

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for October 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

- ◆ A final walk through of the Victor Gym facility with the General Contractor was completed on October 2.
- ◆ On October 8, Parks and Recreation Department staff met with David Blanton of The Lighting Company to discuss relocation of electrical panels at Century Park for the new Press Box/Concessions/Restrooms buildings.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Red Watson, David Holtzclaw, Robin Byouk and Ashlyn Stone attended the NCRPA/SCRPA Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach October 18-21. This was an excellent opportunity for training, learning and networking with parks and recreational professionals from North Carolina and South Carolina.

Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham participated in the Emergency Preparedness Discussion at the Police Department on October 2.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson participated in an onsite workshop with Mr. Driggers, Mike Sell, Bill Mork and members from Greer City Council at the Snow Street property on October 6.
- ◆ On October 6, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson met with the Tennis Director, Patrick Wood, and members from TAG to discuss signage for the tennis courts as well as additional tennis items at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ Red Watson participated in webinars for the NRPA Job Task Analysis Committee on October 6 and 13.
- ◆ On October 7, the Parks and Recreation Department staff held planning meetings for the upcoming Christmas events and the International Festival.
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Department staff attended the Human Resources Department and the Safety Committee's annual Safety Breakfast at City Hall on October 9.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Greer Development Luncheon on October 15.
- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department attended the Wellness Committee's breakfast at Greer City Hall Events Halls on October 15.

- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department participated in the 2015 Friends of Lake Robinson Day on October 18. The Recreation Division provided games and information on recreational activities.
- ◆ On October 20, Ann Cunningham attended the Upstate Forever meeting at the USC Upstate campus. The topic was The Economic Benefits of Conservation and Open Space.
- ◆ The Greer Recreation Association Board meeting was held on October 22 at the City Hall Events Hall A.
- ◆ On October 27, Ann Cunningham and Robin Byouk accompanied Mayor Danner on a tour of the Logos Theatre in the Taylor's Academy of Arts facility.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Sally Wise met with Maryann and Steve from A Oak Farms, on October 27 to review the status of the Christmas decorations to be hung throughout the City of Greer's facilities.
- ◆ On October 28, Ann Cunningham attended the LiveWell Greenville board meeting.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the City of Greer Staff Retreat on October 29-30 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ On October 30, Red Watson viewed a webinar on the Economic & Fiscal Benefits of Walkable and Bikeable Cities and Towns.
- ◆ Justin Miller continues to serve on the City of Greer's Wellness and United Way Committees.

Department Highlights

- ◆ On October 5, the Greer City Park Fountain was dyed pink in honor of breast cancer awareness month.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Removed storm damaged trees at Century Park and the Tennis Courts.
 - Repaired plumbing and light fixtures at Needmore and Tryon Recreation Centers.
 - Installed a new water fountain at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - Installed rain sensors to the irrigation systems at the Tennis Courts and Greer City Park.
 - Repurposed a mower with a new mowing deck.
 - Added mulch to landscaped beds at the Snow Street property.
 - All athletic fields were mowed and prepared for practices and games.
 - Provided support to Greer Cultural Arts Council with set moves from the Tryon Recreation Center to J. Harley Bonds Center.
- ◆ Bruce Viehman coordinated the testing of all fire extinguishers for the Parks and Recreation and Public Services Department's vehicles and facilities on October 6.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) held their Lunch Bunch meeting in Greenville at the Huhot Grill. They traveled to Lyda Farms to pick produce and antique shop. They also visited the new Tryon Equestrian Center in Mill Creek, NC. SOAR continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch and two bingo days. Average attendance during the month was 20.
- ◆ On October 28, the Parks and Recreation Department welcomed Meredith Anzur, Recreation Assistant, to Team Greer. Meredith will coordinate/plan all SOAR activities and assist with projects in the Recreation Division.
- ◆ Pickle Ball continued on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4pm at the Tryon Recreation Center. The first indoor Pickle Ball program was held at the Victor Gym on October 28. There were 8 participants and everyone enjoyed playing indoors. Starting In November they will be playing every Monday evening from 6pm-9pm in the gym.
- ◆ The Greer Cultural Arts Council, in partnership with the administration at the J. Harley Bonds Center, refurbished the curtains, floor and lighting in the auditorium for the upcoming productions of Mary Poppins and the Lion King Jr.
- ◆ Robin Byouk completed work on two grants, The Graham Foundation and Scan Source, for the Children's Theater.

- ◆ Greer Cultural Arts Council welcomed Mata Diedhiou as an intern who will be working with Robin Byouk from October through April. Mata is from Greer Middle College and has been in many of the GCT plays in the past.
- ◆ The photography of Lee Cromier was displayed in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall for the month of October.
- ◆ The Giving Thanks Student Art Show entries were received for judging during October.
- ◆ 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 8U academy meeting was hosted on October 14 and the 11U academy meeting on October 26 at the Operations Center. The academy teams travel around the state playing different organizations and teams.
- ◆ 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 Laurens City Park Stadium on October 9 to evaluate the city football league.



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



- ◆ The Events Division hosted 58 events, at which over 8,270 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The popular Vintage Market was hosted at Greer City Park on October 17. Over 3,500 guests came to shop for upcycled, recycled and homemade goods from over 60 vendors. This was the 4th Vintage Market at City Park and we look forward to their spring market in April 2016.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department 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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