

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for January 2018



Century Park Pedestrian Bridge Installation

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 January 11, Century Park Pedestrian Bridge was installed by Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC, Spartanburg, SC.
- ◆ On January 23, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with SGA Architecture at their Greenville office regarding updates for the Center for the Arts renovation project.
- ◆ Notification was received from the Land and Water Conservation Fund that the Letter of Intent for the grant was accepted. Red Watson will attend a grant workshop in February and the grant application will be due on March 30. This grant would be utilized to provide outside restrooms at H.R. Turner Park and Victor Park.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta, Ga on January 12-14.
- ◆ On January 16, Parks and Recreation Department staff attended Civic Rec software webinar training for facility reservations.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Justin Miller attended the South Carolina Festival and Event Association Conference, in Hilton Head, SC, on January 21-23.
- ◆ Red Watson attended a grant workshop for the Recreational Trails Program at the Cayce Tennis Center in Cayce, SC on January 24.
- ◆ Robin Byouk and Ashlyn Stone attended Ten at the Top “Culture Counts” Forum in Spartanburg, SC, on January 24.
- ◆ Grounds Maintenance Division staff attended a Landscape Maintenance Workshop at Spartanburg Community College, Spartanburg, SC on January 30.

Department Participation

- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the Junior Theatre Festival, in Atlanta, GA on January 12-14.
- ◆ The first quarter Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held, on January 25, at City Hall. Ann Cunningham introduced new trustees, John Bohannon (District 1) and Pamela Taylor (District 5) to the board.
- ◆ Department staff attended the City of Greer's Safety Celebration Luncheon at the Cannon Centre on January 26. The luncheon celebrated over 400 days without a lost time accident.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The 16th Annual MLK Day of Celebration Luncheon was held on Monday, January 15. Once again, this event was sold out this year. Patrons were treated to entertainment from The Taylor Family and Gary Sherman Jr. A catered lunch from the South House in Greer, SC was provided and Rev. Curtis Johnson was the keynote speaker for the second year in a row.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham presented the Recreation Department's Annual Report to Greer City Council on January 23. Included this year was a short video that highlighted some of the department's programs throughout the year. Plans are being made to use this video, through social media and other avenues, to advertise the Parks and Recreation Department and its programs and events. The department's annual inspection with Ed Driggers was held on January 30. Mike Sell performed an inspection of the department's vehicles.
- ◆ The Grounds Maintenance Division:
 - Drained and cleaned the pond at Greer City Park and repaired the diffuser compressor.
 - Removed Christmas decorations from the downtown area, Greer City Park and roadside power poles.
 - Assisted Greer CPW with planting 14 trees at Century Park Disc Golf in conjunction with Arbor Day.
 - Installed maintenance area windscreens at County Club Road Park.
 - Cleared sidewalks of snow at Greer City Park, Cannon Centre, Police and Courts, Fire Department and all recreation facilities.
 - Pruned shrubs at Greer City Stadium and the gazebo area of Victor Memorial Veterans Park.
 - Staff assisted with the installation of the Pedestrian Bridge at Century Park.
 - Repaired pipe break on the irrigation pump at Greer City Park and constructed an insulated cover on the pump to prevent freezing.
 - Removed graffiti from the block wall at the Needmore Recreation Center and the play structure at Victor Heights Community Park.
 - Contracted WP Law to repair pipe leak on the lower fountain at Greer City Park.
 - Prepared Greer City Stadium for the FSCG Academy Soccer season.
- ◆ Academy soccer was facilitated at South Suber Road Park and City Stadium. FSCG Academy teams compete Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at these facilities as well as various facilities throughout the state and southeast. The first spring game for these teams was held on January 27 at Greer City Stadium. The season will be completed with State Cup tournaments in May.
- ◆ Youth basketball league activities were facilitated at Victor Gym and Mauldin Sports Center. The Mauldin and City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department's teams competed with each other during the winter season. Currently seven teams, consisting of three (8U), two (10U) and two (12U), practice and scrimmage on Monday – Friday nights. This is the second season, in recent years, offering the youth basketball program; last season had three teams (one in each age division). Regular season will conclude in January and post-season tournaments will take place in February. Greer Parks and Recreation will sponsor two all-star teams for the first time in the history of the department's program.
- ◆ Youth wrestling practices were facilitated at Riverside High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Wrestlers competed in a duals match at Victor Gym on January 20. Wrestling teams from Mauldin, Dorman, Byrnes and other local areas came to compete in a team format. Duals events are very popular among local wrestling clubs.
- ◆ Spring sports registration began on January 2 for city residents and January 8 for non-residents. The spring season includes youth baseball (Greer Baseball Club), girls' softball and youth soccer (Foothills Soccer Club of Greer). Regular registration ends on February 2 without a late fee and late registration ends on February 9.

- ◆ The Recreation Division continued to facilitate the following programs:
 - Senior Action – Needmore Recreation Center (200 participants monthly)
 - Piano Performers – Cannon Centre (110 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 (195 participants monthly)
 - Whole Fitness – Victor Gym (60 participants monthly)
 - HAM Radio, Beginner and Intermediate Classes – Victor Gym (104 participants monthly)
 - Creative Advancement After School Program – Victor Gym (280 participants monthly)
 - Needmore After School Program – Needmore Recreation Center (100 participants monthly)

- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Line Dancing Classes were held on January 3, 11 and 23 with an average attendance of 20 seniors.
 - Bingo was held on January 4 with 15 members in attendance.
 - On January 8, a meeting was held to determine the amount of interest in starting a Whole Fitness Senior Class. The topic was “How to get fit in the New Year” and seven seniors attended.
 - Ten SOAR members traveled to Eden Terrace in Spartanburg for a fun tour of the facility and enjoyed sweet treats.
 - The SOAR monthly Potluck Luncheon was held on January 16 with a special guest speaker, Kelly Keesling, from Wren Hospice. Kelly presented information regarding the services they offer to 18 seniors.
 - A Movie Day was held on January 22 where 10 seniors enjoyed the romantic comedy “Home Again”.
 - On January 26, the Lunch Bunch took a trip to the Café at Williams Hardware in Travelers Rest. Twenty-eight members attended this fun excursion.
 - The average attendance for the month was 15.

- ◆ Robin Byouk taught art classes at the Tryon Recreation Center every Tuesday with approximately 8-10 students each week.

- ◆ Cultural Arts dance classes began on Wednesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center with approximately 18 students each week.

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 29 events at which 1,710 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.

- ◆ The first Food Truck Rollout of 2018 was held on January 19 at Greer City Park. Six food trucks served over 25 guests as they stood around fire pits enjoying the park and live entertainment by Vilai Harrington.

- ◆ The Events Division is in the process of planning for the following event:
 - The 4th Annual Greer Goes Global International Festival on April 14 from 11am-4pm at Greer City Park. Over 30 volunteers from the community are committed to making this event a success by promoting their culture within our city.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Alice in Wonderland Jr. Performances – February 23-25 and March 2-4
- ◆ Opening Day (Soccer) – March 17
- ◆ Eggtastic Easter – March 24
- ◆ Juried Arts Show – March 24
- ◆ Hope Week – April 2-8
- ◆ Senior Computer Classes – April 5-May 10 (Thursdays)
- ◆ International Festival – April 14
- ◆ Opening Day (Baseball/Softball) – April 13-14
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – May 18
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesdays – June - July
- ◆ Moonlight Movies – June 7 - July 26 (Thursdays)
- ◆ Needmore & Victor Summer Camp – June 11 - August 10
- ◆ Freedom Blast – June 30
- ◆ National Night Out – August 7
- ◆ Camp ARK Performance – August 10-12 and August 17-19
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – August 17
- ◆ Railfest – September 15
- ◆ Artisan Makers Market – September 29
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – October 19
- ◆ Halloween Hoopla – October 27
- ◆ Christmas in Greer Tree Lighting – December 7
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa – December 8
- ◆ Food Truck Rollout – January 18

Current Projects

- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad & Retaining Wall Completed
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer – 5 Installed; 12 Racks and 1 Fix-It Station in Storage Awaiting the City Streetscape Project
- ◆ Center for the Arts Renovation – Phase 2 (Conceptual Design Phase)
- ◆ Kids Planet Master Plan – Alta Planning + Design (Awarded Design Phase)
- ◆ Bankhead Highway Historical Marker for Poinsett and Depot Street Intersection – Received on February 6 – Installed During City Streetscape Project

“Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs”