

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for January 2015



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

- ◆ After evaluating the proposals from seven consultants, approval from SCDOT and the City of Greer, the Bicycling and Walking Plan funded through GPATS was awarded to Alta Planning + Design, located in Greenville, SC. The Project Steering Committee will be created and confirmed by the end of February.
- ◆ Bid proposals were sent to A-Oak Farms and By Design, LLC, for annual quotes on the installation/takedown of existing facility Christmas decorations at City Hall, Cannon Centre and Police/Courts. Additional quotes are for storage, new decorations as well as live poinsettia bids. All quotes are due February 27.
- ◆ Justin Miller and Red Watson began work on two grant applications for the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, sub-recipient funds. These grants, if obtained, will assist with financing the Needmore Summer Camp and Senior Computer programs.
- ◆ Blue Ridge Land Surveying completed a survey of the area around the concession stand at Century Park for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.

Department Trainings

- ◆ All full-time Grounds Maintenance staff received Storm Water Training on Tuesday, January 20.
- ◆ Staff members in the Parks and Recreation Department completed quarterly MASC Online Training. The courses completed were Dealing with Stress, Defensive Driving Basics, and Ethical Behavior for Local Government.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Skipper Burns, Ruthie Helms and Billy Campbell attended America's PrepareAthon Kick-off Meeting on Wednesday, January 7, at the Tracy Gaines Auditorium, Campus of Spartanburg Community College. Spartanburg County has been asked by FEMA to participate in a pilot program, America's PrepareAthon, which will involve an extensive preparedness campaign during severe weather awareness week in March, including the state-wide tornado drill in which many agencies already participate. This meeting was to learn how the City of Greer can participate.
- ◆ On Sunday, January 11, David Holtzclaw attended South Carolina Youth Soccer Association meetings in Columbia to discuss the upcoming spring season.

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended two meetings for the Highway 29 Transit Corridor Study on Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department attended the Wellness Committee's Lunch and Learn on Thursday, January 15 at the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta on January 16 – 18. The festival included various workshops and performances.
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department assisted Councilman Wayne Griffin in the planning and presentation of the annual Martin Luther King Day of Celebration, on Monday, January 19, at the Events Halls at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Ashlyn Stone and Julia Harrill attended the annual South Carolina Festival and Events Association conference in Myrtle Beach January 20-22. The conference offered many educational sessions, presented ideas on sponsorships, event décor, and booking entertainment.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw attended a meeting with the cities of Mauldin and Laurens Parks and Recreation Departments to discuss the tackle football league for the 2015 fall season on Monday, January 26.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham gave her annual department presentation for 2014 to City Council on Tuesday, January 27. Mr. Driggers performed a thorough inspection of the department's facilities, vehicles and parks on Thursday, January 29.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department held their first quarterly Recreation Association Board Meeting of 2015 on Tuesday, January 27. The meeting began in Council Chambers with our annual department presentation and then proceeded into Hall C for the remainder of the meeting. Jennifer Humphrey, At-Large Trustee, was introduced and welcomed to the Association.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Southern Leisure Management and Trends Institute January 25-27, hosted by the City of Newberry. This institute is offered annually to parks and recreation directors and upper level managers throughout the State of South Carolina.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham has been asked to serve on the LiveWell Greenville Leadership Team, co-facilitating the At-Play Workgroup. The goal of the workgroup is to increase physical activity and physical activity opportunities in Greenville County through parks, green spaces, and trail systems.
- ◆ Justin Miller was appointed the Wellness Committee Chairman.

Department Highlights

- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson, Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw met with Harold Brown, Commander of the Greer Post 115 American Legion, Mike Fowler and Doug Bray to discuss the Use Agreement for Stevens Field between the American Legion and the City of Greer on Thursday, January 22.
- ◆ A new Ford F150 truck was purchased for Cory Holtzclaw, Athletic Supervisor. Cory's truck is now being used by Travis Durham, Grounds Supervisor.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Upgraded two gators with installation of canopies.
 - Installed heat strips and insulation to water pipes at Century Park Kids Planet.
 - Removed all Christmas decorations throughout the city.
 - Began preparing all athletic fields for the spring seasons.
 - Continued winter pruning of trees and shrubs at all facilities.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) participated in lunch bunch meetings at Dave and Busters and Cheddars in Greenville. They continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch, movies and bingo days. The group also met at the Cup Cake Castle in Greer for a nice treat! Average attendance during the month was 11. The Senior Action Group continued to meet daily at the Needmore Community Center. They are currently in the process of hiring a new site coordinator. Joint activities with these two groups will resume in February.

- ◆ The Athletic Division facilitated wrestling practices at Victor Gym on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. The wrestlers competed in tournaments throughout the upstate on select Saturdays. The season will conclude in February with a state tournament.
- ◆ The adult basketball league completed their winter league at Victor Gym with a season ending tournament.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) facilitated academy practices at Country Club Road Park. Teams from all over the state will visit Greer on select Saturdays throughout the spring season.
- ◆ The Athletic Division conducted registration for spring sports, Greer Baseball Club, Greer Heat girls' softball, Foothills Soccer Club of Greer and flag football for the 2015 spring season. Baseball, soccer and softball coaches met throughout the month to discuss the upcoming seasons and drafts.
- ◆ All athletic fields and facilities were closed for the winter months.
- ◆ Greer Cultural Arts Council sponsored the auditions for Case Closed, a play written by a Greenville Technical Charter High School student. The play will be performed at the Cannon Centre in March.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 41 events, at which over 2,700 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted the SC Quarterly Fire Marshal Training in Greer City Hall on Tuesday, January 13. Approximately 120 fire marshals from around the state attended the training.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted the annual Police Banquet for the Police Department on Saturday, January 17 at the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department staff continued planning 2015 events such as: Black History Month Essay Contest and the International Festival.



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