

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## *Monthly Report for November 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

- ◆ Department staff met several times during November with staff from the City of Greer's Building and Development Standards Department, Greer Commission of Public Works, Langley & Associates and The Lighting Company to finalize plans and bid specifications for the Century Park Construction Project. Red Watson gave an update on the project to Greer City Council on November 10.
- ◆ On November 4, Parks and Recreation Department staff met with the Police Department staff to prepare for the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 4.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Mr. Driggers met with residents of the Trade Street community at the Snow Street facility to solicit ideas for usage of the building.
- ◆ The Greer Station Association received a Partnership For Tomorrow grant for bicycle racks in the downtown area of Greer. Ann Cunningham, Skipper Burns, Bruce Viehman, Travis Durham, Ruthie Helms, and Clay Anderson met with Scott Stevens, member of the Greer Station Association, on November 23 to discuss the design and proposed placement of the bicycle racks.
- ◆ Refinishing of the Victor Gym floor was completed on November 27.

### Bids

- ◆ Bids were advertised for the Century Park Construction Project. The mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for December 2 and bids will be opened on December 16.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ Travis Durham attended the Certified Playground Safety Inspection Training on November 4 – 6. Travis is now a Certified Playground Safety Inspector.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended the 2015 Non-Profit Theatre Summit on November 7 hosted by the SC Theatre Association at the Warehouse Theatre in Greenville, SC.
- ◆ Brian Wilson, Michael Paulson and Rob Troll attended the NC/SC Sports Turf Managers Conference in Myrtle Beach on November 16 – 18.

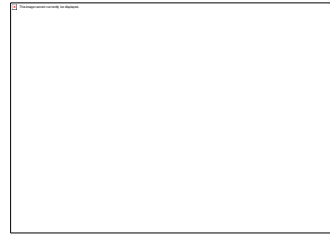
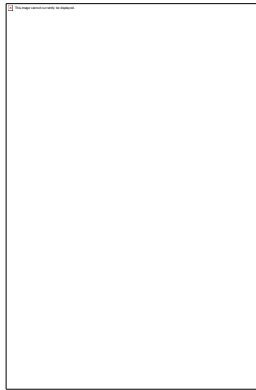
## Department Participation

- ◆ Red Watson, Travis Durham and Justin Miller met with Mayor Danner, Ruthie Helms and Nathan Brannon (Greer Middle College Charter High School) to discuss possible projects for his senior project, Hope Week. A youth basketball camp is being planned for the Victor Community for the week of March 28 – April 1.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham participated in the Emergency Preparedness Discussion at the Police Department on November 2.
- ◆ On November 5, Ann Cunningham attended the Greer Development Corporation's 2015 Annual Meeting at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Veterans' Day Employee Breakfast at the Police Department on November 11.

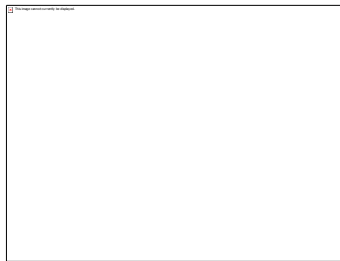
## Department Highlights

- ◆ On November 9, the Greer City Park Fountain was dyed purple in honor of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Removed limbs and tops of Crepe Myrtles at Greentown Park to aid in security.
  - Repaired roof leak at rental house on Suber Road.
  - Installed covers on exhaust fans at Victor Gym.
  - Bi-annual service of upper feature fountain at Greer City Park was performed by an outside contractor.
  - Installed Christmas pole decorations and garland wraps.
  - Installed winter annuals at Greer City Park and Barnett Bridge.
  - Winterization of facilities continues as scheduled use is completed.
  - Athletic fields were prepared for practices and games.
  - Mowing, trimming with leaf removal and mulch mowing continues at all locations.
- ◆ Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department attended the Wellness Committee's November 20 Pumpkin Chunkin Event at Stevens Field.
- ◆ On November 16, Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller met with the At Play Work Group of LiveWell Greenville to discuss the 2015 Park Hop Program and planning for the 2016 program.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation and Public Services Departments held their annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for staff members on November 19 in the Operations Center warehouse.
- ◆ Seniors Out and ARound (SOAR) held their Lunch Bunch meeting at the Olive Garden and shopping in Spartanburg. SOAR continued to hold their monthly potluck lunch and two (2) bingo days. The potluck event hosted a special group, the Yesterukes, an all ukulele band. The performance was well received by the seniors. Average attendance during the month was eighteen (18).
- ◆ The first indoor Pickleball night was held on November 2 at Victor Gym. Pickleball is scheduled to be played every Monday during the winter season from 6pm – 9pm. The group has labeled their program the Night Owls Pickleball Club. The average attendance was twelve (12) and a third net has been ordered to utilize at the Victor Gym for the increased interest.
- ◆ The Greer Cultural Arts Council received an \$8,000 grant from the Graham Foundation to purchase new LED stage lights.
- ◆ The Giving Thanks Art Show was hung in the Wall Gallery at City Hall on November 5.

- ◆ The Greer Children's Theatre performed Mary Poppins on November 6 – 8 and 13 – 15. Attendance was approximately three-hundred (300) people per show. About two-hundred fifty (250) people attended the show on a scholarship, including Creative Advancement Center, Needmore After School Program, Big Brother Big Sister, Safe Harbor and the YMCA.



- ◆ The Greer Cultural Arts Council Student Board and friends made an appearance as Disney characters at the Chandler Creek Elementary Fall Festival on November 14.



- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre held auditions for the Lion King Jr on November 16. There were eighty-eight (88) auditions and sixty-one (61) roles were cast. The performances will be in April, 2016.
- ◆ On November 5, the Athletics Division hosted a Dixie Girls Softball meeting with representatives from Woodruff, Dorman and Byrnes to discuss the upcoming spring season. Registration dates, schedules and rules were discussed during the meeting.
- ◆ Recreation soccer games were facilitated at Suber Road Soccer Complex. The fall season was completed on November 6. Academy and premier soccer practices and games were also facilitated at Suber Road Soccer Complex and Country Club Road Park. Academy teams are currently playing in the SCYSA premier/challenge league involving many different clubs from around the area.



- ◆ The Adult Slow Pitch Men's Softball League was facilitated at Century Park. The fall season concluded on November 11 with a final tournament. Team Dynamite took home the trophy this year.



- ◆ The Greer Baseball Club (GBC) board meeting was held on November 12. Pre-season coaches meeting dates are set for December and January. All dates for the 2016 spring season are set and published on the City of Greer's website.
- ◆ All Greer Youth Football and Cheerleading practices and games were completed during November. Youth cheerleaders and football players will participate in the Greer Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- ◆ The Tomahawk Wrestling Club practices were held at Riverside High School. Over twenty-five (25) participants are enrolled to wrestle in local tournaments throughout the upstate. This year is our first partnership with Riverside High School.



- ◆ Informational flyers promoting the Athletic Division's spring sports registration were created and distributed to local elementary schools as well as Greer Middle School. The staff is scheduled to visit with local schools during lunch hours to talk to kids about staying active and healthy.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted thirty-eight (38) events, at which over three-thousand four-hundred fifteen (3,415) guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ A warm environment for guests waiting to purchase the popular Breakfast with Santa tickets was created by the Events Division in the Greer City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby. At the end of the two hour ticket sales, on November 2, only eighteen (18) tickets out of five-hundred (500) were remaining.
- ◆ On November 8, the Events Division hosted the National Down Syndrome Society Buddy Walk at Greer City Park. Over two-hundred (200) guests gathered in the park for a great day of fun and fellowship.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department continued planning for the City of Greer's 2015 Christmas events and has begun planning for the 2016 International Festival.



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