

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for September 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

- ◆ On September 3, the Downtown Walking and Bicycling Master Plan Public Meeting was held at the Cannon Centre from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Over 70 guests came to hear a presentation on possible bike and walking path plans and were able to give feedback.
- ◆ Construction was completed, carpet installed and furniture was delivered at the Victor Gym. On September 22, Greer City Council toured the facility after the renovations were complete. A final walk through of the facility with the General Contractor is scheduled for October.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Bill Mork met at the Tryon Recreation Center to discuss a roof replacement.
- ◆ On September 30, members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended a construction meeting to discuss the plans for the new Press Box/Concessions/Restrooms building at Century Park.

Department Trainings

- ◆ All Parks and Recreation Department staff completed MASC online training for the quarter.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the NRPA National Congress in Las Vegas, NV, the week of September 14. There were approximately 8,000 delegates attending from all over the country as well as internationally. This was an excellent opportunity for training, learning, networking and trend development.
- ◆ Seven staff members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the City of Greer GIS software training on September 21.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended a four hour training on Microsoft Publisher.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the Oktoberfest Planning meeting, the Freedom Blast band and sound meeting, the City Hall A/V discussion and the City of Greer Christmas events planning meeting during September.
- ◆ On September 1, members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff participated in the Turn the Town Teal Ceremony at the Greer City Park Amphitheater and Fountain.

- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the SCRPA Workshop Managing Special Events at the Woodson Recreation Center in Spartanburg on September 2.
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the Benefits Fair at the Cannon Centre on September 11.
- ◆ Red Watson presented an update on the Downtown Bicycling and Walking Master Plan at the Structuring Alliance for Building and Development Standards on September 15.
- ◆ On September 22, Ann Cunningham attended the Greer Relief Neighborhood Breakfast at the Cannon Centre.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham toured the City of Hartsville's Parks and Leisure Services facilities on September 25.
- ◆ Justin Miller continues to serve on the City of Greer's Wellness and United Way Committees.

Department Highlights

- ◆ American flags to be used annually for Freedom Blast were purchased from the Woodruff Road Exchange Club.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Repaired the irrigation systems at Greer City Stadium.
 - Contracted wall and catch basin repair at City Stadium.
 - Built and installed a new scoring table platform at Victor Gym.
 - Replaced missing and damaged disc golf signs at Century Park.
 - Painted additional ADA parking spaces at Victor Gym.
 - Recycled scrap metal and organized Operations Center warehouse for more efficiency.
 - All athletic fields were mowed and prepared twice each week for practices and games.
 - Installed Oktoberfest banners and fall color banners at Greer City Park.
 - Replaced HVAC filters at all facilities.
 - Placed a requisition for a new mower deck and collection system.
- ◆ Several interviews were conducted for the Recreation Assistant's position currently open in the Recreation Division. The hiring process is scheduled to be completed in October.
- ◆ Red Watson and Justin Miller completed and submitted the Annual Reports for the grants obtained through the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority for the Needmore Summer Camp program.
- ◆ The Creative Advancement After School Program began their 2015-2016 school year at Victor Gym on September 8. The program is facilitated every Monday through Friday, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and currently over fifty participants are registered to attend.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the At Play Work Group meeting for LiveWell Greenville on September 21.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) held their Lunch Bunch meeting in Greer at The Chocolate Toad. They went on a Historic Tour of downtown Greenville. SOAR continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch and two bingo days. Average attendance during the month was 12.
- ◆ Pickle Ball free play continues at the Tryon Recreation Center on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:30pm with an average of 12-15 players. Plans are being considered for indoor play at the Victory Gym during the winter months.
- ◆ The Greer Cultural Arts Council continued rehearsals for Mary Poppins.
- ◆ Robin Byouk completed work on several sponsorships and grants for the Children's Theater.
- ◆ The performance of International Concert Pianist, Flavio Varani, at the J. Harley Bonds Career Center on December 5, 2015 at 7:30pm has been scheduled.

- ◆ Youth football and cheerleading practices and games were facilitated at Country Club Road Park, J. Harley Bonds Field, Stevens Field and Turner Field. Biweekly youth football meetings with representatives from Mauldin and Laurens Parks and Recreation Departments were held at both Springfield Park and City Stadium on September 10 and 25. Evaluations were completed by members from each staff for the new City Football League and the league's name will be Upstate Youth Football.



- ◆ Baseball practices and games were facilitated at Country Club Road Park, Century Park, Riverside Middle and Davenport. Girls' softball practices and games were held at Victor Park. Adult slow pitch men's softball league was facilitated at Century Park. Youth baseball academy meetings were hosted on September 23 at the Operations Center. This fall season Greer Baseball Club (GBC) has active teams in 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U and 15U. The teams travel around the state playing different organizations and teams.



- ◆ Youth soccer practices and games for both the recreation and academy and premier teams were held at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Park. The academy teams are currently playing in the SCSA premier/challenge league which involves different clubs from around the state.



- ◆ The Events Division hosted 52 events, at which over 4,795 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ Many weddings and birthday parties as well as reunions and employee picnics were hosted at the City of Greer Events Center. One of the most interesting employee picnics brought field games for their staff as team building activities.
- ◆ The Events Division has continued planning for the City of Greer's 2015 Christmas events and has begun planning for the 2016 International Festival.



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