF

Disc Golf is played like regular golf but instead of using golf balls and clubs, you use a disc like a frisbee. The object of the game is to throw your disc from a designated "tee pad" area towards a metal basket surrounded by chains. Once your disc is in the basket, you've completed that hole.

For more information on Tupelo Disc Golf visit: www.tupelodiscgolf.com or www.facebook.com/TupeloDiscGolf

ADULT SOFTBALL

There are a variety of leagues available for church, recreational, competitive, and co-ed softball teams. Tupelo will continue to offer a softball league with men's and women's divisions. USA softball ruled will be in effect with a few local league rules. Games will be played at the Eastwood Complex in the Spring & Veterans Park in the Fall.

Registration begins: Spring: Feb. 2- 23; Fall: June 29 -July 20, 2025

Spring start date: April 15; Days of week: Tues and Thurs and some Mondays, (Makeups)

Fall start date: August 12; Days of week; Tues and some Mondays, (Makeups)

Ages: Adult men and women, Ages 18+

Cost: \$400

ADULT KICKBALL

Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department will offer adult kickball as a fall sport every year. Kickball provides participants a way exercise while enjoying time outdoors, as well as, opportunities to socialize with others. All participants must be 18 years of age or older.

Registration dates: June 29 - July 20,2025

Estimated start date: August 14

Days of Week: Thurs and some Mondays, (Makeups)

Ages: Adult men and women, 18+

Cost: \$175

ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE

Tupelo FC offers adult soccer league as well. This is a great opportunity to socialize, exercise and compete in a fun atmosphere. For more information contact:

Laura Kramer at (662)841-6440

Registration dates: March 10 - April 20

Estimated start date: May 19

Days of week: Monday

Cost: \$30

SUMMER DAY CAMP

This program provides opportunities for fun, adventure, and learning in a safe, healthy, supervised outdoor/indoor environment. The Summer Day Camp program is for children that have completed kindergarten but not to exceed the fifth (5th) grade.

Register online at www.tupeloparksandrec.com

Registration begins: April 1, 2025 (until enroll is full)

Camp date begins: June 2

Cost for City Residents: \$55 per child/per week for 6 weeks (\$50 per week for 2 or more siblings, living in the same residence)

Cost for Non-City Residents: \$60 per child/per week for 6 weeks

C.C. AUGUSTUS POOL

1400 NORTH Greet Street

Seasonal dates: June 2 – July 25

Days of week: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, (1:00pm – 5:00pm)

Admission: \$3.00 for swimmers and non-swimmers



TUPELO AQUATIC CENTER

The Tupelo Aquatic Center is the home of so many who love to swim for both fun and competition. We offer a variety of programs, including water aerobics, birthday parties, gentle yoga, BOGAfit classes, chair yoga, swim lessons for youngsters and those “young-at-heart”, fun and family recreational swimming, lifeguard certification courses, and a place to make new friends! Be sure to like our Facebook page!

Located at 692 North Veterans Blvd.

Visit www.swimtupelo.com or call (662) 840-3768 for more information.

Hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30am – 6:30pm

Wednesday & Friday: 6:00am – 5:30pm

Saturday: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

NOTE: Facility may close due to special events, holidays & swim meets.

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE

The **American Red Cross Lifeguard** training course prepares individuals to assume the duties and responsibilities of lifeguards at swimming pools. This course provides the knowledge and skills designed to save the life of another person in the event of an emergency.

Eligibility: Must be at least 15 years of age by the end of the class and pass the American Red Cross precourse test* consisting of the Swim-Tread-Swim; Swim 150 yards using front crawl/freestyle, breaststroke, or a combination of both while demonstrating breath control and rhythmic breathing, tread water for two (2) minutes, only using legs, and swim 50 yards using front crawl/freestyle, breaststroke, or a combination of both; Complete a timed event within 1 minute and 40 seconds; Starting in the water, swim 20 yards, surface dive (feet or head first) return to surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point with both hands holding the object and keeping the face at or near the surface so they are able to get a breath; Exit water without using a ladder or steps; Swim goggles are not allowed during this timed event.

American Red Cross First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer is included in this course. Certificates issued upon successful completion of required written test and physical skills.

*****In the event a participant does not pass the pre-course test, half of the registration fee will be refunded to the participant. OTHERWISE, NO REFUNDS. Certification is valid for (2) years.***

Class 1: March 14-15

Class 2: April 21

Class 3: May Date TBD

Class 4: May Date TBD

Ages: 15 and up

Cost: \$250 (Blended Learning Course)

Recertification Cost: \$190

*****Participants must attend all class days in order to complete the course. Anyone who is recertifying must attend designated class date.***

TUPELO BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club was founded to spread the love of ballroom social dancing. Participants include people of all ages. Children, teens, young adults, and retirees are all welcome to attend. Dancers of all levels of ability are welcome and will find a supportive, welcoming dance community. A Dance is held monthly. This club also hosts occasional workshops. Most TBDC activities are held at The Dance Studio of Tupelo at 1008 E. Main Street. Parking is in the rear, across from Jonnie's Drive In, on Wayside Drive. Members work with others in Tupelo and the surrounding areas to provide social dance events for our community. For more information, please visit www.tupeloballroomdance.blogs.com, Find TBDC on **Facebook at Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club**. For more information you may also contact **Donna @ 662-801-0341** or **Caren @ 662-816-1490**.



BEL AIR SENIOR RECREATION CENTER

2107 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

Various activities are available on a daily basis in which anyone 50 years old and up can participate. We offer scrapbooking classes, arts/crafts, card games, line dance classes, and other recreational opportunities. Come join quite an active group of individuals who love to stay busy, meet new people and have fun! Call Tupelo Parks & Recreation office at (662) 841-6440 with any questions about the Bel-Air Senior Recreation Center.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUBS

Tupelo Duplicate Bridge Clubs has games three (3) days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1:00pm. This is a fun group that welcomes players of all levels and offers lessons for beginners. There is always great food and fellowship to enjoy with players of all ages! Don't have a partner? No problem! Call Ron Ashby, the Club Manager and he'll find the perfect partner for you!

Ron Ashby, Club Manager, (662) 840-3965

Rashby52348@gmail.com

WINNERS OF THE 2024 TUPELO PARKS AND RECREATION PHOTO CONTEST



"Ballard Park Ducks" by Aimee Miller



"Ballard Park Next to the Stone Bridge" by Kristy Jones

ELVIS PRESLEY BIRTHPLACE

We all know about the meteoric rise to fame. We all know about the mansion called Graceland. We all know how it ended. This is how it began.

Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi on January 8, 1935 to Vernon and Gladys Presley. Born in a two-room house built by his father, grandfather and uncle, Elvis was one of identical twin brothers born to the Presley's. His brother, Jessi Garon was still born. Elvis grew up in Tupelo surrounded by his extended family including his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Financially, times were hard on Vernon and Gladys, and they had to move out of the house where Elvis was born when he was two and a half years old for lack of payment. Vernon and Gladys worked various jobs while in Tupelo and moved several times during the thirteen years they resided in Mississippi.

While in Tupelo, Elvis attended the Assembly of God Church with his family where he was first exposed to gospel music that influenced his music and style throughout his career. It was in Tupelo where Elvis was exposed to bluesmen in the Shake Rag community where he lived for a time. His family also listened to country music radio programs from which Elvis drew influence.

In 1945, Elvis made his first public radio broadcast. At 10 years old, Elvis stood on a chair and sang, "Old Shep" in a youth talent show contest at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Dairy Show at the Tupelo Fairgrounds. WELO radio broadcast the talent show.

"Come see where it all started"

- Walk of Life
- Elvis Childhood Church
- Gift Shop
- Mississippi/Historic Site
- Elvis Presley Memorial Chapel
- Movie Theater
- "The" Birthplace
- Story Wall
- Outside Amphitheater
- "Elvis at 13" Statue
- Fountain of Life
- "Becoming" Statues at Overlook **
- Mississippi Music Trail Markers
- Elvis Presley Museum
- Meditation Lake and Picnic Pavilion and Coi Pond

Visitor information:

Phone: 662-841-1245, **FAX:** 662-690-6623

Website: www.elvispresleybirthplace.com

Email: rturner@elvispresleybirthplace.com

Hours of Operation: Monday – Saturday, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Sunday: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Closed only on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

The 15-acre park is located at 306 Elvis Presley Drive in the Presley Heights Neighborhood. Presley Heights is on East Side of the City of Tupelo easily accessible from Highways 45 and 122 or US 78.

he newest attraction at the park is the "Meditation Lake" located on the back side of the park. This lake has several unique features including a new walkway encircling the lake, a new bridge, a beautiful waterfall and two lighted water fountains in the lake. Just a little way up the hill, a new picnic pavilion with restrooms overlooks the lake. The pavilion is available to rent by calling 662-841-1245.

Events at the Birthplace:

January 8th is his 90th Birthday and this year there will be two free concerts. Brandon Bennett and Nick Perkins, EPE sanctioned artist and Betty Harper will be on-site to unveil new works.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy singing "Happy Birthday, Elvis," and enjoy cake, punch and coffee.

Each year in August, the birthplace hosts a "Fan Appreciation Day"! We celebrate all the fans coming from all over the world to be a part of this special memorial time. Call us at 662-84-1245 or better yet, check out our Facebook page for the most recent updated information on the "Fan Day Get Together"!

**** This parking lot accommodates large vehicles and buses with room turn around, load and unload.**



COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

“One Goal, One Passion – Bridging the City’s Cultures Together.”

The 7th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival is all about bringing awareness of the Japanese culture to the local and surrounding communities. Those attending will be able to sample authentic Japanese food, plus learn more about music, brush writing, origami, Bonzai displays and a rice pounding.

Event date: Saturday, March 29, 2025

Time: TBD

Location: Ballard Park Stage



CHILDREN’S FISHING RODEO

Each year the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department host the annual Children’s Fishing Rodeo at Veterans Lake at Veterans Park in East Tupelo. Children ages 3-15 years old can participate. The Fishing Rodeo is FREE and provides fun for the whole family. Remember to bring your own lawn chairs, fishing rods, bait and tackle.

Event date: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Location: Veteran’s Memorial Park

Registration: starts at 8am (on site)

Event time: 9am – 12:00 Noon

POWER WHEELS ROAD RALLY

Gear up for the 3rd annual POWER WHEELS ROAD RALLY at the Paul Eason Field at Ballard Park. This fun event is for kids ages three (3) to seven (7) years old who like to drive around the race track and enjoy fun “stations” throughout the track. All drivers must use standard battery-operated power wheels, with no modifications and no gasoline powered engines. We highly recommend each driver wear a helmet and parents of young drivers should plan to walk close by the track.

Event Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time: TBD

Location: Paul Eason Track, Ballard Park West

DUDIE BURGER FESTIVAL

Each year the Oren Dunn City Museum celebrates the Dudie Burger, created by Dudie Christian and sold in the Dudie’s Diner, formerly a Memphis Street Car! At this special celebration you’ll get the chance to relive the by-gone era of dough burgers, do-whop music, and fun times at Dudie’s Diner. There’s something fun for all ages.

Event date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Event time: 10:00am- 2:00pm



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

Event Date: TBD

Time: 5:30 pm **Location:** Fairpark

ALL-AMERICA CITY FAMILY PICNIC IN THE PARK

The BIGGEST 4th of July Celebration in North Mississippi is here in Tupelo at Ballard Park! This fun FREE family event includes so many activities for all ages! There's a variety of food vendors in the food court area and fun activities for kids such as games, bounce houses and more! Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, and a little cash to purchase hotdogs, hamburgers, funnel cakes, snow cones and so much more! The Entertainment line-up will be announced in June!

Event date: Friday, July 4, 2025

Event time: 5:30pm – 9:00pm

Location: Ballard Park Stage



TOUCH-A-TRUCK

This special event is designed to allow children to touch, climb, and explore trucks and heavy machinery and to learn what purpose the vehicles serve in our community. Vehicles of all types will be on site and various staff members of the vehicles will be present for children to ask questions, take pictures and satisfy their curiosities. There will be a special time set aside for sensory friendly needs. This event is a free event and great for the whole family!

Event date: Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025

Event time: Sensory friendly time; 9:00am-10:00am; Horns and Sirens: 10:00am – 12:00 Noon

Event location: Veterans Memorial Park

COMMUNITIES FORWARD FESTIVAL

The 18th Annual Communities Forward Festival is an on-going passion project of Councilwoman Nettie Davis of Ward 4 and the City of Tupelo. This festival aims to foster positive interactions between the city's citizens and its law enforcement officers by celebrating together through an afternoon of activities such as a parade, basketball tournament, local food vendors, live entertainment, and much more.

Event date: Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025

Event time: 12:00pm Noon-8:00pm

Event location: Gumtree Park off Front Street in Tupelo

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES FESTIVAL

The Celebration of Cultures Festival celebrates diversity through unifying cultures in our community. The purpose of this event is to share and learn about the different cultures of all ethnic groups we have in Tupelo and the surrounding areas. We are looking to bring together all cultures through dancing, singing, food and fun!

Event date: Sunday, September 21, 2025

Event time: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Event location: TBD

FALL MOVIE IN THE PARK

Bring your whole family to enjoy a kid-friendly movie outdoors! Be sure to bring a blanket, lawn chairs, and a little cash for the concession stand. This event is for the entire family.

Event date: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Event time: 7:00pm (ish) – 9:20pm

Event location: Ballard Park by soccer concession stand

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING & FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES AT BALLARD PARK & OREN DUNN CITY MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

This event helps to kick off the Christmas season with the Parkway Voice Wave choir, an Open House at the Oren Dunn City Museum with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and of course we have a little help from 2 Parkway students to start the fireworks show and “flip the switch” that turns on all the beautiful Christmas lights all around the park and the Christmas trees!

Event date: Thursday, November 21, 2025 **Event time:** 6:00pm

Event location: Ballard Park near the Office

2ND ANNUAL KALEIDO-SPOKE GLOW BIKE RIDE

Kaleido-spoke is a fun family GLOW bike ride through the Christmas lights at Ballard Park! We'll kick off the ride with special fun stations, including glow in the dark face painting, glow items to add to your bikes or wear, and information on bike safety. There will also be a fun family dance party, a food truck, and more!

Event date: Saturday, December 6, 2025 **Event time:** 5:00pm

Event location: Ballard Park



PARKS AND AMENITIES

Aycock Park (.5 Acres)

Picnic tables and grill

Ballard Park (153 Acres)

3 Acres, 1 pavilion (East), 1 stage, 3 restroom facilities, Skate Park, 2 playgrounds, 2.75-mile trail, Cross Country trail, Life Trail Fitness System, 1 maintenance building, Oren Dunn City Museum, Parks & Recreation Administrative Office, 1 Athletic Operation Center, 40-capacity storm shelter

BankPlus Sportsplex at Ballard Park

- Baseball Fields (55 Acres)

12 turfed infield baseball fields, 2 pavilions, 2 Concession stands, picnic area, batting cage, 1.2-mile cross country course.

- Soccer Fields

15 lighted soccer fields, 2 pavilions, 1 Concession stand

BEL AIR GOLF COURSE (72 Acres)

1 nine-hole golf course, 1 senior recreation Facility, 1 Golf Pro Shop, 1 Maintenance facility.

Bristow Park (.6 Acres)

1 playground, 1 swing set, .15-mile trail

Burt Park

Small seating area

C.C. Augustus (.7 Acres)

85,000-gallon swimming pool, 1 recreation/meeting facility, support building playground, for pool.

Chandler Park (.5 Acres)

Playground

Eastwood Softball Complex (35 Acres)

4 softball fields, 2 concession stands, 2 covered Areas, maintenance building

Gateway Park (3.3 Acres)

2 water features, 3 pavilions, 1780 feet of trail

Tupelo Bark Park (1 Acre)

Two dog play areas, one for small dogs and a separate one for large dogs, covered entry way with benches, watering station, 2.5-mile Music Bend Trail

Gumtree Park (22 Acres)

8 outdoor courts, 2 multi-purpose playgrounds, amphitheater, 1 mile walking trail, 40 capacity storm shelter

Gun Club Park (9 Acres)

1 mile trail


Hancock Park (9.8 Acres)

3 outdoor courts, 1 pavilion, 2 playgrounds .25-mile trail

Haven Acres Park (1 Acre)

1 pavilion, 1 playground structure, .15 - mile trail, and 40-capacity storm shelter

Dot Cooper Kelly Park at Lee Acres (4 Acres)

2 Basketball courts, 1 playground, 1 recreational facility, 12 pickleball courts, 1 pavilion, FEMA 1100-capacity storm shelter 

Old Mill Town Park (1.2 Acres)

2 outdoor courts, 1 playground, .125-mile trail, 4 pickleball courts

Rob Leake City Park (34 Acres)

16 lighted tennis courts, 1 outdoor basketball court, 2 lighted athletic fields, pro shop, 2 pavilions, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .5-mile trail, 1 recreation/meeting facility, Splash Pad. and 40-capacity storm shelter

Robins Field (9 Acres)

playground, .25-mile trail, new fitness equipment

Theron Nichols Park (35 Acres)

3 lighted athletic fields, 6 picnic sites, 1 restroom facility, 1 playground, .25-mile trail, 1 concession stand/ press box, sand volleyball court, splash pad, FEMA 1100-capacity storm shelter

Thomas Street Park

.5 mile walking track, picnic table

Veterans Memorial Park

Tupelo Aquatic Center, 3 pavilions, 2 Restrooms facilities, 1 playground, 2 platform wheelchair swings, .5-mile trail, Life Trail Fitness System, 3-disc golf courses, 4 turfed infield softball complex with support facilities, Splashpad, and Veterans Memorial, F105 Static display, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 40-capacity storm shelter



NOTE: Once WTVA Weather issues a storm watch for our area, all shelters will be open.



Located in beautiful Ballard Park, once the home of Rex and Nelle Reed, the Oren Dunn City Museum invites you to learn about the Tupelo Story.

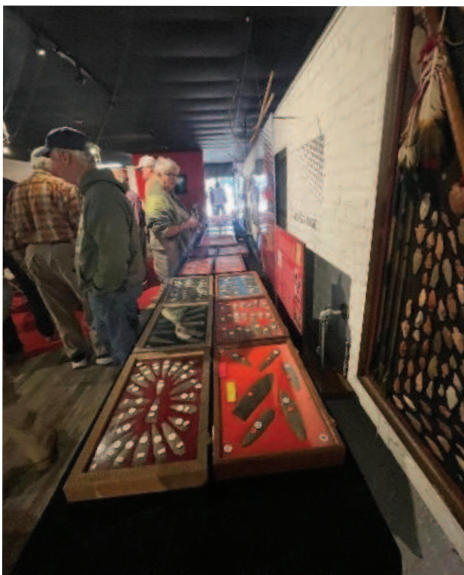
From the time we were under a sea during the Mesozoic Era until dancing downtown on New Year's Eve in 2022, Oren Dunn City Museum provides those who come to visit with a glimpse into the varied stories that make up the All-America City big story of community, growth, and unity.

Come witness how the railroads built a community of subsistence farmers into a city that leads Mississippi in many ways. Return to the days of soda jerks, dough burgers, and, yes, the King of Rock-n-Roll by strolling through the grounds and entering the halls of what once was a birthing barn for award-winning Jersey Cattle. By the way, be sure to ask how the Jersey Cow was introduced to America, via Tupelo contacts!

Open from 8am until 5pm, Monday through Friday, with free admission, Oren Dunn City Museum hosts monthly events that delve deep into the stories of Tupelo with special speaker and even musical guests.

Be sure to watch the museum website for upcoming events, www.orendunncitymuseum.com

Contact the Museum for more information or to schedule a tour, 662-841-6438



TUPELO BASEBALL COMPLEXES

Bank Plus SPORTSPLEX

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Tupelo, MS 38804



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TO

WEST MAIN STREET

Glasgow Lane

Rutherford Rd.

Westgate Drive

COLEY ROAD

NATCHEZ TRACE

- 1 BankPlus Field 1
- 2 BankPlus Field 2
- 3 BankPlus Field 3
- 4 Westside Hardware
- 5 Buffalo Wild Wings Field
- 6 Urologic
- 7 i-Heart Radio Field
- 8 Ken Jeter Store & Restaurant Supply Field
- 9 Timmons Electric
- 10 Orthopaedic Institute Field
- 11 Jackson's Restaurant Supply
- 12 Gibson Corrugated Field
- T 13-14 T-Ball Fields
- T 15-16 T-Ball Fields



TUPELO BASEBALL COMPLEXES

Theron Nichols Park

1743 Mitchell Road, Tupelo, MS 38801

- 1 Theron Nichols Field 1
- 2 Theron Nichols Field 2
- 3 Theron Nichols Field 3



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MITCHELL ROAD

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FIELD 3

TUPELO BASEBALL COMPLEXES

Rob Leake Park

1107 Joyner Avenue, Tupelo, MS 38804

- 1 Andy Reece Field
- 2 Boo Ferris Field



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LOT 2

MEMORIAL DRIVE

JOYNER AVENUE

TUPELO SOFTBALL COMPLEXES

Eastwood Softball Complex



Veterans Memorial Softball Complex



BALLARD PARK SOCCER COMPLEX

WEST MAIN STREET

COLEY ROAD

Glasgow Lane

Westgate Drive

Rutherford Rd.

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TUPELO AQUATICS CENTER

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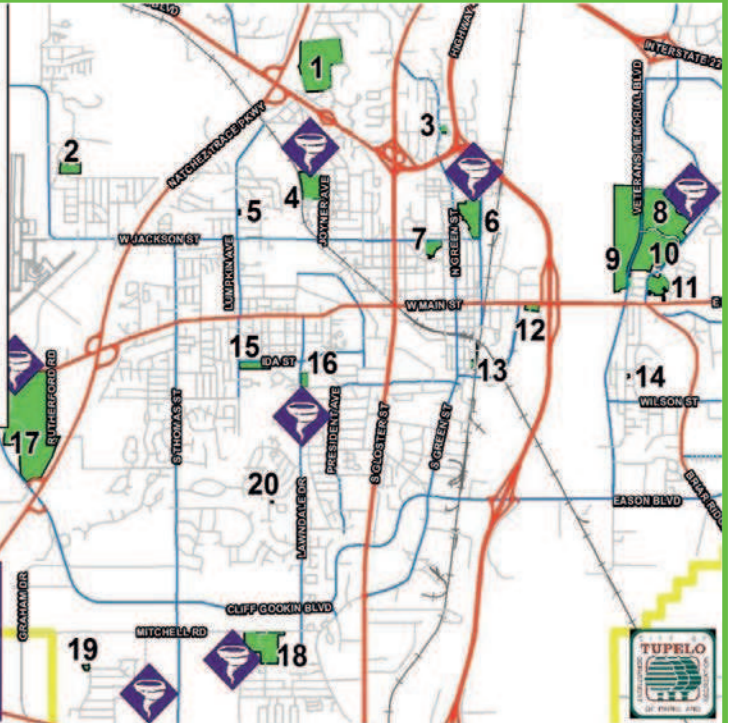
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Tupelo Futbol Club Girl's Presidents Cup Regionals & Presidents Cup Nationals



2024 Celebration of Cultures



Kid's Summer Camp



Challenger League Basketball

