

# SHELBY PARKS AND RECREATION FRIENDS OF THE PARKS, INC.

## Purpose Statement:

*The Friends of the Parks is a 501 (c) (3) corporation that supports Shelby Parks & Recreation by acquiring and distributing funds, objects, property and other things for the betterment of recreational programs and facilities. This will be accomplished by financially supporting a wide variety of athletic and non-athletic programs for people of all ages and supporting the development of new youth and adult programs and events that include non-traditional activities focusing on health and wellness. The corporation will be made up of volunteers and operate under the by-laws that are adopted.*

Dear Friend,

The City of Shelby has a long history of providing outstanding recreational opportunities for the citizens of Shelby and Cleveland County. For over 60 years our Parks & Recreation Department has been the envy of cities across the state and region.

In 2010, the Friends of the Parks organization was created to insure the investments we have made in our Parks are well maintained for future generations to enjoy. The City greatly appreciates and heartily endorses the work of the Friends of the Parks organization and we hope that you will support them in any way you can. Please take time to visit one of our park facilities this summer; I think you will agree your financial gift goes towards supporting one of the most valued assets of our beautiful community.

Sincerely,

O. Stanhope Anthony, III  
Mayor, City of Shelby



[www.cityofshelby.com/parks](http://www.cityofshelby.com/parks)

**Friends *Play At The Park!*  
Of The Parks**  
*Shelby Parks & Recreation Department*  
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*For the betterment of  
The City of Shelby's  
Recreational Programs  
& Facilities*





Examples of Friends of the Parks Outreach:

- New/Gently used sporting equipment for children in need
- Program costs for patron assistance
- Annual Friends of the Parks Golf Tournament
- Annual Carrousel Christmas for Elementary School children
- Support for Royster Memorial's U.S. Kids Jr Golf program
- Batting Tunnel located at the Recreation & Sports Complex
- Baseball/Softball scoreboards
- Tennis Court Renovation
- Holly Oak Park entrance breezeway
- Suttle Plaza Renovation



Dear Friends,

I would like to extend an invitation to you to join Friends of the Parks.

In 2010 a small group of interested citizens met with City of Shelby officials to discuss the feasibility of forming a Friends Group. Because of traditions and the importance of the parks to our community, we decided to pursue this project with the full support the Shelby City Mayor & Council.

For many years, the parks have touched more lives than probably any other single agency in our community. I am sure many of you have fond memories of days spent at the parks and the strong bonds of friendship that we formed because of your participation. Our facilities offer activities for all ages. The physical aspects, new ball fields, the aquatic center, golf course, carrousel & train, just to name a few, are things of which our community should be very proud. The Friends' projects will go over and beyond funds already allocated by the City.

Some specific things the Friends will support include youth sports and program sponsorships to cover registration costs and help buy equipment for participants, all-star player travel expenses, assisting patrons with program costs, beautification projects at all parks and facilities, co-sponsoring special events, and items not included in the Park's regular operating budget. In addition, the Friends will lead capital project fund raising efforts for new recreational facilities and amenities.

By becoming a Friend of the Parks, you will support services to all ages, races, and socioeconomic levels.

All contributions are tax deductible.

Thanks in advance for your support of YOUR Parks!

Linda T. Ware

*Director & President, Friends of the Parks*



**Join or Renew**

Please complete the form below and mail to:

**Friends of the Parks  
PO Box 2753  
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Checks should be made payable to "Friends of the Parks"

- \_\_\_\_\_ Friend under \$50
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze Friend \$50—\$99
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Friend \$100—\$249
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Friend \$250—\$499
- \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Friend \$500 and up

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, please call:**

**(704) 482-6675**

***All contributions are appreciated and tax deductible***