

# LEISURE SERVICE GUIDE

Tupelo Department of Parks & Recreation



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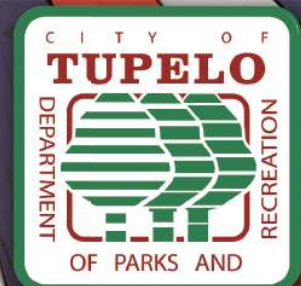
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# City of Tupelo

## Department of Parks and Recreation

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[www.tupeloparksandrec.org](http://www.tupeloparksandrec.org)

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

*We are closed on all National Holidays.*

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the Mississippi Recreation and Park Association**



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### Mission Statement

The City of Tupelo Department of Parks and Recreation 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 this 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.

### Contact Numbers

Bel Air Senior Recreation Center

(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

## OUR STAFF

### **Tupelo Parks and Recreation Office Staff**

Alex Farned, Director

Samantha Inghram, Office Manager

Sheila Young, Administrative Assistant

Leigh Ann Mattox, Recreation Director

Ben Haas, Sports Director

Laura Kramer, Sports Director

Chris Edmondson, Sports Director

Shanta Jones, Program Director

Melonie Kight, Marketing and Social Media Director

### **Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisors**

Tyson Quinn, Deputy Director of Maintenance

Philip Crowe, Facility Maintenance

Justin Smedley, Athletic Maintenance

Denny Waite, Deputy Director of Landscape, Irrigation, & Projects

### **Tupelo Aquatic Center**

Amy Kennedy, Director

Diana Dean-Emig, Program Director

Houston Yarbrough, Pool Manager

### **Oren Dunn City Museum Staff**

Chris Hill, Curator

George Thompson, Assistant Curator





## RENTAL & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

### **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.

### **Bel-Air Center - 2107 Country Club Road**

\$800.00 Rental Fee, \$400.00 damage deposit.

Fee includes the building and outside green space and ballroom with kitchen.

Holds 90 guests.

### **C.C. Augustus Center - 1400 North Green Street**

\$250.00 Rental Fee: Friday, 5 pm – Sunday, 12 Noon /\$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.

### **Rockwell Center - 1199 Joyner Avenue**

\$250.00 Rental Fee: Friday, 6 pm – Sunday, 12 Noon/ \$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.

### **Ballard Park - 655 Rutherford Road**

East Pavilion; \$75.00 – All Day (8 am - 10 pm)

Gazebo; \$100.00 - All Day (8 am - 10 pm) (weddings/church services)

West Pavilion: \$125– All Day (8 am - 10 pm)

Stage; Fee depends on size/type of event. All Day (8 am - 10 pm)

### **Gumtree Park - 683 North Front Street**

Pavilion: \$125 – All Day (8 am - 10 pm)(holds 75 people)

Stage: \$100 - All Day (8 am - 10 pm)

### **Hancock Park - 310 Monument Drive**

Pavilion: \$75.00 – All Day (8 am - 10 pm) (holds 25-30 people)

### **Theron Nichols - 1743 Mitchell Road**

Pavilion; \$75.00 - All Day (8 am - 10 pm)(holds 25-30 people)

### **Veterans Park - 800 North Veterans Boulevard**

Veterans Pavilion: \$125.00 – All Day (8 am - 10 pm) (holds 75 people)

Veterans Memorial Pavilion:\$125.00 – All Day (8 am - 10 pm) (holds 40 people)

***Contact Sheila Young at the Tupelo Parks & Recreation office for rental information at 662-841-6440 or email [sheila.young@tupeloms.gov](mailto:sheila.young@tupeloms.gov)***

January

1	New Year's Day
1-31	Oren Dunn City Museum - Rich Toys Display Continued
1- Until Full	Pre-Academy Online Registration
5-30	Top Soccer Registration (Challenger League)
5-25	Baseball and Softball Registration
13	Oren Dunn City Museum - Slide Show - Main Street
26	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriters Jam Session

February

3-28	Oren Dunn City Museum - Black History Exhibit
2-22	Adult Softball Registration
3	Oren Dunn City Museum - Black History Presentation
7	Mooreville Fast-Pitch Softball Jamboree at Veteran/Eastwood
12-15	Tupelo Aquatic Center - MS Swimming Inc, SC State Championship
17	Oren Dunn City Museum - Slide Show
20-21	Baseball Tournament- N. MS Kickoff at the Bankplus Sportsplex
21	USSSA Youth Softball Tournament at Veterans/Eastwood
21	Tupelo Fifty-4-All Youth Fast Pitch (Softball) at Veterans/Eastwood
21-22	Tupelo Spring Classic (Soccer) at the Bankplus Sportsplex
23	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriters Jam Session (6-8 pm)
28	Tennis Tournament
28	Tupelo Development League (Soccer) at the Bankplus Sportsplex
28- 29	Adult Softball Winter Worlds at Veterans/Eastwood

March

1- April 30	Oren Dunn City Museum - Lee County Courthouse Exhibit
6-7	Grand Slam Baseball Tournament - March Mayhem at Bankplus Sportsplex
7	Big Bat Classic- Youth Fast-Pitch Tournament at Veterans/Eastwood
7-8	ECRL Soccer at the Bankplus Sportsplex
13-15	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Lifeguard Certification Course
13-15	USSSA Baseball Tournament- The Nose Buster at Bankplus Sportsplex
16	Top Soccer Games Begin (Challenger League)
16-April 19	Adult Soccer Registration at the Bankplus Sportsplex
17	Oren Dunn City Museum - Slide Show
21	Tupelo Development League (Soccer) at the Soccer Sportsplex
21	Diamond Queens Youth Fast-Pitch Softball at Veterans/Eastwood
20-21	Baseball Tournament- Field of Dreams at the Bankplus Sportsplex
20-22	Habitat for Humanity Pickleball at Dot Cooper Kelly Park
23	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriters Jam Session (6-8 pm)
28	Cherry Blossom Festival at The Depot
28-29	Border Battles- Adult Slow-Pitch at Veterans/Eastwood
28-29	ECRL Soccer at the Bankplus Sportsplex
29	National Vietnam War Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park
29	Harrisburg Baptist Church - Morning Sunrise Service at Ballard Park Stage

## KEY

Baseball	Softball	Soccer	Tennis	Pickleball	Aquatics
Museum	Frisbee	Basketball	Community Event	Flag Football	

Dates & times are subject to change. Be sure to check our Facebook page for up-to-date info.



## April

1-Until Full	Summer Day Camp Registration
3-6	Easter Break (Tupelo Public School District)
4	Children's Fishing Rodeo at Veterans Memorial Park
4	Spring Fling Youth Fast-Pitch Tournament at Veterans/Eastwood Park
5	Easter Sunday
6	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Lifeguard Certification Course
10-12	Don't Step On My Blue Suede Shoes Baseball Tourn. at Bankplus Sportsplex
11-12	ECRL Soccer at the Bankplus Sportsplex
11-12	Adult Slow-Pitch Tournament- Southern NIT at Veterans/Eastwood Park
13- May 8	Challenger Basketball Registration
17-19	Run Machine Baseball Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
18	Tupelo Development League (Soccer) at the Bankplus Sportsplex
18-19	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Open Timed Final Swim Meet
18-19	ECRL Soccer at the Bankplus Sportsplex
24-26	Turf Kings Super Slam #3 Baseball Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
25-26	ECRL Soccer at the Bankplus Sportsplex
25	Power Wheels Road Rally at Ballard Park - Paul Eason Track
27	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session

## May

1-July 31	Oren Dunn City Museum - 250th Birthday of America
2	Adult Slow-Pitch - Senior Gumtree Classic at Veterans/Eastwood Park
1-3	Gumtree Classic Baseball Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
2-3	ECRL Soccer at the Bankplus Sportsplex
4	Special Olympics Torch Run at Fairpark
5	Cinco de Mayo
8-9	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Lifeguard Certification Course
10	Mother's Day
11-31	Youth Recreational Flag Football Online Registration Begins
11-31	Recreational Soccer Registration at Bankplus Sportsplex
15-17	MTA State Championship (Tennis) at City Park
15-17	Bombs Away Super Slam #4 Baseball Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
16-17	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Lifeguard Certification Course
18	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
23	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Summer Hours Begin for Fun & Family Rec. Swim
23-24	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Lifeguard Certification Course
25	Memorial Day
25	Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park
30	North MS Classic Youth Fast-Pitch at Veterans/Eastwood

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## June

1- July 10	Summer Day Camp Begins
1	Challenger League Basketball
3-6	Elvis Festival at Downtown Tupelo and Arena
4	Singo at Queen's Reward Meadery
5-7	Grand Slam State Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
8	Challenger League Basketball at Tupelo High School Gym
12-13	Leave It On The Field Baseball Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
12-14	Tupelo Aquatic Center - John Servati Invitational
13	Summer Blast Youth Fast-Pitch at Veterans/Eastwood
15	Challenger League Basketball at Tupelo High School Gym
20	USA Softball All-Star State Youth Fast-Pitch at Veterans/Eastwood
21	Father's Day
22	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
22	Challenger League Basketball at Tupelo High School Gym
23	Rangers Tryouts at Bankplus Sportsplex
27	Adult Softball at Veterans/Eastwood
27	Gumtree Classic- Adult Slow-Pitch at Veterans/Eastwood
29	Challenger League Basketball at Tupelo High School Gym
29- July 26	Adult Softball & Kickball Registration

## July

4	July 4th Holiday
4	July 4th All America City Picnic In the Park at Ballard Park
6-Aug 3	Challenger Softball Registration
10	Summer Day Camp Ends
11-12	GCL State Tournament- Adult Slow-Pitch at Veterans/Eastwood
16-19	Tupelo Aquatic Center - MS Swimming Inc, LC State Championship
27	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session

## August

1- Sept. 30	Oren Dunn City Museum - Jersey Cow Project 100th Anniversary
1	Tupelo Aquatic Center - Non-Swimmers Hours Begin for Fun & Family
7-8	Baseball Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
14-15	MTA Mixed Doubles at City Park
22	Tupelo Development League (Soccer) at the Bankplus Sportsplex
24	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session

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## September

1	Challenger League Softball Begins (Tues Nights) at Bankplus Sportsplex
1-20	Youth Basketball Online Registration Begins
7	Labor Day
8	Challenger League Softball at Bankplus Sportsplex
12	Touch A Truck - Veteran's Park
12	West of Shakerag at the Link Center
12-13	Tupelo King Cup Soccer at Bankplus Sportsplex
16	Challenger League Softball at Bankplus Sportsplex
19	Tupelo Development League (Soccer) at the Bankplus Sportsplex
20	Celebration of Cultures Festival at The Depot
22	Challenger League Softball at Bankplus Sportsplex
26	United Way Recovery Event at Ballard Park Stage
26	Alzheimer's Walk at Ballard Park Stage
28	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/Songwriter Jam Session
29	Challenger League Softball at Bankplus Sportsplex

## October

1- Nov. 15	Oren Dunn City Museum - Geology Exhibit
2-4	Fall State Baseball Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
8-9	Pickleball Tournament at Dot Cooper Kelly Park
10	Oren Dunn City Museum - Dudie's Burger Festival
16-17	Tupelo Aquatic Ctr - MHSAA Swim Championship
17	Tupelo Development League (Soccer) at the Bankplus Sportsplex
24	Suicide Prevention Walk at Ballard Park Stage
24	Baseball Tournament at Bankplus Sportsplex
26	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/ Songwriter Jam Session
31	Halloween Softball Tournament at Veterans/Eastwood
31	Halloween

## November

11	Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veterans Park
16-Dec 31	Oren Dunn City Museum - Rich Toys Christmas Exhibit
19	Annual Christmas Lighting & Festival of Christmas Trees at Ballard Park
23	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/ Songwriter Jam Session
26	Thanksgiving Day

## December

5	Kaleidio-Spoke Glow Bike Ride at Ballard Park
21	Oren Dunn City Museum - Singer/ Songwriter Jam Session
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day

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<span style="color: red;">■</span> Baseball	<span style="color: magenta;">■</span> Softball	<span style="color: green;">■</span> Soccer	<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Tennis	<span style="color: purple;">■</span> Pickleball	<span style="color: darkblue;">■</span> Aquatics
<span style="color: brown;">■</span> Museum	<span style="color: orange;">■</span> Frisbee	<span style="color: darkred;">■</span> Basketball	<span style="color: black;">■</span> Community Event	<span style="color: darkgreen;">■</span> Flag Football	

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## 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 per person/per sport

### Top Soccer

Online Registration: Jan. 5-Jan. 30  
Estimated start Date: March 16

### Challenger Basketball

Online Registration: Apr 13 - May 8  
Estimated start date: June 1

### Challenger Softball

Online Registration: July 6- Aug 3  
Estimated start date: Sept. 1

## 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. **Ages: 4-15 (Age before May 1, 2026)**

**Online Registration dates:** Jan. 5 - Jan. 25      **Est. start date:** April 14 or 16

**Days of the week:** Mon, Tues & Thurs

**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 is the highest level 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      **Ages:** 7-14 (Age before May 1, 2026)

**Est. season:** August – October & February – June

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

## 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:** Jan 5- Jan 25      **Est. start date:** April 14, 2026

**Day of Week:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, some Mondays

**Ages:** 4-13, (Age as of Aug. 31, 2025)

**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 2026

**Est. Start date:** TBD

**Days of week:** Weekday practices, weekend games

**Ages:** 6-18, (Age as of Aug. 31, 2025)

**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 11 - May 31

**Est. start date:** September 15

**Days of week:** Tuesdays and Thursdays (U13+ plays on Mondays)

**Ages:** Boys or girls born before Aug. 31, 2022

**Cost:** \$60.00 for city residents

\$70.00 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$85.00 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. **For more info:** [www.tupelofc.org](http://www.tupelofc.org)

**Tryout dates:** TBD

**Est. start date:** August 1

**Ages:** Boys and girls born between 2008 and 2019

**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 the younger age group of recreational soccer next year.

**Online Registration dates:** January 1-18 or Until Full

**Est. start date:** March 2

**Ages:** Boys and girls born between Sept. 1, 2021 and Aug. 31, 2022

**Cost:** \$60.00 for city residents

\$70.00 for Tupelo School District (non-city res.)

\$85.00 for Lee County residents

**YOUTH RECREATIONAL FLAG FOOTBALL**

The Tupelo Recreational Flag Football program introduces young athletes to the fundamentals of Football in a safe, fun, and non-contact environment. The program focuses on skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship, and building confidence, while ensuring each kid has the opportunity to play and learn.

**Ages:** 6-11 (Age as of September 1, 2026)

**Online Registration dates:** May 11–31

**Est. start date:** August 17

**Days of week:** Mondays and Thursdays

**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. This is a co-ed league. Games are played at the Tupelo Police Athletic League, 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- 20

**Est. 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**

## TENNIS

We are excited about the new changes coming to our Tennis Program. For more information, please visit [www.TupeloParksandRec.org](http://www.TupeloParksandRec.org) and click on the Tennis button. There you'll find updated program details, including contact information for all the tennis programs.

## PICKLEBALL

Each Spring & Fall we host tournaments and recreational league play at the 12 pickleball courts located at Dot Cooper Kelly Park. **For more information visit Tupelo Pickleball Rec League's Facebook page or call the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Dept. at 662-841-6440.**

## 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. Prices are set by the Bel-Air Golf Course Staff.

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 an outdoor flying-disc game similar to traditional golf, but instead of hitting a ball into a hole, players throw a disc into a metal basket. The goal is to land the disc in the basket using as few throws as possible. It's inexpensive, simple to pick up, and fun for all ages.

For more information on Tupelo Disc Golf visit: [www.tupelodiscgolf.com](http://www.tupelodiscgolf.com) or [www.facebook.com/TupeloDiscGolf](https://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- 22; Fall: June 29 -July 26, 2026

**Spring start date:** April 14 **Days of week:** Tues and Thurs and some Mondays, (Makeups)

**Fall start date:** August 18 **Days of week:** Mostly 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 26, 2026

**Estimated start date:** August 20

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

**Ages:** Adult men and women, 18+

**Cost:** \$175

**ADULT SOCCER LEAGUE**

Tupelo FC offers an 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 16 - April 19

**Est. start date:** May 22

**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](http://www.tupeloparksandrec.com)**

**Registration begins:** April 1, 2026 (until enrollment is full) **Camp date begins:** June 1

**Cost for City Residents:** \$55 per child/per week for 6 weeks (\$50 per week for 2-3 siblings, living in the same residence)

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





## TUPELO BALLROOM DANCE CLUB

155 WAYSIDE DRIVE

Tupelo Ballroom Dance Club (TBDC) 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.

TBDC hosts a monthly social dance, as well as occasional workshops. Most TBDC activities are held at The Dance Studio of Tupelo at 155 Wayside Drive. Parking is conveniently located behind the building, across from Jonnie's Drive In.

The club partners with individuals and groups in Tupelo and the surrounding areas to offer social dance events for the entire community.



For more information, please visit [www.tupeloballroomdance.blogs.com](http://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](mailto:Rashby52348@gmail.com)**







### 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](http://www.swimtupelo.com) or call (662) 840-3768 for more info.**

**Hours of operation:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00am – 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.

**See 2026 Calendar (pgs 4-7) for events and Lifeguard Training Course dates.**





## ELVIS PRESLEY BIRTHPLACE

Where the King's Story began.

Explore the humble two-room house where Elvis was born, the church where he first sang in public, and a fascinating museum filled with exhibits worthy of the Smithsonian. Beyond the ticketed attractions, you're free to stroll our beautiful 15-acre grounds that celebrate Elvis's early years.

Planning a special event? The Memorial Chapel is perfect for weddings. The Event Center is ideal for receptions and meetings, and our theatre is available for concerts and gatherings. Come experience the place where Elvis's dreams took shape!

### **Visitor information:**

**Phone:** 662-841-1245

**Website:** [www.elvispresleybirthplace.com](http://www.elvispresleybirthplace.com)

**Email:** [rturner@elvispresleybirthplace.com](mailto: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***



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

## WINNERS OF THE 2025 TUPELO PARKS & RECREATION PHOTO CONTEST



**Peggy Gilliland**



**Marina Watkins**



**La'Starr Jones**



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

*"One Goal, One Passion – Bridging the City's Cultures Together."*

The 8th 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 28, 2026

**Time:** 2:00 - 5:00 pm

**Location:** The Depot



### 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 4, 2026

**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 4th 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 25, 2026

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Paul Eason Track, Ballard Park West

### DUDIE'S BURGER FESTIVAL

Each year the Oren Dunn City Museum celebrates the Dudie's 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 10, 2026

**Event time:** 10:00am- 3:00pm





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 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 year, we're not just celebrating- we're making history. It's the 40th anniversary of this beloved FREE FAMILY EVENT and the 250th Anniversary of our Nation's founding! So, get ready for an unforgettable Independence Day celebration! 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, so stay tuned for an exciting list of performers!

**Event date:** Friday, July 4, 2026

**Event time:** 5:00pm – 9:30pm

**Location:** TBD



### TOUCH-A-TRUCK

This special event gives children the exciting opportunity to touch, climb, and explore trucks and heavy machinery while learning about the important roles these vehicles serve in our community. A wide variety of vehicles will be on site and staff members of the vehicles will be present for children to ask questions, take pictures and satisfy their curious minds. A designated sensory-friendly time will also be offered to ensure a comfortable experience for children with sensory needs. This free family-friendly event promises fun, learning, and unforgettable memories for kids of all ages!

**Event date:** Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

**Event location:** Veterans Memorial Park

**Event time:** Sensory friendly hour; 9:00am-10:00am;

Horns and Sirens: 10:00am – 11:00am

### COMMUNITY FORWARD FESTIVAL

The 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. 19, 2026

**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 is a vibrant community event that honors and celebrates diversity by bringing people together through shared traditions. The purpose of this festival is to highlight & learn about the many different cultures that make up Tupelo & the surrounding areas. Guests will enjoy an exciting day filled with cultural dancing, singing, delicious food, & family-friendly fun. Join us as we unite our community through the beauty of different cultures & shared experiences!

**Event date:** Sunday, September 20, 2026

**Event time:** 2:00pm – 5:00pm

**Event location:** The Depot



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

The Festival of Christmas Trees is another holiday tradition at Ballard Park. Families, church groups, businesses, sororities, fraternities, and civic organizations are invited to stop by the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Office at Ballard Park to fill out a Registration Form to adopt a Christmas Tree. It's FREE and you can decorate in honor of someone special or choose your own unique theme.

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 19, 2026

**Event time:** 6:00pm

**Event location:** Ballard Park, near the Office

*Happy Holidays*





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 2ND ANNUAL KALEIDO-SPOKE GLOW BIKE RIDE

GET READY FOR A MAGICAL EVENING AS WE LIGHT UP THE NIGHT with glowing bikes, dazzling Christmas lights, hot chocolate, Santa's elves, and festive fun for the whole family! Take a joyful ride through the Ballard Park Christmas Light Displays, and enjoy:

- Free glow sticks and candy canes from Santa's elves
- Glow stick decorating for kids' bikes
- A family dance party
- A food truck on site
- A snow machine creating a winter wonderland
- ... and so much more holiday cheer!

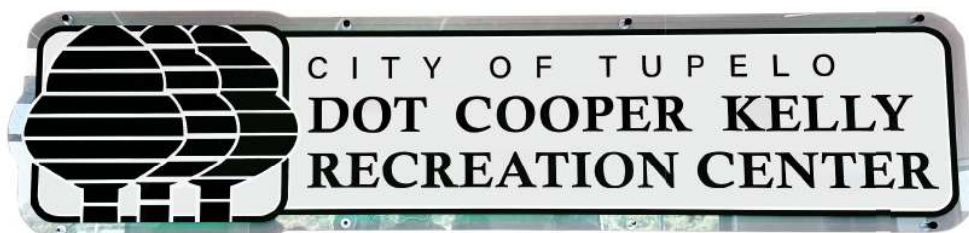


**Safety First: All kids are encouraged to wear helmets and practice safe riding throughout the event.**

**Event date:** Saturday, December 5, 2026

**Event time:** 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Event location:** Ballard Park



**906 Fillmore Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801**

We are so excited to present the Dot Cooper Kelly Recreation Center. She was the first female Tupelo Parks and Recreation Director. She was a former superintendent of the Tupelo Parks and Recreation Department and retired from the City of Tupelo as Municipal Court Clerk. She was active in Local, State and National Recreational organizations and was the first female President of the Miss. Parks and Recreation Association.



This beautiful newly-renovated building offers indoor pickleball courts, state-of-the-art restroom facilities, and additional space for after-school programs & summer camps for kids. It also provides additional amenities, including spacious restrooms and a comfortable indoor lounge area.



## **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, 18 Hole Disc Golf, one all-inclusive playground, 2 other playgrounds (East & West), Cross Country trail, Life Trail Fitness System, 1 maintenance building, 20 picnic tables, 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, 1 pavilion, 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)**

1 recreation/meeting facility

### **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, picnic table, watering station, 2.5-mile Music Bend Trail

### **Gun Club Park (9 Acres)**

1 mile trail



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

### **Gumtree Park (22 Acres)**

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

### **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

### **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, .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, M60 Patton Tank, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 40-capacity storm shelter





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 present day, 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](http://www.orendunncitymuseum.com)

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





# TUPELO BASEBALL COMPLEXES

**BankPlus  
SPORTSPLEX**

3611 Westgate Drive  
Tupelo, MS 38804



**WEST MAIN STREET**



Glasgow Lane

Westgate Drive

**GOLEY ROAD**

Rutherford Rd.

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



**LOT 1**

**LOT 2**



**LOT 3**

**LOT 4**

**NATCHEZ TRACE**





# 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



655 Rutherford Road  
Tupelo, MS 38801  
662.841.6440

[tupeloparkandrec.org](http://tupeloparkandrec.org)

MITCHELL ROAD

LOT 1

FIELD 1

FIELD 2

FIELD 3

LOT 2

# 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

LOT 1

JOYNER AVENUE



# TUPELO SOFTBALL COMPLEXES

## Eastwood Softball Complex



- 1 Mansell Field
  - 2 Paslay Field
  - 3 Noble Field
  - 4 Bush Field
- Academy Sports



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## Veterans Memorial Softball Complex



- 1 Dodge's Field
- 2 Barnes Crossing Hyundai Field
- 3 Academy Sports Field
- 4 Coca Cola Field



# BALLARD PARK SOCCER COMPLEX

WEST MAIN STREET

COLEY ROAD

Glassgow Lane

Westgate Drive

Rutherford Rd.

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# TUPELO AQUATICS CENTER

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Tupelo, MS 38804



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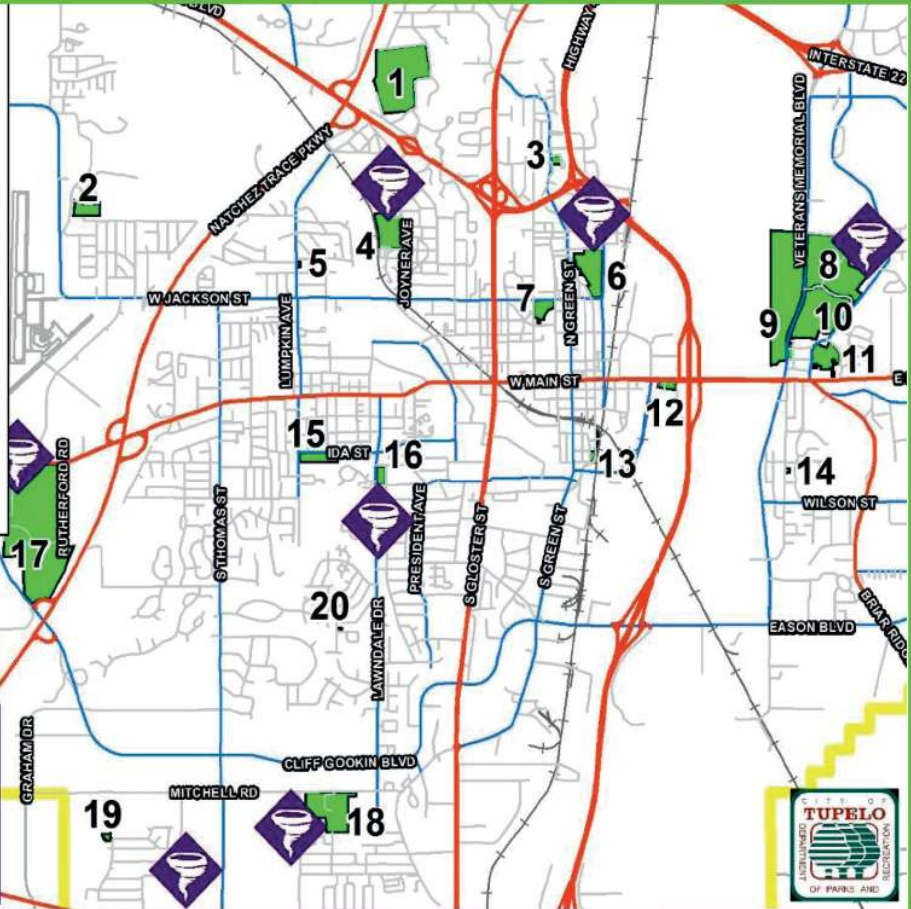
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- 1 Bel Air Golf Course
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- 11 Elvis Presley Birthplace
- 12 Gateway Park
- 13 Creative Commons & Old Mill Town Park
- 14 Chandler Park
- 15 Hancock Park
- 16 Dot Cooper Kelly Park
- 17 Ballard Park
- 18 Theron Nichols Park
- 19 Haven Acres Park
- 20 Aycock Park

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# THE NEW ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT BALLARD PARK

