

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for January 2016



Tomahawk Youth Wrestling League

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

- ◆ City Auditorium - On January 20, Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Greer CPW employees Kevin Reardon, Don Merritt and Tony Garrett met to map sewer lines and connections for the building.
- ◆ Greenville County Redevelopment Authority Community Development Block Grant - Red Watson and Justin Miller began the application process for this grant.

Bids

- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Bids were presented to Greer City Council on January 12. Laser Construction was recommended for award, but due to a bid discrepancy, the decision by City Council was made to re-advertise the bid at the January 26 meeting.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Ann Cunningham completed her recertification for the Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP) through the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) on January 8.
- ◆ Department staff attended Sovereign Citizen Training on January 15 & 21 at the Municipal Courtroom.
- ◆ Ashlyn Stone and Robbie Davis attended the joint Southeastern Festivals and Events Association/South Carolina Festivals and Events Association (SFEA/SCFEA) Conference in Charleston, SC on January 24-26.

Department Participation

- ◆ On January 19, an International Festival public meeting was held at Greer City hall. In addition to department staff, approximately 40 people were in attendance to discuss their participation in the event. The next public meeting will be held on February 29 and will provide more detailed information on the festival.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller attended the At Play Workgroup meeting on January 20 at Livewell Greenville to discuss the upcoming Park Hop Program.

- ◆ The 14th Annual MLK Celebration Luncheon was held at Greer City Hall on January 18. New Salem Church All Male Choir along with various performers from the Greer area provided the entertainment. The guest speaker was Pastor James Hellams, who spoke to a sold out crowd. Several members of the Parks and Recreation Department assisted Councilman Wayne Griffin in the planning and presentation.
- ◆ On January 6, Ann Cunningham, Ruthie Helms, Travis Durham and Bruce Viehman discussed Greenville Can's request for a Parks & Recreation Department staff member to serve on their Having Fun Workgroup. Travis Durham will serve as our representative.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended a discussion on A/V rooms, equipment at Greer City Hall & Cannon Centre (storage, use and training) on January 7 with David Seifert and Jim Ridgill.
- ◆ On January 8, Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the APC meeting at Greer City Hall regarding East Gap Creek Road and Genoble Road locations.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Recreation Department's Annual Report was presented by Ann Cunningham to Greer City Council on January 26. Red Watson created the department's annual publication to be given to City Council. Mr. Driggers performed a thorough inspection of the department's facilities, vehicles and parks on January 28.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Continued winter pruning of trees and shrubs at City Park and the Police/Fire Departments parking lots.
 - All Christmas decorations were removed from the light poles throughout the city and stored at the Operations Center.
 - The Tryon Recreation Center, Victor Park and Stevens Field parking lots were painted.
 - Two new emergency egress lights were installed and new thermostats and covers were also installed.
 - New custom built louvers were installed on the heaters.
- ◆ The Piano Performers program held their first Piano Guild of 2016 on January 30 at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Indoor Pickleball continued on Mondays 6:00pm-9:00pm at Victor Gym with over 20 participants. Wednesdays 9:30am-11:45am at Victor Gym was added with an average of 12 participants.
- ◆ The S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound) group participated in a movie day, a trip to Spartanburg County Library for "Music Sandwiched In", a Lunch Bunch trip to Pebble Creeke Grille and had their monthly Potluck Luncheon with guest speakers Taylor Graham and Kevin Meadows (City of Greer Fire Department), on the topic of "Winter Fire Safety".
- ◆ The Wall Gallery displayed the entries of the Lake Robinson Photo Contest during the month of January.
- ◆ Spring registration for Greer Baseball, Greer Softball, Foothills Soccer Club of Greer, Men's Open Slow Pitch and Adult Basketball began on January 4 for city residents and January 11 for non-residents. Participants can stop by the office to register or register on-line through the City of Greer website. Registration will continue through early February.
- ◆ Spring academy soccer practices and games were facilitated at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Complex. These teams compete against premier and challenge level clubs throughout the state and are comprised of 10 – 14 year olds.
- ◆ The Tomahawk Wrestling Club practiced at Riverside High School. Over 30 participants wrestled in local tournaments and competed in the South Carolina Youth Wrestling Association All-Star Tournament on January 9. Plans are underway for a youth wrestling league match at Victor Gym in February.
- ◆ Athletic staff met at the Mauldin Sportsplex with representatives from Mauldin Parks & Recreation and Laurens Parks & Recreation staff to discuss the 2016 Upstate Youth Football League. Discussions are underway with Fountain Inn and Simpsonville Parks and Recreation Departments regarding joining the 2016 season as Laurens Parks & Recreation will not be participating in the league.

- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw directed the Upstate Dixie Softball District Meeting at the Tyger River Park. Greer, Dorman, Byrnes, Woodruff, Inman, Boiling Springs as well as other leagues were represented.
- ◆ The youth baseball uniform bid opening was completed on January 6. BSN Sports was awarded the bid.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Juried Art Show, March 18 – March 19
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event, March 19
- ◆ GBC Opening Day, April 9
- ◆ International Festival, April 9
- ◆ GCAC Production of Lion King, Jr., April 15 – April 17 and April 22 – April 24
- ◆ Greer Family Fest, May 6 – May 7
- ◆ Frohawk Creek Scramble Baseball Tournament, June 4 – June 5
- ◆ Victor and Needmore Summer Camps, June 6 – August 5
- ◆ Greer Upper State Baseball Tournament, June 11 – June 12
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 25
- ◆ National Night Out, August 4
- ◆ Vintage Market, October 15
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, October 9 (Tentative)

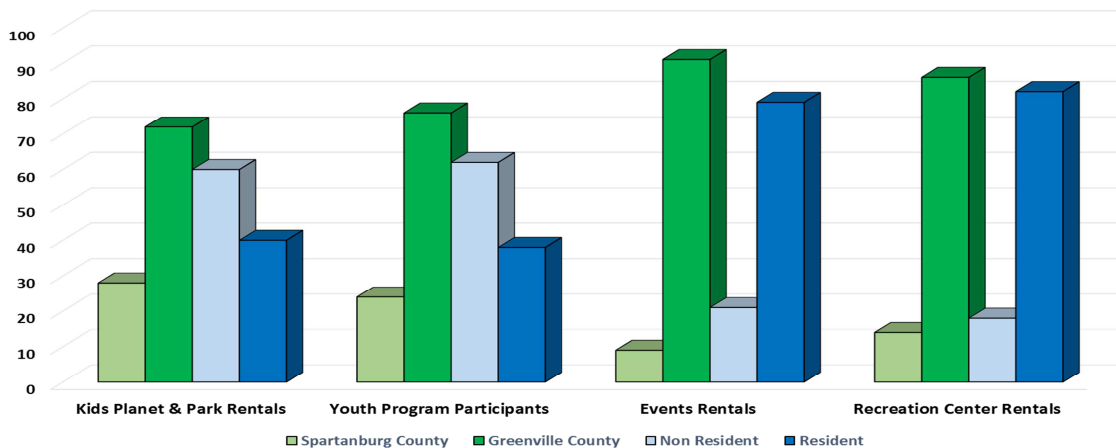
Upcoming Programs

- ◆ *Mentor program- TBA
- ◆ *AED Instruction- TBA
- ◆ *DNR Hunting Safety- TBA
- ◆ *Greenville Sport League (GSL) Adult Kickball
(*new programs)

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ City Auditorium
- ◆ Turner Field Grading and Backstops Installation
- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Concession, Parking and Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation
- ◆ Host for SCRPA LEAD Program
- ◆ Kids Planet Assessment
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan
- ◆ Conversion to LED Lights at Veteran’s Park
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer

2015 Demographic Data (Percentages)



"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"