

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

July 2017



Walk with your Local Elected Official

The City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department is committed to fulfilling our mission of providing quality recreational experiences while administering the values of community image, human development, preservation of environmental resources, health and wellness, economic development and cultural unity.

Department Projects

- ◆ The week of July 3-7, the sidewalk leading from the building to the parking lot crosswalk was installed at Victor Park and Ball Field. Bollards were also placed in the parking lot bordering the crosswalk for patron safety.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Alesha Cushman, Grants Coordinator with the Department of South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT), on July 5, to review Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects at Victor Park and City Park. Both inspections went well and new signage will be added at both properties reflecting grant funding was used for development.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham presented the South Suber Road Park Master Plan to City Council on July 11. City Council unanimously voted to adopt the plan into the Parks and Recreation Department's Master Plan.
- ◆ In preparation for installation of the pedestrian bridge at Century Park, concrete pieces that remained from the former bridge have been removed from the property and approximately 9 trees have been cut down to clear the area.
- ◆ Final paperwork was submitted to the Department of South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SCPRT) for reimbursement of funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund construction project at Century Park.
- ◆ SGA Architecture has compiled and analyzed information from the community meeting held at the Center for the Arts in June. Staff met with SGA throughout the month of July to begin planning the new designs for the park and building.
- ◆ Wilson and Associates installed the sub surface drainage system at the South Suber Road Park. Sod is scheduled to be installed August 1.
- ◆ Department staff submitted annual reports for the Community Development Block Grant Program Funds to Greenville County Redevelopment Association.

Department Participation

- ◆ Meredith Anzur attended the At Play Work Group Meeting in Greenville, on July 19, to discuss play dates and the upcoming Park Hop Closing Ceremony.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Wellness Committee meeting on July 20.
- ◆ Department staff met with Marshall Preston from the Logos Theater in Taylors to discuss future potential partnerships.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson participated in “Walk with Your Local Elected Official” on July 11, prior to the City Council meeting. Approximately twenty (20) people joined Mr. Driggers, Mayor Danner, and members of City Council on a 1.6 mile walk from City Hall to the Center for the Arts and back to City Hall.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham participated in the Trade Street Neighborhood Community Meeting on July 20 at Victor Gym. Topics that were presented from the Parks and Recreation Department included an update on progress made in completing Phase 1 of the City of Greer’s Walking and Bicycling Master Plan, the proposed installation of the pedestrian bridge at Century Park and upcoming department events.

Department Highlights

- ◆ Interviews were conducted for the Groundkeeper II position in the Grounds Maintenance Division.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Prepared fields at Century Park and Country Club Road Park for practices on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and preparation was completed of fields at Century Park for the Frohawk Creek Scramble and Upper State baseball tournaments.
 - Transported excess topdressing sand from City Stadium to Country Club Road Park and Victor Park.
 - Aerified and top-dressed City Stadium, soccer field #2 at South Suber Road Park and soccer field #1 at Country Club Road Park.
 - Completed the installation of the playground mulch and the installation of the retaining wall for the batting cage at Victor Park.
 - Installed 65’ baselines on Century Park field #3.
 - Repaired main water break in irrigation at City Park.
 - Repaired the fountain at City Park.
- ◆ Youth all-star baseball practices were facilitated at Century Park and Country Club Road Park. The Greer Baseball Club 8U and 12U teams won their district tournaments and represented Greer in the Dixie Youth Baseball State Tournaments. The 8U tournament was held in Lexington and the 12U tournament was in Hartsville.
- ◆ Fall 2017 registration for youth baseball, youth softball and youth soccer was completed. Greer Baseball Club held the baseball drafts for the upcoming fall season on July 24. Teams were selected for all age divisions and practices began on July 31. Games are scheduled to begin in September with each team playing 10 games and a post-season tournament.
- ◆ Practices for the new Adult Wooden Bat Baseball League were facilitated at Stevens Field on Tuesday – Friday nights. The four teams will play a 10-game regular season schedule and a post-season tournament. On July 31, the coaches met at Stevens Field to discuss game schedules, rules and the Opening Night festivities to be held on August 4.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer academy summer workouts were facilitated at Country Club Road Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights and Wednesday mornings. Over 100 kids participated in the workouts in preparation for the upcoming South Carolina Youth Soccer Association Academy Leagues beginning in August.
- ◆ Youth football and cheerleading practices were held at Country Club Road Park and City Stadium. Opening Day Jamboree is scheduled for August 19 at Mauldin High School. Teams from Mauldin, Fountain Inn, Simpsonville and Greer will compete in our league.
- ◆ Athletic staff attended a NUWAY coordinators meeting on July 21 to discuss the upcoming youth wrestling season beginning in October.

- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
 - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center (200 participants monthly)
 - Piano Performers – Cannon Centre (144 participants monthly)
 - Never Alone – Tryon Recreation Center (80 participants monthly)
 - Cutlery Club – Tryon Recreation Center (20 participants monthly)
 - Artifacts Club – Tryon Recreation Center (148 participants monthly)
 - Pickleball – Victor Gym & Tryon Tennis Courts (240 participants monthly)
 - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (60 participants monthly)
- ◆ Summer Camps continued at Victor Gym (80 participants) and the Needmore Recreation Center (50 participants).
- ◆ On July 13, a Park Hop Play Date was held at Century Park. The Parks and Recreation Department provided games, Mobi Rec from the City of Greenville was on hand and photo ops were available with Cinderella during the event. The summer long scavenger hunt program in parks around Greenville County has been a great success this year. The Closing Ceremony will be held on August 10 at the Mauldin Cultural Center Park.
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Bingo was held on July 6 and 20 with between 15 and 20 seniors in attendance.
 - The Line Dancing Classes were offered on July 12, 19, and 26 with an attendance each week of 15 seniors.
 - An Ice Cream Social was held at Greer City Hall on July 13. This fun event had 34 seniors who enjoyed building their own ice cream sundaes.
 - Soar's Monthly Potluck Lunch was held on July 18 with 20 in attendance.
 - The movie "The Shack" was shown on July 24 and 19 seniors attended the event at City Hall.
 - On July 28, the Lunch Bunch met at the Bleu Porch in Greer with 16 seniors attending. They enjoyed great food and fellowship with other SOAR members.
 - The average attendance for the month was 19.
- ◆ On July 7, Tunes in the Park hosted the Mighty Kicks, a Motown band with a large crowd. The New River Bluegrass band performed on July 14 to a large crowd. The evening ended abruptly after 1-hour due to a thunder and lightning storm. On July 21, Soulution played to a light crowd due in part to 98° weather. The rain date for Sonbacha was July 28. Approximately 300 people came and danced the evening away. Salsa Greenville taught salsa lessons to the crowd.
- ◆ The summer camp, "Mermaids and Pirates Ahoy!" was held the week of July 10-14. The advanced camp production of the Magic Tree House, "Pirates past Noon and "Dinosaurs before Dark", was held the weeks of July 17-28. The performances will be held at the Cannon Centre August 11-13 and 18-20. The attendance was increased from 33 to 45 campers this year to accommodate all children who applied to the camp. BMW and the Greenville Health System – Greer Memorial Hospital were the sponsors for the advanced camp.
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesdays was held on July 11 and 18 in the lobby of the Center for the Arts. Approximately 50 people attended each session.
- ◆ CPW welcomed the 811 Hot Air Balloon into City Park on July 13. Parks and Recreation staff members helped coordinate this event and many people in the community came to see it throughout the day.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 45 events at which 7,077 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The City of Greer completed its 9th season of the Moonlight Movies in the Greer City Park Amphitheater. The 9-week movie series now hosts approximately 1,000 guests each Thursday night as it continues to grow in popularity.
- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following Fall events:
 - The Great American Eclipse on August 21
 - Railfest on September 30

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Camp Ark Performances, August 11-13 and August 18-20
- ◆ Great American Eclipse, August 21
- ◆ GCAC Auditions for Elf Jr., August 21-22
- ◆ Police Softball Fundraiser Tournament @ Century Park, August 26-27
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, September 24
- ◆ Railfest, September 30
- ◆ The Artisan Makers Market, October 14
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla, October 27
- ◆ Giving Thanks Student Art Show Reception, November 2
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa Tickets on Sale, November 4
- ◆ Elf Jr. Performances, November 10-12 and November 17-19
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting, December 1
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Greer Christmas Parade, December 3
- ◆ The Girl with the Golden Locks Performance, February 23-25 and March 3-5

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad & Retaining Wall Completed
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan – Approved by City Council
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and 1 Fix-It Station Remaining
- ◆ Aera-vate and Top-Dressing Sand – City Park (Week of August 21)
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations & Woodworking
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen
- ◆ Century Park Pedestrian Bridge – Approved by City Council
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs – Ordered 7/17
- ◆ Concrete Sidewalk – Century Park
- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation – Phase 2
- ◆ Master Plan for Kids Planet
- ◆ South Suber Road House

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"