

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for August 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

- ◆ Prep work was completed for the Victor Gym Renovation project. Demolition of the upstairs room was completed.
- ◆ Demolition of the Press Box/Concessions building at Century Park was completed on August 13.
- ◆ Rodriguez Masonry Construction from Greenville began work on the City Stadium retaining wall.

Bids

- ◆ A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting was held for the Victor Gym painting project on August 5. Bids for the painting project were opened on August 13. Precision Paint, LLC from Inman was awarded the job.
- ◆ A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting was held for the HVAC replacement project for Victor Gym on August 12. Bids for the HVAC project were opened on August 24. LPB of SC, Inc. from Boiling Springs was awarded the job.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Three Parks and Recreation Department staff completed the AAA Drivers Improvement Program training at the Police Department on August 27.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the U.S. Communities Strategic Sourcing Summit in Columbia, SC on August 17.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Justin Miller participated in the Park Hop Closing Ceremony at Commerce Park in Fountain Inn on August 14. Several hundred participants attended the event and received gifts along with numerous raffles. The event also hosted games and activities for the families to enjoy.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Greer Recreation Association Board of Trustees recommended to Greer City Council the date for Freedom Blast should be changed to the last Saturday in June each year. Prior years the event was scheduled for the Saturday before July 4. Greer City Council approved the date change and several Military groups as well as some new additions have already committed to participate in Freedom Blast 2016.

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Repaired the irrigation systems at Century Park, Country Club Road Park and Greer City Stadium.
 - Contracted the removal of 9 trees and stumps at Snow Street.
 - Installed new sway bench swings at Greentown Park.
 - Contracted and completed the removal of a large tree in front of the Cannon Centre and limbs along the driveway at the Cannon Centre.
 - Limbed tree on Trade Street for merchant's new sign.
 - Snow Street property was mowed and trimmed and has been added to the rotational mowing schedule for all locations.
 - All athletic fields were mowed and prepared twice each week for practices and games.
- ◆ The Camp Greer and Camp Needmore Summer Camps concluded on August 7. Both camps enjoyed an awesome end of summer party at the Needmore Recreation Center and the Cannon Centre. The parties included a DJ, dancing and a photo booth. All participants of the camps were given customized Greer Parks and Recreation headphones.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) held their Lunch Bunch meetings in Greer at Panera Bread and Laurendas. They traveled to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC. SOAR continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch, movies and 2 bingo days. Average attendance during the month was 10.
- ◆ Youth football practices were facilitated at Country Club Road Park, J. Harley Bonds Field and Turner Field. Opening Day Jamboree at Mauldin High School was held on August 31. Team pictures were taken at that time. The athletic staff hosted a youth football officials meeting to discuss upcoming season rules and guidelines on August 19.



- ◆ Youth cheerleading practices were facilitated at Country Club Road Park, Century Park, J. Harley Bonds Field and Turner Field. The cheerleading squads participated in the Opening Day Jamboree at Mauldin High School as well. Squad pictures were taken at that time.



- ◆ Girls youth softball practices were held at Victor Park. The Upstate Dixie Girls League hosted a scheduling meeting with District 5, District 6, Woodruff and Greer at the City of Greer Operations Center on August 26. The City of Greer Parks and Recreation athletic staff is responsible for scheduling and conducting all league meetings.
- ◆ Youth baseball practices were facilitated at Country Club Road Park, Stevens Field, Riverside Middle School Field and Century Park. Greer Baseball Club (GBC) academy teams competed in a statewide tournament in preparation for the upcoming Spring 2016 baseball season.
- ◆ Adult softball league schedules were finalized. League play will begin on September 16 at Century Park. Adult basketball team registrations are underway. Schedules for the league will be completed when team spots are filled and the Victor Gym renovations have been completed.

- ◆ Youth soccer practices were held at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Park. Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) competed in the SCYSA statewide games for the academy and challenge leagues at South Suber Road Park and other facilities around the state.



- ◆ Century Park was the host site for the Police Department's Softball Tournament on August 29 & 30.
- ◆ The Greer Children's' Theatre Camp ARK (Arts Reaching Kids) production of Peter Pan Jr. performances were held August 14, 15, 21 and 22 at the Cannon Centre. The Advanced Theatre Campers performed this production after only two weeks of camp and one week of rehearsals. Fifty-six carpet squares were placed for the children in attendance and 325 chairs were placed for each performance. Three of the four performances were standing room only and people had to be turned away. The show was free to the public and made possible by many sponsors and grants. Greer Cultural Arts Council considers this our "give back" to the community and allows people the opportunity to see a live theatrical performance.



- ◆ Artwork by Charlene Vohs was hung in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall throughout the month. This artwork is a Chronological History of Greer. A reception was held on August 18.



From Indians to Pilgrims

- ◆ The Events Division hosted 66 events, at which over 5,955 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ A final Freedom Blast Recap meeting was held on August 5. The Police Department, Fire Department and several Military Groups along with the Parks and Recreation Department staff began planning to make Freedom Blast 2016 even better.
- ◆ The Events Division has begun planning for the City of Greer's 2015 Christmas events and is steadily finalizing plans for the September-October wedding season.

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