



# Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission

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## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN PARK FEE STRUCTURE & TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuscola County, Michigan - Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission voted on June 18, 2008, to change the pricing structure for the only county-owned park in Tuscola County – Vanderbilt County Park & Campground.

Effective immediately, the Seasonal Camping Pass for Vanderbilt County Park & Campground will be lowered from \$1,200 to \$1,000, and the Daily/Annual Parking Pass fee will be eliminated to make parking FREE of charge.

“The park is one of the county’s key assets to providing a stronger quality of life for residents and attracting new visitors to the area,” said Zygmunt “Zygy” Dworzecki, Chairman, Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission. “With the recent changes in place, we’re hoping more local residents and visitors will take advantage of the hidden gem along Tuscola County’s shoreline!”

Since the revitalization of the park a year ago, new trees and flowers have been planted with the help of a grant from DTE Energy; along with the support of Mary Bohling from Michigan Sea Grant and Commission members. Countless volunteer hours have been invested in beautifying the park over the past year.

A special thanks to volunteer Brian DeSute for providing his time to remove dead trees at the park; as well as, for his efforts with clearing a path for the nature trail which is to be completed by the end of summer. Another thanks needs to go to Lindy’s Marina and Sales for donating the volleyball net and equipment.

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## Mission Statement

*The mission of the Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission is to provide and coordinate year-round recreational opportunities for people of all abilities, and to meet the needs of area residents and regional visitors while protecting wildlife and nature.*

At the time of the park's revitalization, the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission was also reformed and included many volunteers who worked on the efforts for the park.

"We've had our share of challenges and hit a few bumps along the way," stated Lana Martell, Secretary, Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission. "But we've learned from them and remain focused on providing year-round recreational opportunities for people of all abilities."

One of the recreational opportunities the Commission continues to pursue is the creation of a county-wide trail system. County residents and officials interested in assisting with the development of these trails are invited to attend a Trails Subcommittee meeting on **July 9, 2008**, at the **Tuscola Technology Center** in Caro. The meeting will be facilitated by Jason Davis, Co-Chairman, Tuscola County Trails Subcommittee, in **Room 102 at 9 a.m.**

The Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission meets monthly at the Tuscola County Annex Building, 207 E. Grant Street, Caro at 9 a.m., except for their quarterly meetings which are held in the evening at 7 p.m. The next Tuscola County Parks & Recreation Commission meeting is at 7 p.m. on July 16, 2008.

The mission of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide and coordinate year-round recreational opportunities for people of all abilities, and to meet the needs of area residents and regional visitors while protecting wildlife and nature. The Commission's vision is to lead and assist in the development and revitalization of community and natural resources which enhance the quality of parks and recreation for current and future generations.

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