

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## *Monthly Report for February 2016*



*Black History Month Essay Contest Winners*

*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

- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Steve Grant, on February 9, to review the plans for the Brushy Creek Road Sidewalk project.
- ◆ On February 4, Red Watson and Justin Miller completed and delivered the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority Community Development Block Grant.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson began the budgeting process for the City Auditorium project to be presented to Greer City Council in March at the Council Retreat.

## Bids

- ◆ Bid results for the Tryon Recreation Center Roofing Project were presented to Greer City Council on February 23. City Council gave approval to award the bid to IES Coatings, LLC in Greer, SC.

## Department Trainings

- ◆ Department staff attended Blood Borne Pathogen Training at City Hall on February 16 and 23.
- ◆ Department staff attended the Sovereign Citizen training class at the Greer Municipal Court on February 19.
- ◆ Justin Miller attended the 2016 Programming Summit in Myrtle Beach, SC on February 24-26.

## Department Participation

- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw attended the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association President's/Coaches Symposium in Columbia, SC on February 2. New coaching certification guidelines, new league age date for the fall 2016 and state cup dates were discussed.
- ◆ On February 2, department staff met to discuss planning details and layout for Freedom Blast.

- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw attended the Real Men Read program at Chandler Creek Elementary School on February 2. Athletic staff visited third grade classes in an effort to promote reading. Greer Fire and Police Department staff were also on hand.
- ◆ The Parks and Recreation Department held their first quarterly Recreation Association Board Meeting of 2016 on February 11. Ann Cunningham reviewed the department's annual report presented to Greer City Council in January.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller attended the At Play Workgroup meeting on February 17 at Sunset Park in Mauldin, SC to discuss the Opening Ceremonies of Park Hop.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the LiveWell Greenville Leadership Team meeting at Greenville County Parks, Recreation and Tourism Office on February 24. The goal of the workgroup is to increase physical activity and physical activity opportunities in Greenville County through parks, green spaces, and trail systems.
- ◆ On February 29, a second International Festival public meeting was held at Greer City Hall. In addition to department staff, approximately 20 people were in attendance to discuss their participation in the event. Over 40 countries will be represented at the festival on April 9.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Continued winter pruning of trees and shrubs at City Park and the Police/Fire Departments parking lots.
  - Removed ice and snow from sidewalks at City Park and the Police and Courts buildings.
  - Athletic fields were prepared for practice and games.
  - Installed two new heaters in restrooms at the South Suber Road Park and new shelving was installed in the storage room upstairs at Victor Gym.
  - Repaired slide tube at Victor Heights Community Park and repaired the main water line at Stevens Field.
  - City Stadium parking lot was painted.
  - New Landscape plants were installed at the Police Department and the new Turner Field design was core aerated and seeded.
  - Annual draining and cleaning of the pond at City Park was completed.
- ◆ The winners of the annual Black History Month Essay Contest were recognized at the Greer City Council meeting on February 9. Mayor Danner and Ashlyn Stone, Events Supervisor, announced the following winners: High School: Haley Hutchinson (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Sarah Rzepczynski (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and Kennedy Bright (3<sup>rd</sup> Place). Middle School: Sarah Bagwell (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Alyssa Mayernik (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and Sam Williams (3<sup>rd</sup> Place).
- ◆ The Piano Performers program held two Piano Guilds at the Needmore Recreation Center on February 6 and 19.
- ◆ The Children of Africa Theatre group met at Victor Gym on February 11 to begin planning their entertainment for the International Festival. They will continue meeting on Saturdays through March.
- ◆ The S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound) group participated in a movie day, bingo and potluck luncheon. The Lunch Bunch meeting was held at The Strip Club 104 in downtown Greer. Their first annual Valentines Dance was held at the Cannon Centre with 30 seniors in attendance. The SOAR and Senior Action groups attended "The Sound, A Motown Tribute" produced by Sammy Dotson and the Phyllis Wheatley Center at the TD Convention Center with 46 in attendance. The average attendance for the month was 27.
- ◆ The Foothills Philharmonic performed their chamber concert at the Cannon Center on February 6.
- ◆ The Lake Robinson Photography Contest was displayed in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre allowed three schools and one theatre group to borrow costumes and sets.

- ◆ Spring practices were held at Century Park, Victor Park, Country Club Road Park, Riverside Middle School and Little Turner Field for the Greer baseball and girls' softball teams.
- ◆ Spring academy soccer practices and games were facilitated at South Suber Road Park and Country Club Road Park. These teams compete against teams throughout the state until early May. Spring recreation practices for twenty-two Foothills Soccer Club of Greer teams were held at South Suber Road Park. The teams will practice every Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Games are scheduled to begin on March 21.
- ◆ The Tomahawk Wrestling Club practiced at Riverside High School. Over 30 participants wrestled in local tournaments. The club hosted two wrestling meets with Eastside and Boiling Springs at Victor Gym on February 6 and 20.
- ◆ Greer Baseball Club held spring evaluations for all players (excluding t-ball) at Country Club Road Park on February 16 and 18. Players were evaluated on hitting, fielding and pitching.
- ◆ League draft nights were held on February 22-24 for the Greer Baseball Club and the Foothills Soccer Club of Greer. Participants were placed on teams for the spring season, all league rules were discussed and background paperwork was completed.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Juried Art Show, March 18 – March 19
- ◆ Eggstastic Easter Event, March 19 (Rain Date, March 20)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Moonlight Movies, June 2 – July 28
- ◆ Frohawk Creek Scramble Baseball Tournament, June 4 – June 5
- ◆ Victor and Needmore Summer Camps, June 6 – August 5
- ◆ Tunes in the Park, June 10 – June 22
- ◆ Greer Upper State Baseball Tournament, June 11 – June 12
- ◆ Ozone All Star District Tournament at Country Club Road Park June 18 – June 23
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 25
- ◆ National Night Out, August 2
- ◆ 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- TBA  
(\*new programs)

## Highlighted Projects

- ◆ City Auditorium
- ◆ Turner Field Grading and Backstops Installation
- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Concession, Pressbox and Restrooms
- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation
- ◆ Host for SCRPA LEAD Program (March 10, 11)
- ◆ Kids Planet Assessment (Results will be received in March)
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan
- ◆ Conversion to LED Lights at Veteran's Park
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer

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