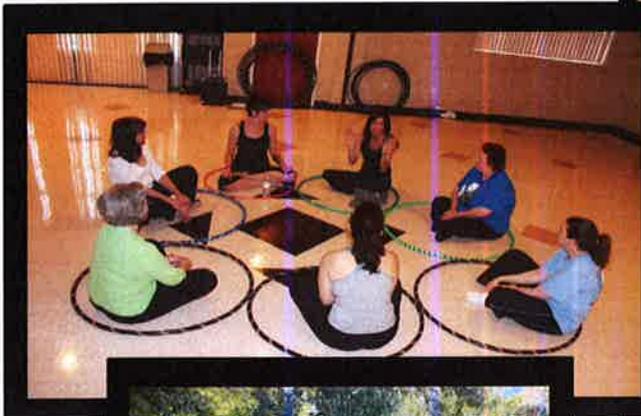


# Town of Farragut Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan 2013 Update



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## **Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan Update - Introduction**

In late 2006, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a charter and appointed a citizen committee to formulate a master plan in the area of parks and recreation. During a period of 14 months, the committee conducted research; studied demographics; held public hearings; interviewed the Leisure Services committees; and formulated a mission statement, statement of needs and rationale; and goals with an action plan to recommend to the Board. This committee presented the *Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan 2008 – 2018* to the Municipal Planning Commission and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the plan was approved in January 2008.

As part of the process of creating a park and recreation master plan, an update is recommended every five years. During the five-year period between the approval of the original plan and this update, the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen embarked on an ambitious project to create an overall strategic plan and an updated comprehensive land use plan. For this 2013 update to the *Parks and Leisure Services Plan*, goals and action items are matched with the *Town of Farragut Strategic Plan – Vision 2025*, and includes the goals of the *Farragut Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update 2012* imbedded in the new list of action items.

The new set of goals and action items has been divided into three parts: Near-Term (2013-2017), Mid-Term (2018-2020) and Long-Term (2021-2023). The long-term goals were not matched to the strategic plan because it is likely that these goals will be changed and modified before that time. Many of the action items in the *Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan* are dependent on funding in the operating or capital investment program so changes are likely to occur.

This new set of goals and action items has been reviewed and discussed with each of the four Parks and Leisure Services committees: Arts Council, Beautification Committee, Folklife Museum Committee and the Parks and Athletics Council. Changes that were suggested have been incorporated into this document and all committee members have reviewed these changes. The members of the four leisure services committee are already well informed and educated on the strengths and weaknesses of the current system of programs and facilities as these committees use the current facilities for their special events.

## ***Parks and Leisure Services (PALS) Department Mission Statement***

It improve the quality of life for all residents of Farragut by providing a wide variety of services that include leisure and cultural activities, parks and facilities, special events and programs that encourage health, fitness, relaxation, enjoyment, cultural enrichment and learning as well as providing opportunities for community involvement.

**Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan Goals and Action Items**  
**Near Term (2013-2017)**

**Strategic Plan Goal 1: Maintain Financially Sound Town Providing Excellent Services**

1. Responsible Use of Debt
  - a. Conduct a feasibility study regarding the funding of construction and the continued cost of operations for a community center.
2. Adequate Revenues
  - a. Update fee comparisons with other local governments and make recommendations on a yearly basis.
  - b. Continue to apply for all appropriate grants and include required matches in the annual budget.
  - c. Renovate the Museum gift shop to provide better flow and display areas.
3. High Customer Satisfaction Rating
  - a. Continue participant evaluations in programs and athletics and use the results to adjust delivery system.
  - b. Formulate an evaluation method for special events; and, continue evaluations for special events and use results to adjust the delivery system.
  - c. Continue to participate in the "Intro To Farragut" program by providing information about the history of the Town and the PALS department.
4. Reliable Delivery of Town Services
  - a. Continue PALS staff training in customer service, first aid and best practices in parks and recreation.
  - b. Continue requirement for specified PALS staff to be certified as a park and recreation professional and a playground safety inspector.
  - c. Continue to coordinate and research opportunities to expand the FUN Volunteer Program to supplement the work of paid staff.
  - d. Begin an online program (using a third party vendor if necessary) for facility rentals and event, program and athletics registration.
5. Well Planned and Maintained Town Facilities
  - a. Evaluate the current staffing levels of the PALS and parks division of the Public Works Department, including part time seasonal workers.

- b. Expand use of seasonal staff to meet an expanded schedule for the artificial turf athletic field.
- c. Reconstruct McFee Park splash pad.
- d. Reconstruct Mayor Bob Leonard Park (MBLP) playground and surface.
- e. Install an artificial turf field in the location of rectangular field #2 at MBLP.
- f. Replace MBLP and Anchor Park softball fencing.
- g. Replace current overflow grass parking area at McFee Park with a permeable grid and grass system.
- h. Make yearly progress in updating or renovating current facilities and programs according to ADA regulations.

## **Strategic Plan Goal 2: Strengthen the Local Economy**

1. Increase Number of Visitors To Farragut; Also "Heads in Beds"
  - a. Partner with Visit Knoxville to promote the Town of Farragut as a venue for regional athletic events and heritage tourism.
  - b. Utilizing the current trend in heritage tourism, continue to advertise the Farragut Folklife Museum and, in particular, the Farragut Collection and Plaza in local, regional and national publications and online listings.
  - c. Investigate possibilities of a beautification program at the Campbell Station Road/Interstate 40 interchange as a gateway to the Town.
  - d. Expand use of social media to include as many free sources as possible.
2. Keep Sales Tax Local
  - a. Hire a consultant to formulate a branding program/tourism plan for the Town of Farragut. This would possibly include work with Town committees, focus groups and other methods of citizen input.
  - b. Fund and implement the branding program formulated by the consultant.
  - c. Continue to partner with the Farragut Business Alliance (FBA) in the promotion of the Shop Farragut program.
  - d. Update the Town's website with Farragut business information.

## **Strategic Plan Goal 3: Develop the Town's Historic Assets**

1. Expand Areas for Museum Displays
  - a. Continue rotation of the changing exhibit area (Bill Dunlap Gallery) three times per year to encourage repeat visitors.
  - b. Continue rotation every 12 – 18 months of vignette display.

2. Preserve Russell House
  - a. Finalize research and decide the Town's involvement with the Campbell Station Inn.
  - b. If purchased, make a decision regarding the permanent location of the Campbell Station Inn.
  - c. If purchased, engage in any grant opportunities for the preservation of the Campbell Station Inn.
  - d. If purchased, hire a consultant to work with an appointed committee to produce plans for the renovation of the Campbell Station Inn.
3. Develop a Reputation as a Historic Destination
  - a. Working with brand/tourism consultant, identify strengths in the Farragut community to promote heritage tourism.
  - b. Produce a publication listing the location and details of the historic places in Farragut and pertinent areas outside of the Town limits, such as Concord.
  - c. Continue to advertise the Farragut Folklife Museum and, in particular, the Farragut Collection and Plaza in local, regional and national publications and online listings.

#### **Strategic Plan Goal 4: Facilitate Future Growth Development and Redevelopment**

1. More Beautiful Corridors and Development
  - a. Continue the annual Beautification Awards program including the installation of signage at the winning sites (for approximately six months).
  - b. Continue the Plant A Tree program.
  - c. Continue to update the park and greenway landscaping.
  - d. Continue to plant trees each fall on Town of Farragut property and easements.
  - e. Formulate a plan for street banner replacement (for damaged or faded banners).
2. Redevelop Aged Commercial Areas
  - a. Evaluate empty properties for the location of a future community center.

## **Strategic Plan Goal 5: Expand Leisure Amenities (Venues and Programs)**

### **1. Expand Park Development**

- a. Complete construction of phase 3 of McFee Park which includes two lighted artificial turf fields, restroom/storage building, pavilion, asphalt trail, major site work for expansion area, entrance road, parking area and pond renovation.
- b. Construct an additional parking area at Mayor Bob Leonard Park.
- c. Construct an additional three court sand volleyball complex.
- d. Prepare construction plans for phase 4 of McFee Park.
- e. Construct an outdoor classroom in the property next to the entrance of Farragut High School off Campbell Station Road.

### **2. Extend Greenway System**

- a. Construct greenway link along south section of Kingston Pike from Old Stage Road to Virtue Road.
- b. Construct greenway link from McFee Road to Wentworth Subdivision greenway.
- c. Request TDOT for an easement along I-40 for a greenway extension.
- d. Construct a greenway link from The Battery at Berkeley Park to Everett Road.
- e. Research properties/easements available for a greenway link under Kingston Pike.
- f. Continue to use complete streets model for all road construction or reconstruction (includes sidewalks, greenways and bike lanes).
- g. Work with TDOT on plans for a possible greenway link at the renovation of the Campbell Station Road interchange off I-40.
- h. Pursue a greenway link along Turkey Creek on the northeast side of Kingston Pike.

### **3. Develop A Community Center**

- a. Conduct a feasibility study regarding the funding of construction and the continued cost of operations for a community center.
- b. Evaluate empty properties for the location of a future community center.

### **4. Increase Pedestrian Connectivity Within Farragut**

- a. Install standardized (with City of Knoxville) greenway signage at all greenway links.

5. Increase Sports Tourism

- a. Work with Visit Knoxville to promote the Town of Farragut as a venue for regional athletic events.

6. Develop Water Based Aquatic Facilities

- a. Include possible aquatic facility with the feasibility study regarding funding of construction and the continued cost of operations for a community center.

7. Expand Cultural Arts Programs

- a. Coordinate an art and flower show or another major cultural event every three years.
- b. Install the additional pieces of the "Circle of Friends" sculptures at Campbell Station Park.
- c. Create a plan for expanding sculpture program to other Town parks.

8. Increase Recreation and Leisure Programs and Services

- a. Using the Service Analysis & Financial Strategies Planning Process (SAFS), analyze each of the Town's special events and take appropriate action for the future.
- b. Continue level of programming.
- c. Add one special event.
- d. Continue to coordinate events and programs with these entities: Farragut Business Alliance, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Knoxville Youth Athletics, Knoxville Track Club, AARP, VITA, Cool Sports, Knox County Coalition of Childhood Obesity and Let's Move.
- e. Continue current level of visual arts programming.
- f. Create a plan for expanding performing arts programming.
- g. Research other agencies and businesses to partner with for programs and events.
- h. Continue to have representation on the Knox County Community Health Council and to staff the council's Partnership Committee.
- i. Publicize programming of the outdoor classroom in coordination with the Stormwater Division.

**Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan Goals and Action Items**  
**Mid Term (2018-2020)**

**Strategic Plan Goal 1: Maintain Financially Sound Town Providing Excellent Services**

1. Responsible Use of Debt
  - a. Evaluate the revenue/expenditures and staff costs associated with the acquisition and development of additional park land, greenway and/or facilities.
2. Adequate Revenues
  - a. Continue to update fees as needed on an annual basis.
  - b. Continue to apply for all appropriate grants and include required matches in the annual budget.
  - c. Establish an online gift catalog for park equipment and donations.
3. High Customer Satisfaction Rating
  - a. Hire a consultant to conduct a random sample survey of parks and recreation facilities (current and future).
  - b. Continue participant evaluations in programs and athletics and use results to adjust the delivery system.
  - c. Continue evaluations for special events and use results to adjust the delivery system.
4. Reliable Delivery of Town Services
  - a. Continue PALS staff training in customer service, first aid and best practices in parks and recreation.
  - b. Continue requirement for specified PALS staff to be certified as a park and recreation professional and a playground safety inspector.
  - c. Continue to coordinate and research opportunities to expand the FUN Volunteer Program to supplement the work of paid staff.
5. Well Planned and Maintained Town Facilities
  - a. Evaluate staffing levels.
  - b. Replace fencing at MBLP west baseball field.
  - c. Replace playground and surface at Anchor Park.
  - d. Research replacement of turf at selected fields at MBLP and McFee Park with artificial turf.

- e. Evaluate the future use of the former Dimmick house at McFee Park.
- f. Continue to update or renovate facilities to comply with ADA regulations.

### **Strategic Plan Goal 2: Strengthen the Local Economy**

1. Increase Number of Visitors To Farragut; Also "Heads in Beds"
  - a. Continue partnership with Visit Knoxville to promote the Town of Farragut as a venue for regional athletic events.
  - b. Utilizing the current national trend in heritage tourism, continue to advertise the Farragut Folklife Museum and, in particular, the Farragut Collection and Plaza in local, regional and national publications and online listings.
  - c. If purchased, establish a visitor center in the Campbell Station Inn.
2. Keep Sales Tax Local
  - a. Continue to fund and implement the branding program.
  - b. Continue partnership with the FBA in the promotion of "Shop Farragut."

### **Strategic Plan Goal 3: Develop the Town's Historic Assets**

1. Expand Areas for Museum Displays
  - a. Continue rotation of the changing exhibit area (Bill Dunlap Gallery) three times per year to encourage repeat visitors.
2. Preserve Russell House
  - a. If purchased, renovate Campbell Station Inn to accommodate a visitor center, offices or other.
3. Develop a Reputation as a Historic Destination
  - a. Investigate installation of signage and map at historic areas.
  - b. Continue to advertise the Farragut Folklife Museum and, in particular, the Farragut Collection and Plaza in local, regional and national publications and online listings.
  - c. Develop a special event at the historic Pleasant Forest Cemetery.
  - d. Using plan developed by consultant, expand public relations efforts to promote heritage tourism.

### **Strategic Plan Goal 4: Facilitate Future Growth Development and Redevelopment**

1. More Beautiful Corridors and Development
  - a. Continue the annual Beautification Awards program including the installation of signage at the winning sites.
  - b. Continue the Plant A Tree program.
  - c. Continue to update the park and greenway landscaping.
  - d. Continue to plant trees each fall on Town of Farragut property and easements.
  - e. Develop a program to partner with businesses on street or entrance beautification (streetscaping).
  - f. Add another set of seasonal banners (probably summer season).
  - g. Investigate possibility of adding another award opportunity/program in the area of beautification.
2. Redevelop Aged Commercial Areas
  - a. Evaluate empty properties for the location of a future community center.

## **Strategic Plan Goal 5: Expand Leisure Amenities (Venues and Programs)**

1. Expand Park Development
  - a. Complete construction of phase 4 of McFee Park which includes 18-hole disc golf course, additional parking, fishing pier, pavilion and historical trail interpretation area.
  - b. Acquire additional land to meet the recreational and leisure needs of the Town's growing population, especially land for passive park(s).
  - c. Complete construction plans for phase 5 of McFee Park.
  - d. Complete construction or renovation plans for a community center and indoor aquatic facility.
2. Extend Greenway System
  - a. Construct greenway link under Kingston Pike.
  - b. Construct several missing links of the greenway system, specifically to MBLP and McFee Park.
  - c. Construct short greenway link and parking and install interpretive signage along Virtue Road at one of the sites of the Battle of Campbell Station.
  - d. Construct greenway link along one of the creekways.
  - e. Continue work with TDOT on plans for a possible greenway link in the renovation of the Campbell Station Road interchange off I-40.

- f. Continue to use complete streets model for all road construction or reconstruction (includes sidewalks, greenways and bike lanes).
  - g. Begin a Capital Investment Program to retrofit bike lanes on selected current Town roads.
- 3. Develop A Community Center
  - a. Conduct a feasibility study regarding the funding of construction and the continued cost of operations for a community center.
  - b. Investigate private/public partnerships.
  - c. Evaluate empty properties for the location of a future community center.
- 4. Increase Pedestrian Connectivity Within Farragut
  - a. Continue to install standardized (with City of Knoxville) greenway signage at all new greenway links.
- 5. Increase Sports Tourism
  - a. Work with Visit Knoxville to promote the Town of Farragut as a venue for regional athletic events.
- 6. Develop Water Based Aquatic Facilities
  - a. Include possible aquatic facility with the feasibility study regarding funding of construction and the continued cost of operations for a community center.
- 7. Expand Cultural Arts Programs
  - a. Coordinate an art and flower show or another major cultural event every three years.
  - b. Continue to expand program to include sculptures in all Town parks.
  - c. Begin a public art program centered around the communities heritage.
- 8. Increase Recreation and Leisure Programs and Services
  - a. Continue level of programming.
  - b. Add one special event.
  - c. Continue to coordinate events and programs with other these entities: Farragut Business Alliance, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Knoxville Youth Athletics, Knoxville Track Club, AARP, VITA, Cool Sports, Knox County Coalition of Childhood Obesity and Let's Move.
  - d. Research other agencies and businesses to partner with for programs and events.

**Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan Goals and Action Items**  
**Long Term (2021-2023)**

**1. Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programs**

- a. Develop a master plan and construct a wetlands park on Town-owned property between the Town Hall and S. Campbell Station Road.
- b. Construct additional greenways concentrating on missing greenway links and areas along creeks.
- c. Plan and construct additional greenway links that connect to City of Knoxville, Knox County and Loudon County greenways.
- d. Complete construction of phase 5 (and final phase) of McFee Park which includes amphitheater, small pavilion, playtrail, 2 lighted tennis courts and hitting wall and dog park.
- e. Construct a community center with an indoor aquatic component.
- f. Expand staff and programming with the development of a community center.
- g. Continue to work closely with Farragut businesses and area non-profits to partner with events, programs and promotions.
- h. Produce a festival at McFee Park.
- i. Evaluate need for additional acreage for recreational use as compared with the Town's population.
- j. Continue to construct or reconstruct streets using the complete streets model (includes sidewalks, greenways and bike lanes) and continue to retrofit key roads in Farragut with a bike lane.

**2. Tourism**

- a. Continue to budget advertising monies for heritage tourism.
- b. Replace turf on selected fields at MBLP and McFee Park to enhance the opportunities for regional tournaments using Farragut facilities.
- c. Promote the unique design of the 18-hole disc golf course for regional and national tournaments.
- d. Promote sand volleyball facilities for regional tournaments.
- e. Grow festival at McFee Park to increase tourism and "heads in beds."

### **3. Beautification and Cultural Programs**

- a. Update summer street banners.
- b. Update park and greenway landscaping and continue to plant trees on public lands.
- c. Develop programming for the amphitheater.
- d. Develop a funding mechanism for public art.
- e. Implement public art program.
- f. Complete sculpture in parks program.

## Staffing Review - Updated

The Parks and Leisure Services and the Public Works Department are two of the five departments within the staffing structure of the Town of Farragut. In the area of recreation, the Town of Farragut differs from the majority of recreation departments in the nation. While the programming, off hours maintenance and park supervision is handled by the Parks and Leisure Services Department, the majority of the maintenance is performed by the Public Works Department.

The Parks and Leisure Services Department current staffing/duties include:

- **Parks and Leisure Services Director** (Certified Parks & Recreational Professional - CPRP): serves as one of seven members of the Town's management team, department management, budgeting, capital project oversight, grants, administrative compliance
- **Museum Coordinator:** museum operations, artifact archival, docent training
- **Public Relations Coordinator:** media relations, advertising, program assistant, Folkife Museum Committee staff liaison
- **Leisure Services Administrative Assistants (2):** databases, staff assistant, gift shop and Beautification Committee staff liaison
- **Special Event and Program Coordinator** (CPRP): programs, special events, volunteers, part time instructor supervision, Arts Council staff liaison
- **Athletic and Park Coordinator:** athletic leagues, park and greenway oversight, park assistant supervision, Parks and Athletics Council staff liaison
- **Park Assistants** (8 part time): park and greenway supervision (nights and weekends), athletic league assistants, staff assistants
- **Sports Officials** (8 part time seasonal): adult volleyball and softball officials

The Public Works Department current staffing/duties include:

- **Public Works Director:** serves as one of seven members of the Town's management team, department management, budgeting, response to citizen requests, equipment bid management
- **Public Works Foreman – Parks Division:** supervision and planning schedules of work crew, maintain supply inventories
- **Equipment Operators (11) – Parks Division:** park maintenance including mowing, cleaning, field preparation and landscaping, installation of seasonal decorations, installation of park equipment

Services provided by the Parks and Leisure Services Department include:

- **Parks and Recreation:** The Town currently has four established parks with one of these parks, McFee Park, having completed phase two out of 5 or 6 phases. The Town also has miles of a greenway system for walking or biking. Parks and Leisure Services staff coordinate facility rentals, adult athletic leagues (volleyball and softball), quarterly programs, lectures and classes; monthly special events; provide park supervision and inspection; supervise recreational capital improvements; and write and coordinate grant applications/processes. Part-time park assistants provide splash pad maintenance; litter and trash pickup; restroom, shelter and community room cleanings/setups; and field and court preparation. In addition, park assistants provide event assistance and supervision at each of the Town's parks and along the greenways.
- **Arts and Culture:** The PALS Department currently coordinates the Farragut Folklife Museum that is housed in the Town Hall. The museum includes three galleries and a gift shop. One of these galleries is dedicated to the history of the Farragut/Concord area while the Admiral Farragut Gallery holds an impressive collection of artifacts from and about the nation's first admiral. In addition, the third gallery is the location for special exhibits which are changed three times a year. Some of the past special exhibits have included the Battle of Campbell Station, Farragut High School, etc.

Along with the Museum, the Town holds regular cultural events including adult learning seminars, art shows and performances.

- **Public Relations/Community Information:** The Town keeps residents well informed about meetings, programs, events and services through several outlets. Meeting agendas and specific information about Town programs and events are posted on the Town's website ([townoffarragut.org](http://townoffarragut.org)), published in the *Farragut Shopper-News* (Mondays) and *farragutpress* (Thursdays), and can be viewed on the Town's government access channel (Charter and TDS cable channel 3). Also available on the Town's access channel is a live broadcast of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Municipal Planning Commission meetings. In addition, the Town's Facebook page (Town of Farragut) and Twitter account ([townoffarragut](https://twitter.com/townoffarragut)) are regularly updated with program, special event and general information.

Information about special events and the Farragut Folklife Museum is provided to national, state and local tourism/events calendars and publications. The Farragut Athletic Field Infoline (966-2420) is updated during the week at 3 p.m. and at 8 a.m. on weekends from March to November with playing field conditions and is also updated year-round about the status of special events during inclement weather. The Softball League Infoline (777-2732) and Volleyball League Infoline (777-2869) are updated on weekdays by 3 p.m. from March to November with league schedules. See page 15 for specific athletics information.

Approximately 7,200 copies of the "Farragut Annual Report" are distributed to every Farragut residence in February of each year. This publication is also distributed by the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, local realty agencies and other businesses to prospective residents and businesses. A quarterly newsletter, "Talk of the Town," is distributed to over 95% of Farragut homes through the *farragutpress*. A monthly e-newsletter, *At Your Leisure*, is sent to Farragut homeowners associations, volunteers and citizens (call 966-7057 to add email address), and other specialty e-newsletters are sent to targeted groups associated with the Town.

The Town also maintains information about local homeowners groups, civic organizations and public utilities important to Farragut residents. Scout troops, schools and community organizations can also arrange government lectures and tours of the Farragut Folklife Museum through the Parks and Leisure Services Department.

- **Citizen Involvement/Volunteer Coordination:** Numerous volunteer opportunities are available to citizens who would like to play a role in meeting the needs of the community. The personal time, expertise and untiring efforts contributed by the Town's citizens make a significant impact on Farragut's success and high quality of life.

### **Town of Farragut Committees**

The Town currently has 11 standing committees, councils, boards or commissions, which contribute to the success of the Town through various areas. These citizen volunteers share in the pride of Farragut's accomplishments and are mostly appointed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in late May and early June of each year. The four committees that work with the Parks and Leisure Services Department include:

- **Arts Council:** Mission is to further the arts through programs and events. With the assistance of the Leisure Services staff, this committee has been responsible for student art shows, art and flower shows, an annual children's literary festival, special lectures in the area of art and music and tours to local cultural facilities.
- **Beautification Committee:** Mission is to coordinate seasonal and holiday decorations and events, including the street banner program and the Celebrate the Season event, and to judge the annual beautification awards for the Town of Farragut.
- **Folklife Museum Committee:** Purpose is to supervise a permanent museum for the collection, preservation and exhibition of artifacts relating to Farragut. The committee serves as the administrative staff for the museum and gift shop, making decisions about fundraising and exhibits and coordinating special events vital to preserving the heritage of the area.

- **Parks and Athletics Council:** Advises staff about recreational policies, procedures and fees; development of recreational facilities; athletics leagues; and facility usage.

### **FUN Volunteer Program**

Farragut's Unsung Navy (FUN) Volunteer Program is a unique municipal program of more than 100 volunteers who give time to the Town in many different forms. From the inception of the program through 2012, volunteers had donated over 100,000 hours with a value of over one million dollars. Volunteers serve as docents in the Farragut Folklife Museum, hosts in the museum gift shop, auxiliary staff to the various Town departments, volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and as volunteer staff at many leisure services events and programs. The FUN Volunteer Program is continually expanding the use of volunteers in many departments when a skill or need is presented. FUN Volunteers accumulate hours toward a rank in the FUN Navy and are rewarded for their efforts at a holiday tea and a yearly banquet.

### **Other Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Adopt A Mile:** Volunteers from businesses, civic clubs, churches, neighborhood associations, scouts, school groups, families and other organizations adopt a mile of a Farragut road. Participants must be at least 11 years old, sign a liability release form (parents must sign for minor children) and watch a safety video before the first scheduled pickup. Groups adopting the mile agree to clean the road at least once a quarter for a two-year period. The Town agrees to place two signs identifying the group that has adopted that mile and to provide all safety equipment and supplies for the cleanup.
- **Adopt A Greenway:** The Adopt A Greenway Program is a wonderful way for organizations with younger children to be part of a community clean-up effort. Sections of the Town's three main greenways are available under similar guidelines as the Adopt A Mile Program - a group, individual or family agrees to clean that section of the greenway at least once a quarter for

a one-year period. The Town will provide all the necessary supplies and will identify the adopting group with a two-sided sign located on that section of the greenway.

- **Adopt A Stream:** Annual responsibilities for adopting groups include conducting a stream walk, three stream watches, a pipe and drainage ditch inventory (if applicable) and two stream cleanups. The group coordinator will attend a four-hour training to learn Adopt-A-Stream protocols and then will coordinate their implementation. The Town will provide supplies, signage, technical guidance and maintenance of documentation of the group's efforts. This program operates under the auspices of the Water Quality Forum, a consortium of agencies, organizations, schools, businesses and citizens working to protect and restore our regional waterways.
  
- **Eagle Scout, Gold Award and Community Volunteer Program:** Eagle Scout and Gold Award candidates and individuals, schools or organizations seeking community volunteer projects receive assistance from Town staff in identifying potential projects in Town parks, greenways or other publicly-owned land. This includes donations of time, materials and/or monies for a range of projects from park benches to greenway maps.

Services provided by the Parks and Leisure Services Department include:

- **Park and Public Facility Maintenance:** The Town currently maintains four parks - Anchor Park on Turkey Creek Road, Campbell Station Park on Campbell Station Road, McFee Park on McFee Road and Mayor Bob Leonard Park on Watt Road. The Public Works Department also handles the majority of maintenance for the Town's greenways, publicly owned open spaces, future parkland and the Farragut Town Hall. This includes weekly mowing, litter control, facility cleaning, equipment repairs, seasonal field maintenance and construction and installation of park equipment and accessory structures.
  
- **Seasonal Decorations/Landscaping:** Holiday decorations, including the Town Hall and Campbell Station Park lighting, are an important part of the holiday season for the Town of Farragut and are installed by

the Public Works Department. Throughout the year, the Public Works Department hangs seasonal street banners and plants annuals at the Town Hall and Town parks.

- **Special Event Assistance:** The Public Works crew members assist with equipment setup and removal for events such as the Independence Day Parade, Freaky Friday Fright Nite, etc.

## **Town Facilities and Programs – Updated**

While many park and recreation master plans will divide parks into nationally accepted classifications: regional, neighborhood, sports, pocket, etc., the small geographic size of Farragut does not necessitate this structure. All Farragut parks are accessible by car within minutes to the entire Farragut population. Many of the Town's neighborhoods are also connected to the four parks by sidewalks or greenways for those wishing a safe place to walk, skate or bicycle.

To meet the diverse recreational and leisure needs of the community, the Town of Farragut has aggressively established parkland throughout the Town. Listed below are the four Town-owned parks along with the Town's only indoor facility (Town Hall). Each park has several information kiosks that contain a park map, rules and regulations and information about leagues or special events. In addition to the established parks, additional open/green space owned by the Town is scattered throughout many subdivisions and along roads and streets. Most of these properties are not suitable for development because they are too small, located in a floodway or are designated detention areas.

### **PARKS**

#### **Anchor Park - 11730 Turkey Creek Road**

A 15-acre family-friendly park, Anchor Park is located adjacent to the lakefront. The Town's original park offers many opportunities for picnicking, fishing, playground fun or quiet areas to simply read or relax. Park facilities include:

- 3 picnic pavilions with grills
- rectangular field
- softball field
- fishing pond
- paved walk (0.8 mile)
- recreational basketball court
- playground
- restroom/concession building
- horseshoe pit
- 2 accessible fishing piers

#### **Campbell Station Park - 405 N. Campbell Station Road**

A passive park, this 17-acre park is adjacent to the Farragut branch of the Knox County Library System. Park facilities include:

- 11 markers depicting the history of the Farragut/Concord area
- 2 picnic pavilions with grills
- lighted paved walk trail (2/5 mile) with an additional unlighted

- paved trail on the west side of Turkey Creek (2/3-mile loop)
- benches
- open play areas
- mulch walk trails (1/4 mile in 5 segments)
- outdoor classroom
- 8 pieces of sculpture
- restroom

### **Mayor Bob Leonard Park - 301 Watt Road**

One of the premier sports complexes in the region, Mayor Bob Leonard Park is a 50-acre multi-use facility offering athletic and recreational opportunities for a variety of activities. The wetlands area at the center of the park, encircled by a lighted walk trail, is a unique feature. Park facilities include:

- 2 lighted softball fields
- 2 lighted baseball fields
- 5 lighted rectangular fields
- soccer/open field practice area
- 3 lighted sand volleyball courts
- concession building
- lighted paved wetlands walk trails (up to 0.9-mile loop ADA accessible or 1-mile loop with an incline) with observation deck
- ADA accessible lighted playground
- 2 restrooms
- covered picnic area at playground (seats 8 at 1 table)

Future facilities include:

- artificial turf rectangular field opening in Fall 2013

### **McFee Park – 917 McFee Road**

The Town's newest park is a 51+acre multi-use facility featuring "green" elements including solar panels, permeable pavers, LED lighting, bioswales/rain gardens and natural light in the restrooms. Park facilities include:

- 2 lighted rectangular fields
- lighted walk trails
- 2 restrooms
- ADA accessible lighted playground
- splash pad
- 2 picnic pavilions with grills

Future facilities include:

- artificial turf rectangular fields
- dog park
- amphitheater

- tennis courts
- playground
- picnic pavilions
- disc golf course
- additional walk trails

## **GREENWAYS**

As greenways and sidewalks make a community more livable and marketable, Town of Farragut officials have long understood the need to develop links through Town and developer resources. In accordance with the *Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan* approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in 2010, the Town continues to work to build pedestrian linkages throughout the community.

In a continuing effort to enhance the Town's extensive greenways, the Town provides greenway maps, signage along greenway accesses and road crossings, and mileage markers embedded in the greenway asphalt every ¼ mile. These greenways are a great place to ride a bike, walk, run and roller blade. The four Town greenways that provide public parking include:

### **Grigsby Chapel Greenway**

Located on Grigsby Chapel Road, the trail connects many of the neighborhood subdivisions, condos and apartments north of this road. An additional ¼-mile segment is located behind the Farragut Primary School connecting the former end of the trail at the corner of Grigsby Chapel Road to the sidewalk at Grammar Lane:

- 2.4 miles of asphalt trail
- Parking is available at the Town's commuter lot on Campbell Station Road or at Farragut Primary School during non-school hours

### **Turkey Creek Greenway**

Located on Turkey Creek Road, the trail connects Brixworth, Kingsgate and Sailview subdivisions with Anchor Park:

- 1.9 miles of tree-lined asphalt trail with an additional .3-mile spur to Turkey Creek Woods between Sailview and Brixworth subdivisions
- Parking is available at Anchor Park

### **Parkside Greenway**

Located along Parkside Drive, it runs parallel to I-40/75 from Lovell Road to the sidewalk on the northwest portion of Parkside Drive:

- 2 miles of asphalt trail, approximately 0.9 mile is located in the

- Town of Farragut
- Parking is available at the Town's commuter lot on Campbell Station Road. Users should cross Campbell Station Road at the pedestrian crosswalk/signal at the Parkside Drive/Campbell Station Road intersection

### **McFee Greenway**

Located along McFee Road, the trail connects Bridgemore, McFee Manor and the Cottages at Pryse Farm subdivisions with McFee Park:

- 1.5 miles of asphalt trail
- Parking is available at McFee Park

### **Additional Greenway Links and Sidewalks**

The Town is continually adding greenways and sidewalks as development occurs. Multiple segments of greenway trails not included in the above listing and sidewalks have already been constructed in and between subdivisions throughout the Town, and additional links will be added in the future to complete longer sections of established greenways.

## **PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND ATHLETICS**

### **Athletics**

The Town of Farragut currently offers a variety of adult softball and volleyball leagues (age 18 and over). The sand volleyball leagues include a spring (April-June) and summer session (July-September); the softball leagues include a spring (April-June) and fall (August-October) session. All leagues and tournaments are played at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Softball league information is available at (865) 777-2732 and on Twitter at ToFSoftball; volleyball league information is available at (865) 777-2869 and on Twitter at ToFVolleyball.

In addition, the Town provides field space at Anchor, Mayor Bob Leonard and McFee parks for adult and youth leagues (i.e. baseball, football, lacrosse and soccer, ultimate frisbee). For more information and registration materials, please call the Parks and Leisure Services Department at (865) 966-7057 or visit the Town's website ([townoffarragut.org](http://townoffarragut.org)). Athletic field update information is available year-round on the Town's website, the Athletic Field Infoline at (865) 966-2420 and on Twitter at ToFFieldUpdate.

### **Special Events**

The following is a sample of the special events held throughout the year at various Town parks, the Farragut Town Hall and at Farragut businesses.

- Farragut Skate Date - January
- Adult Dance – February
- Shamrock Ball: A Father-Daughter Dance – March
- Book Fest for Children – April
- Movers & Shakers Club (Let's Move) – May
- Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo – June
- Independence Day Parade – July
- Fun with Farragut's Fleet – August
- Free Putt-Putt Day – September
- Picnic on the Pike – September
- Freaky Friday Fright Nite – October
- Light the Park – November or December
- Celebrate the Season – December

### **Programs and Classes**

In addition to special events, the Town offers a variety of programs, classes and workshops at the Town Hall throughout the year, including arts and crafts, fitness and educational classes.

Detailed information about athletics, special events and new programs can be obtained from the Town's quarterly newsletter, *Talk of the Town*, distributed in the *farragutpress* prior to or at the beginning of each quarter and in the monthly *At Your Leisure* e-newsletter (call 966-7057 to add email address). In addition, upcoming athletic, event and class information is available weekly on the Town's government access channel (Charter and TDS cable channel 3), in the *Farragut Shopper-News* (Mondays), in the *farragutpress* (Thursdays) and on the Town's website at [townoffarragut.org](http://townoffarragut.org). Information and updates are also available year-round on Facebook (Town of Farragut) and Twitter ([townoffarragut](https://twitter.com/townoffarragut)).

## **Farragut Parks and Leisure Services History - Updated**

Since the incorporation of the Town in early 1980, the area of parks and recreation has been an important focus. In 2007, with the start of construction of phase one of McFee Park, the Town completed a long term goal of having a park in each of the four quadrants of the Town, essentially providing residents access to a park within four miles of their home.

Other highlights in the area of parks, recreation and leisure services are as follows:

### **1980**

- Recreation Committee established

### **1983**

- Town purchases property (9 acres) on Turkey Creek Road for future park (Anchor Park)
- Tennessee Department of Conservation awards first recreation grant to the Town for development of Anchor Park

### **1984**

- Town dedicates Anchor Park - construction of softball field, soccer field, walktrail and exercise stations completed

### **1985**

- Property on Watt Road (26 acres) purchased for future park (Mayor Bob Leonard Park)
- Town sponsors first annual Farragut Days celebration
- Town establishes Homecoming '86 Committee as part of the State wide celebration
- Farragut's Anchor Park receives 1985 Commissioner's Award from the Tennessee Department of Conservation for outstanding recreational facility development

### **1986**

- Concession/restroom building constructed at Anchor Park
- Final payment approved on Anchor Park property
- Town sponsors Homecoming '86 Celebration which includes Civil War reenactment and displays, historical display, youth fishing rodeo, carnival, musical revue and various athletic tournaments
- First section of the Farragut greenway system opens on Turkey Creek Road across from Anchor Park

**1987**

- Softball field completed and an additional 3.66 acres donated (by AYSO) to Watt Road Park
- Town sponsors first 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Farragut Folklife Museum established

**1988**

- Watt Road Park dedicated with second softball field, paved parking lot and walktrail construction completed (park was renamed Mayor Bob Leonard Park in 1993)
- Final payment made on Watt Road Park property

**1989**

- Admiral Farragut collection purchased for the Farragut Folklife Museum
- Town purchases property on Virtue Road for future recreational use
- Town sponsors first Farragut community golf tournament

**1990**

- Town hires first Parks and Recreation Director
- Town purchases additional 11 acres for Watt Road Park
- First soccer field constructed at Watt Road Park
- Greenway trail on Turkey Creek Road extended past Brixworth Subdivision

**1991**

- John H. Evans Soccer Complex dedicated and concession/restroom building constructed at Watt Road Park
- Farragut 2000 Plan published

**1992**

- Playground and additional parking lot constructed at Watt Road Park
- Farragut's Unsung Navy (FUN) Volunteer Program implemented
- Rotunda Decorating Committee established
- Citizen Request Program implemented

**1993**

- Conceptual plan for greenway system adopted with an additional 3,500 feet of Town greenway constructed
- Town purchases 13 acres of property on Campbell Station Road for Campbell Station Park
- Lighted soccer/football field at Mayor Bob Leonard Park constructed

**1994**

- Town purchases property on Campbell Station Road for future recreational use (lot next to entrance to Farragut High School)
- Town hosts Tennessee Treasures, a traveling museum and the first official program of the Tennessee Bicentennial
- Sergeant Mitchell Stout Memorial dedicated at Anchor Park

**1995**

- Town purchases 26 acres of property on McFee Road for future Town park
- Construction completed of a wetlands walktrail and observation deck, lighted baseball field and two new soccer field at Mayor Bob Leonard Park
- Farragut 2004 Plan published

**1996**

- Construction of lighted sand volleyball complex and new soccer field completed at Mayor Bob Leonard Park
- Town approves new Adopt A Mile program to reduce litter on Farragut streets
- Additional workroom and office space for the Farragut Folklife Museum constructed on second floor of Town Hall
- Town donates three acres of land on Campbell Station Road to Knox County for a Farragut branch library

**1997**

- Town approves Pedestrian Circulation Plan
- Driveway entrance for Farragut Branch of the Knox County Library and Campbell Station Park completed
- Town constructs band/picnic pavilion at Anchor Park
- Town's Community Programs and Recreation Departments renamed Leisure Services Department

**1998**

- Sidewalk and greenway construction completed on Grigsby Chapel Road
- Town purchases and installs holiday banners along Kingston Pike, Watt Road, Campbell Station Road and Concord Road

**1999**

- Celebrated the completion of phase one of construction with a grand opening for Campbell Station Park located next to the Farragut Branch Library.
- Unveiled new logo and signage for the Town of Farragut Greenway system.
- Completed the conceptual site plan, which was approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in early 1999, for the fourth Town of Farragut park to be located on McFee Road.
- Received a Recreation Trails Program grant from the State of Tennessee for construction of additional trails west of the creek at Campbell Station Park.

## **2000**

- Completed construction of asphalt and mulch trails in the west portion of Campbell Station Park. This project was made possible by a TEA-21 Recreation Trails Program grant from the State of Tennessee.
- Completed construction of a baseball field at Mayor Bob Leonard Park with state-of-the-art lighting.
- Installed new signs and information kiosks at all Town park entrances.
- Finished renovation of second floor of Town Hall for office space and remodeled former first floor office space into a 1200 square foot community room. The community room is used for quarterly classes, special events and community rentals.
- Celebrated the Town of Farragut's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a banquet, reception and the dedication of a time capsule.

## **2001**

- Purchased 5.5 acres of land adjacent to Campbell Station Park. This property, along with additional acres already owned by the Town along Campbell Station Road, increased the park acreage from 9 acres to approximately 17 acres.
- Received a \$30,000 Recreation Trails Program grant to extend the lighted walktrail at Mayor Bob Leonard Park by ½ mile.
- Completed construction of an additional ¼ mile of Grigsby Chapel Greenway on Knox County property behind Farragut Primary School, linking residents north of Grigsby Chapel Road to the library, Campbell Station Park and sidewalks along Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike.
- Approved the Land Use and Transportation Policy Plan 2001-2011.
- Constructed a 665 square foot hexagonal picnic pavilion at Campbell Station Park.
- Offered a wide variety of quarterly classes, workshops and special events in the Town Hall community room.
- Honored Doris Owens, Farragut Folklife Museum Director and FUN Volunteer, as the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Four Star Award winner for outstanding individual volunteer service across the State of Tennessee.
- Presented "Garlands and Galleries: A Celebration of Flowers and Art." This event was a joint project of the Farragut Arts Council and the Dixie Highway Garden Club and included 90 pieces of art, 24 floral displays, 5 special exhibits and 280 pieces of horticulture.

## **2002**

- Received a \$71,000 State of Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant to construct Campbell Station Park Phase 3 (1.3 acre pocket park) on Campbell Station Road near the Farragut High School entrance.
- Installed a new playground at Mayor Bob Leonard Park, complete with an ADA accessible surface.
- Constructed an additional 0.4 miles of lighted asphalt walktrail at Mayor Bob Leonard Park bringing the total outer ADA accessible loop of the trail to approximately 0.9 mile.
- Renovated soccer field #3 at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Renovation included the addition of lighting, new irrigation, additional drainage and a new bermuda turf.
- Constructed an outdoor classroom at Campbell Station Park for use by schools, community groups, scouts, etc.
- Offered a wide variety of quarterly classes, workshops and special events in the Town Hall community room.
- Installed 3 pieces of bronze sculpture at Campbell Station Park – the Town's first outdoor public art.
- Passed an animal waste on public lands ordinance and installed animal waste disposal centers in the Town parks.

## **2003**

- Substantially completed construction of an additional trail, parking area and restroom building at Campbell Station Park.
- Replaced softball field lights at Mayor Bob Leonard Park with an upgraded, shielded system.
- Constructed a small picnic shelter at Mayor Bob Leonard Park near the playground.
- Purchased two bronze sculptures that were placed in Campbell Station Park and the adjoining library property.
- Offered a wide variety of quarterly classes, workshops and special events.
- Adopted the Tree Planting Plan for Selected Public Properties.
- Adopted the Community Facilities Plan.

## **2004**

- Received a \$90,000 grant from the State of Tennessee Recreation Trails Program for the construction of additional trails and an additional picnic facility at Campbell Station Park.
- Received a \$1,500 community grant from Knox County by the Farragut Folklife Museum for use in advertising.
- Constructed a restroom and storage facility at Mayor Bob Leonard Park.

- Replaced the small wooden playground at Anchor Park with a much larger, modern structure with over 35 components.
- Adopted the Plant A Tree (PAT) program.
- Offered a wide variety of quarterly classes, workshops and special events.

## **2005**

- Constructed a 756 foot section of greenway in Turkey Creek Harbor Subdivision.
- Received a \$1,500 community grant from Knox County by the Farragut Folklife Museum for use in advertising.
- Offered a wide variety of quarterly classes, workshops and special events.
- Constructed additional trails and a second picnic shelter at Campbell Station Park, which was partially funded by a \$90,000 grant from the State of Tennessee Recreation Trails Program.
- Irrigated the Anchor Park soccer field.
- Reconstructed soccer field #1 and installed lighting on this field and the north end of the walk trail at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Dugout covers were installed on the two baseball fields and the lower softball field.
- Received a Tennessee Parks and Recreation Association Four Star Award for the Images of the Imagination (art and flower) event.

## **2006**

- Received a \$1,500 community grant for the Farragut Folklife Museum from Knox County to be used for advertising.
- Offered a wide variety of quarterly classes, workshops and special events. New this year was the very popular father-daughter dance "The Shamrock Ball" and the "Movers and Shakers Club," a children's summer exercise program.
- Completed the installation of new athletic field lighting on rectangular field 2 at Mayor Bob Leonard Park.
- Received a State of Tennessee Recreation Trails grant to construct an additional .4 mile section of asphalt trail behind Fox Run Subdivision. The \$68,800 grant requires a 20% match.
- Received a State of Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant to light rectangular fields 5 and 6 at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. The \$62,500 grant requires a 50% match.
- Completed a re-design of the site plan for McFee Park. The new design features rectangular playing fields and a new park entrance. Construction is expected to begin in 2007.
- Appointed a Leisure Services Master Plan Advisory Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the Board of Mayor and

- Aldermen by December 2007 about the future expansion of the Town's park and recreation facilities and programs.
- Published a Farragut Parks & Greenways Map which includes valuable information about the facilities located in each Town park.
  - Expanded the Town's banner program as part of the special project challenge to the Leisure Services committees.
  - Completed a Leisure Services citizen's survey with an approximate 50% return rate.

## **2007**

- Installed athletic lighting on rectangular fields 5 and 6 at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. This project was funded (50%) through the State of Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant.
- Began construction on McFee Road Park Phase I which includes two lighted rectangular fields, restroom/storage building, parking area and lighted walk trail. Work is expected to be completed in 2008.
- Stabilized and planted with native species a 100 foot section on both shores of Turkey Creek located in Campbell Station Park as an aquatic buffer demonstration area. This project is a joint project between the University of Tennessee Environmental Design Lab and the Town of Farragut.
- Completed construction of a .4 mile section of asphalt trail behind Fox Run Subdivision. This project was funded (80%) through a State of Tennessee Recreation Trails Program grant.
- Completed research and awarded a contract for an Admiral Farragut sculpture to be unveiled during the Town's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Replaced roof of concession/restroom building at Mayor Bob Leonard Park.
- Renovated the plumbing and interior of the restrooms at Mayor Bob Leonard Park.
- Installed specialty benches with the Town of Farragut logo on Farragut greenways. This will be an annual project.
- Offered a wide variety of quarterly classes, workshops and special events. New this year was the Farragut Book Fest for Children sponsored by the Arts Council.

## **2008**

- Approved the Parks and Leisure Services Master Plan: 2008-2018.
- Completed construction on McFee Park Phase I, which included two lighted rectangular fields, restroom/storage building, parking area and lighted walk trail.
- Sponsored the third annual "Buy In Farragut" campaign to promote businesses located in Farragut.
- Received a State of Tennessee Recreational Trails grant of \$96,000 to construct an approximately 1,000 linear foot section of asphalt trail on Montgomery farm that will connect the greenway in Rockwell Farms Subdivision with a planned greenway in Bridgemore Subdivision.
- Received a State of Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant of \$100,000 to construct a playground in phase two of McFee Park.
- Purchased 16.9 acres of land on McFee Road near the McFee Park for future community use.
- Received Tier II status under the State of Tennessee Recreational Educational Services Division Parks and Recreation Benchmarking Program.
- Completed construction of a five-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of Watt Road connecting the crosswalk from Fleenor Road across Watt Road to Mayor Bob Leonard Park, providing safer pedestrian access.
- Constructed two accessible fishing piers at Anchor Park.
- Recognized Town staff for special achievements: Public Relations Coordinator Chelsey Riemann received the Rising Young Professional Award from the Volunteer Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.
- Resurfaced approximately 1.5 miles of greenway within the Town.
- Installed an aquatic buffer demonstration area along the north fork of Turkey Creek at Campbell Station Park with interpretive signage.

## **2009**

- Approved charters for and appointed members to two new standing committees – Economic Development Committee and the Knox County School Education Relations Committee; and three short term committees – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Recycling Study Committee and Community Center Study Committee.
- Opened McFee Park Phase One for public use, which includes two lighted rectangular fields, restroom/storage building, parking area and lighted walk trail.
- Installed three bronze animal sculptures at Campbell Station Park. This increases the pieces of public art to eight sculptures.

- Opened the John L. Montgomery, Sr. Memorial Trail which was made possible by a State of Tennessee Recreational Trails grant of \$96,000. The trail, approximately 1,000 linear feet of asphalt, on the Montgomery farm will connect the established greenway in Rockwell Farms Subdivision with a planned greenway in Bridgemore Subdivision.
- Completed engineering and construction plans for McFee Park Phase Two with a State of Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant of \$150,000 to construct a playground and large picnic shelter. Phase Two will also feature another picnic shelter, splash pad, restroom/storage building, parking and additional walking trail link. This phase includes many "green" elements such as rain gardens, LED lighting, permeable pavers and solar power for the restroom. Construction on this phase is expected to begin in the spring of 2010.
- Installed automated lighting on five athletic fields at Mayor Bob Leonard Park that can be controlled by computer and phone.
- Substantially completed construction on the Farragut Memorial Plaza which will be the location of a commissioned statue of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, the nation's first admiral.
- Replaced the roof and rehabbed the large picnic shelter at Anchor Park.
- Accessioned and properly archived ¼ of the artifacts in the Farragut Folklife Museum.

## **2010**

- Entered into a contract for historical research and manuscript of the founding of the Town of Farragut.
- Completed construction of the Farragut Memorial Plaza and installed the commissioned Admiral David Glasgow Farragut bronze statue and two Civil War-era cannons which were dedicated May 2, 2010.
- Completed construction of McFee Park Phase 2 including a playground, splashpad, two large picnic shelters, walk trail, restroom/storage and additional parking. This phase includes many "green" elements such as solar power, permeable pavers, LED lighting, rain gardens and natural lighting in the restrooms. Partial funding in the amount of \$171,000 for the playground and large picnic shelter was from the State of Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation Fund.
- Planted trees and shrubs along the Grigsby Chapel Greenway using an approved Utility Arboretum Plan.
- Acquired 9.48 acres of land (Dimmick property) adjacent to McFee Park.
- Installed Civil War Trails' marker on the grounds of the Town Hall commemorating the Battle of Campbell Station in 1863.

- Sponsored the fifth annual "Shop Farragut" (formerly "Buy in Farragut") campaign.
- Installed new street banners celebrating the Town's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Celebrated the Town's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary through special events including "The Founding Fathers Speak" and "Picnic on the Pike," an exhibit of the Town's history in the Farragut Folklife Museum and expanded media coverage.
- Accessioned, photographed and archived approximately one-half of the artifacts in the Farragut Folklife Museum.
- Constructed connection from Fort West Subdivision to the Montgomery Trail which links this subdivision to a larger greenway system.
- Installed new Town of Farragut benches along sidewalks.

## **2011**

- Launched a new Town of Farragut website design complete with interactive Citizen Request Program and facility rental requests.
- Received the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association Four Star Facility Award for McFee Park Phase 2.
- Dedicated the David Rodgers Rotunda in honor of the Town's first attorney.
- Opened the Town's first splash pad at McFee Park.
- Launched an expanded government cable station format.
- Completed design for the Wentworth Greenway connection which includes a pedestrian bridge and trail connecting the Wentworth walking trail to the McFee Road Greenway.
- Gifted an artifact – a signal flag from the USS Hartford, Admiral Farragut's flagship – to the USS Farragut (DDG99) at their change of command ceremony in Jacksonville, Fla.
- Submitted Community Center Study Committee report and recommendations.
- Installed new greenway signage which aligns with signage used by the City of Knoxville and Knox County.
- Continued to accession museum artifacts and reorganized Museum storage.
- Coordinated 11 special events and offered or co-sponsored 86 programs and classes.
- Installed irrigation at McFee Park.

## **2012**

- Received a \$250,000 Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant for the installation of an artificial turf field and ADA access at the current location of Mayor Bob Leonard Park multi-purpose field #2.

- Approved McFee Park Expansion Master Plan which includes amphitheater, artificial turf fields, picnic pavilions, playground, disc golf course and renovated pond.
- Expanded the Town's public relations mechanism with the addition of the Homeowner's Association Hot Topic and agenda monthly e-newsletter, monthly column in the farragutpress, and agenda updates for the media.
- Produced enough revenue from solar panels on the large picnic pavilion to offset just shy of 50% of the cost of power needed to supply McFee Park phase two (restrooms, splash pad and lights).
- Renovated two Farragut Folklife Museum galleries and updated exhibits to enhance the public viewing experience.
- Revised the Celebratory Gatherings ordinance to add community events and to clarify sign requirements, review time line, exemptions and applicability.
- Installed additional landscaping at Mayor Bob Leonard and McFee parks.
- Received a grant from the State of Tennessee Forestry Division for Grigsby Chapel Greenway Utility Line Arboretum information kiosk and partnered with Farragut Intermediate School K-Kids for an Arbor Day Poster Contest.
- Revamped the Movers & Shakers Program (youth summer fitness program) incorporating this into the national Let's Move program.

## **2013**

- Installed LED lighting in all three parking lots at Mayor Bob Leonard Park.
- Installed a shade structure at McFee Park.
- Expanded the Town's Beautification Awards program with the addition of on-site signs for the winners (placed for 4 months) and an additional set of late spring/early summer street banners.
- Reached over 100,000 hours donated to the FUN Volunteer program (started in 1992) at a value of over one million dollars.
- Received recognition from the National League of Cities for achievements in the five goals of Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties.