

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for

**August 2017**



*The Great American Eclipse*

*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.*

## Bids

- ◆ On August 9, bids were opened for the Turf Management Services Contract for our hospitality athletic fields and Greer City Park. Wilson and Associates Sports Turf in Lexington, SC was awarded the contract.

## Department Projects

- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department staff continued to meet with SGA Architecture throughout the month to design and review conceptual plans for the Center for the Arts park and building.
- ◆ Sod was installed on the trenches of the new drainage system at the South Suber Road Park July 31 through August 4.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson began work on the documentation for the Kids Planet Master Plan Request for Qualifications.
- ◆ Justin Miller began work on the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) Annual Report and reimbursement request for the 2017 Needmore Summer Camp.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the SCRPA ELM Branch meeting in Irmo, SC on August 3.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Robbie Davis attended the Greenville County Quarterly Parks and Recreation Directors Meeting on August 16 at Greer City Hall. Representatives from the City of Mauldin, City of Simpsonville, City of Greenville, City of Fountain Inn and Greenville County were also present.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department attended the Wellness Breakfast on August 22.
- ◆ The third quarter Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held on August 24 at Greer City Hall.

- ◆ Justin Miller attended the AT PLAY Work Group meeting on August 28 at the LiveWell Greenville Offices to discuss the Park Hop program and the closing ceremony.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Livewell Greenville Leadership Team meeting on August 30 at the YMCA Metro Conference Room in Greenville, SC.
- ◆ Red Watson attended the Building Construction Advisory Meeting at the J. Harley Bonds Career Center on August 31.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ Interviews were conducted for the fulltime Events Coordinator and fulltime Groundskeeper I positions and the part-time Administrative Clerk position.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Prepared Stevens Field for the Adult Wooden Bat League.
  - Preparation of fields for practice and early games continued.
  - Shrubs were trimmed at the Police and Courts Building.
  - Exterior of the concession and bathroom buildings at Century Park and Country Club Road Park were completed.
  - Soccer goals were transported from City Stadium to South Suber Road Park to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season.
  - Aerification of the ball field at Victor Park and Greer City Park along with topdressing at City Park.
  - Installed new mailbox at the Operations Center and reattached Tube Dude at the top of Greer City Park promenade.
  - Transported picnic tables donated to the City of Greer by Matthew Langley to the Tryon Recreation Center tennis courts. These tables were Matthew's Eagle Scout project.
  - WP Law performed maintenance work on the fountain at Greer City Park to repair the Ozone generator, smooth bore driver and warped piping in the vault.
  - Cunningham Recreation installed a new tot swing at the Needmore Recreation Center.
- ◆ Youth baseball, soccer and girls' softball practices were facilitated at Country Club Road Park, Century Park, South Suber Road Park and Victor Park.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) drafted teams on August 7 for the U6, U8, U10 and U12 fall recreational age divisions. These teams will practice and play 10 games beginning in September on Monday and Thursday nights at the South Suber Road Park. The academy practices and games were held at County Club Road Park. These teams participate through the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association (SCYSA) and compete against other academy teams throughout the state.
- ◆ Practices for the new Adult Wooden Bat Baseball League were facilitated at Stevens Field. The league opened the season on August 4. The four teams will play a 10-game regular season schedule and a post-season tournament.
- ◆ Youth football and cheerleading practices were held at Country Club Road Park and City Stadium. The teams participated in a football jamboree on August 19 at Mauldin High School. Teams from Mauldin, Fountain Inn, Simpsonville and Greer compete in the Golden Strip Football League.
- ◆ Girls' softball 8U coaches pitch intersquad games were held at Victor Park on August 26. The teams played against each other in a 3-game series in preparation for the upcoming season.
- ◆ Athletic staff attended a Golden Strip Football League meeting at the Mauldin Sport Center on August 25. Recreation Department representatives from Mauldin, Simpsonville, Fountain Inn and Greer came together to discuss topics including reviews of the football jamboree, possible rule changes and completion of game schedules for 8U, 10U and 12U teams.
- ◆ The Greer Police Department held their annual fundraiser tournament at Century Park on August 26 and 27. The tournament was a success, and raised almost \$15,000 for the Fallen Officer Fund.

- ◆ 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 (74 participants monthly)
  - Pickleball – Victor Gym & Tryon Tennis Courts (120 participants monthly)
  - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (120 participants monthly)
  
- ◆ Summer Camps concluded at Victor Gym and the Needmore Recreation Center. The combined number of participants for the camps from June 5 through August 4 was 140 this summer. The Victor Gym camp celebrated the end of summer on August 3 and the Needmore Summer Camp on August 4 with a dance party accompanied by a DJ and photo booth.
  
- ◆ Meredith Anzur attended the Closing Ceremony for the Greenville County Park Hop program on August 10. The event was held at the Mauldin Cultural Center Park. The program had another successful summer with hundreds of families visiting parks in Greenville County.
  
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
  - Bingo was held on August 3 and 17 with between 20 and 27 seniors in attendance.
  - The Line Dancing Classes were offered on August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 with an attendance each week of 15 seniors.
  - Soar's Monthly Potluck Lunch was held on August 15 at Greer City Hall with 23 in attendance. The guest speaker for the luncheon was Natasha Pritchett with the Bayberry Retirement Inn of Greer. Ms. Pritchett provided desserts and presented information about the facility.
  - The SOAR group had 19 members in attendance at The Great American Eclipse.
  - A trip was taken to the Tryon Equestrian Center in Mill Springs, NC on August 25. There were 25 members enjoying a horse show, lunch and shopping,
  - On August 10, the Lunch Bunch visited the HuHot Grill in Greenville with 9 seniors attending.
  - The average attendance for the month was 20.
  
- ◆ The Greer Children's Theatre Advanced Campers performed two Magic Tree House stories at the Cannon Centre on August 11-13 and 18-20. The Magic Tree House stories are for early readers in grades 1-3. The series is compiled of over 60 books of which four have been written as plays. The children's theater performed "Dinosaurs before Dark" and "Pirates past Noon". The group had the privilege of face timing with the authors before the last performance. The authors answered cast questions and the cast sang a song for them. Each show was filled to capacity and beyond. Rand McNally donated Magic Tree House books that were given away at each show. The Greer Children's Theatre offers these performances free to the public as a way of giving back to the community.
  
- ◆ Auditions for Elf Jr. The Musical was held on August 21 and 22 at the Tryon Recreation Center. A parent/cast meeting was held on August 28 and rehearsals will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Tryon Recreation Center beginning in September.
  
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 60 events at which 8,320 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
  
- ◆ On August 1, the Parks and Recreation Department assisted in the National Night Out event held at Greer City Park. The community was invited to learn about city services and spend time with our Greer Police Department. Approximately 1,000 guests came out to enjoy free pictures in the Greer PD Cardboard Car, free inflatables, face painting and many fun giveaways.
  
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout continued to be a great event with over 1,000 guests coming to Greer City Park on August 4 to enjoy live music and chose foods from six different local food trucks.
  
- ◆ Greer City Park created the perfect setting for The Great American Eclipse on August 21. Approximately 2,500 guests from all over the world came to the park free eclipse glasses, entertainment, inflatables, face painting and more.
  
- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following Fall events:
  - Railfest on September 30
  - The first Artisan Makers Market on October 14

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Railfest, September 30
- ◆ Art Is Greer, October 3
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, October 8
- ◆ The Artisan Makers Market, October 14
- ◆ Walk with Your Local Elected Official, October 14
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout, October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla, October 29
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Center for the Arts Open Studios, December 9 (Tentative)
- ◆ The Girl with the Golden Locks Performance, February 23-25 and March 3-5
- ◆ Hope Week, April 2-8

## 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan
- ◆ South Suber Road House
- ◆ Installation of New Drive Gate – Operations Center

***"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"***