

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

September 2017



10U Cheerleaders

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

- ◆ On September 12, Greer City Council approved repair and replacement of playground equipment at Century Park Kids Planet I, by Leathers and Associates, LLC, Ithaca, NY. Leathers was the creator of the custom-designed community playground.
- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan Request for Qualifications document was completed and was advertised on September 24.
- ◆ Final documentation was submitted for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant reimbursement for Century Park. The National Park Service approved the request and will be mailing a check in the near future.
- ◆ The Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA) Annual Report and reimbursement request was submitted for the 2017 Needmore Summer Camp.
- ◆ Department staff met with Patrick Wood, Tennis Pro, to begin planning the preparation of resurfacing the clay tennis courts at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ The possibility of using programmable locks with timers at the Tryon Recreation Center, Century Park Kids Planet and Greer City Park to control access to the restrooms at these facilities is being research
- ◆ 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.

Department Trainings

- ◆ On September 20, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the TrakiT Webex Demo to view the software's capabilities for use in the Grounds Division.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the National Recreation and Parks Association National Congress in New Orleans, LA, September 25-28.

- ◆ Recreation Department staff completed the MASC quarterly training.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the First Friday Luncheon at the Cannon Centre on September 1. Governor Henry McMaster was the guest speaker.
- ◆ On September 11, Justin Miller attended the Friends of Lake Robinson Board Meeting to discuss this year's event originally scheduled for October 8. Due to the impending weather forecast, the event has been rescheduled for November 11.
- ◆ Department staff attended the Benefits Fair on September 14 at the Cannon Centre. Justin Miller assisted the Wellness Committee and Travis Durham assisted the Safety Committee with the event.
- ◆ On September 16, Grounds Division staff assisted the Greer Rotary Club in hanging stars in the trees around the fountain at Greer City Park.
- ◆ Justin Miller was a guest speaker at the LiveWell Greenville Annual Breakfast, on September 28, held at the Greenville Country Club. Justin spoke on the importance of the Partnership to Improve Community Health Grant for the Park Hop Program.

Department Highlights

- ◆ Danny Walker joined Team Greer on September 11 as a Groundskeeper I.
- ◆ On September 18, Recreation Department staff along with Public Services Department staff met with a representative from Priority One Security to discuss details for installation of an automated gate opener at the Operations Center.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Prepared field and facilities for and cleaned up after Hurricane Irma.
 - Over seeding, topdressing and fertilizing with perennial ryegrass at City Stadium and South Suber Road Park was completed in preparation for the soccer season.
 - New concrete pads were installed at the entrance of Century Park Kids Planet to provide solid, stable ground for the Tube Dude.
 - Repair and replacement of bead board was completed on the outdoor ceiling fan at Century Park.
 - Preparation of fields for practice and games continued.
 - Facilities and grounds maintenance continued on a rotational basis.
- ◆ Recreational soccer league teams compete every Monday and Thursday at South Suber Road Park. Academy soccer teams compete Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at Country Club Road Park, South Suber Road Park and various facilities throughout the state and southeast.
- ◆ Recreational baseball league teams compete every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Century Park and Country Club Road Park. Academy baseball teams compete every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at Century Park and various parks around the upstate and southeast.
- ◆ Youth softball recreational league play was facilitated at Victor Park and Tyger River Park, Duncan. Teams participate in the Upstate Dixie Girls League, which is comprised of Byrnes, Dorman, Greer and Woodruff organizations. This season Greer Parks and Recreation have been able to host some in house play (jamboree) on choice weekends due to the number of participants for the Greer leagues.
- ◆ Youth football and cheerleading recreational league play was facilitated at Greer City Stadium and various parks throughout the upstate. Teams compete in a municipal league comprised of the Cities of Greer, Mauldin, Fountain Inn and Simpsonville.
- ◆ The adult baseball season was completed with playoffs. Teams competed at Stevens Field every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Participants for this new adult wooden bat league came from all over Greenville and Spartanburg Counties to play.
- ◆ Registration for youth wrestling and youth basketball will begin for City of Greer residents on October 1 and non-residents on October 9. Practices will begin in November for both sports and the season will conclude just

in time for the spring sports practices to begin in late February and early March. The youth basketball is a relatively new program in its 2nd year. The athletic staff is looking forward to another great winter season.

- ◆ 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 (60 participants monthly)
 - Ham Radio Beginner and Intermediate Classes – Victor Gym Social Hall
 - The newest program, “Wellness Revelation”, Class – Victor Gym (Mondays at 9:00am)

- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - An Introduction to Fall Line Dancing Classes Party was held on September 6 with 31 seniors enjoying a sample line dance class. The regular Line Dancing Classes were offered on September 13, 20, and 27 with an average attendance each week of 27 seniors.
 - Bingo was held on September 7 and 21 with approximately 25 seniors in attendance.
 - Lunch Bunch visited the Cracker Barrel on September 8 with eight seniors having fun shopping and a delicious meal.
 - Eighteen members of SOAR group took a tour of Southern Hills Lavender in Greer on September 14. They had an hour-long educational presentation along with the opportunity to pick sprigs of lavender and to purchase items from the store.
 - Soar’s Monthly Potluck Lunch was held on September 19 at Greer City Hall with 28 in attendance. The guest speaker for the luncheon was Sgt. Jeff Smith with the Greer Police Department. Sgt. Smith gave a presentation on measures to take to avoid identity theft.
 - On September 25, Movie Day was held with 24 SOAR members attending and viewing the comedy “Going in Style”.
 - A trip to Johnson Farms was taken on September 29 where 27 members started out the day with a fantastic lunch at Delightful Dishes in Inman. While at the farm, they rode a hay-less hayride and had the opportunity to purchase pumpkins, apple cider, donuts and other tasty treats to take home.
 - The average attendance for the month was 23.

- ◆ Elf Jr. The Musical rehearsals were held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.

- ◆ Paintings and photos of trains from around the upstate were hung in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall. The artwork will be on display through the end of October.

- ◆ The Tryon Recreation Center is home to dance classes (jazz, ballet and tap by June Horton) on Wednesdays and Robin Byouk is teaching art classes on Tuesday afternoons at the center.

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 49 events at which 6,597 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

- ◆ The 2nd Annual Railfest at Greer City Park was held on September 30. Over 1,000 guests came out to enjoy a great day. A second trackless train was added this year. Great participation from local model railroad clubs, museums and safety groups were on hand to assist in making this event possible. Entrainment was an added element this year with the Norfolk Southern Lawmen Band and “Cannonball Paul”, “Roundhouse Riff” and “Bookworm Bonnie” – a trio of railroad entertainers.

- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following Fall event:
 - The Halloween Hoopla at Greet City Park on October 29.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, November 11
- ◆ 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 – Completed in October
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen
- ◆ Century Park Pedestrian Bridge – Approved by City Council
- ◆ 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”