

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for March 2016



Eggtastic Easter

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 began budget preparations for fiscal year 2016/2017.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Mike Sell, on March 4, to review the GCRA Subrecipient information.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the City of Greer Council Staff Retreat on March 9 – 10. Ann Cunningham gave a presentation regarding the City Auditorium facility including Phase One, Phase Two and Phase Three of the project. Ann Cunningham requested permission from Greer City Council, at the March 23 meeting, to begin Phase One of occupying the City Auditorium for programming. This included minor renovations to the facility to accommodate artist's use of the facility for studios. The request was approved by Greer City Council.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended a planning meeting for the Annexation Planning Committee on March 18.
- ◆ IES Coatings completed repairing the roof on the Tryon Recreation Center on March 25.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham completed the Accommodations Tax Grant Application on March 31.

Bids

- ◆ Bid were received and opened for adding mulch to the landscape beds at Greer City Park, Greer Relief parking lot and the Police and Fire department's parking lot. The bid was awarded to Dreamscape Landscaping in Woodruff, SC.
- ◆ A bid opening meeting was held on March 23 for the food truck provider at Century Park; no bids were submitted.
- ◆ Bids were advertised for the sound provider at Freedom Blast.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Department staff completed the quarterly MASC on-line training during March.

Department Participation

- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw attended the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association training in Greenville, SC on March 8. All attendees were trained on the new player card and the roster system to be used beginning in the fall 2016.
- ◆ Red Watson and Robin Byouk attended the presentation on the City Auditorium project at the City of Greer Council Retreat on March 9. Justin Miller attended the Wellness Committee Dinner at the March 9 retreat.
- ◆ Cory Holtzclaw attended the Dixie Youth District meeting on March 9 in Clemson, SC. District sites and dates were set during the meeting. The Dixie Youth Ozone (11-12 year old) District Championship will be held at Country Club Road Park on June 18 – 23.
- ◆ Staff members participated in hosting the Annual SCRPA Lead Class at Greer City Hall on March 10 – 11. A presentation on “Repurposing Facilities” was given by department staff, a tour of repurposed facilities was provided, and the event ended with participants attending a Greenville Swamp Rabbit’s hockey game.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller attended the Livewell Greenville At Play Workgroup meeting on March 16 in Greenville, SC.
- ◆ The Recreation Division provided several projects for Nathan Brannon, a senior at Greer Middle College Charter High School, to be completed in partnership with the City of Greer the week of March 28 – April 1. These projects were Nathan’s senior project called “Hope Week” and included a free basketball clinic held at Victor Park each day; the Needmore Recreation Center classrooms and bathrooms were completely repainted; landscaping was performed at Greer City Park; and the Tryon Recreation Center vinyl siding was pressured washed. We are very grateful for Nathan’s hard work!

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Spring mowing and trimming of all facilities was started and continues on a rotational schedule.
 - Athletic fields were prepared for practice and games.
 - Installed bollards at H. R. Turner Park and added clay to the infield of field #1 at Century Park.
 - Repaired drainage at City Stadium and repaired the fountain at Veterans Park.
 - Fan covers were removed at Victor Gym.
- ◆ The 6th Annual Juried Art Show Reception was held on March 18. This year’s themes were Greer Goes Global and Greer: An Upstate Destination. Greer restaurants in the downtown area donated food for the very well attended reception. Mayor Danner announced the winners during the reception. The artwork will be hanging in the Wall Gallery at Greer City Hall through the end of April.
- ◆ Summer Camp registrations began on March 14 for City of Greer residents and March 21 for non-residents.
- ◆ The 2016 Eggstastic Easter event was held at Century Park on March 19. A record number of 2,200 participants were on hand this year for egg hunts (9,000 eggs), games, crafts, inflatables, face painting and a magic show by Jack Roper.
- ◆ The Piano Performers program held two Piano Guilds at the Needmore Recreation Center on March 5 and March 19.
- ◆ The Children of Africa Theatre group continued meeting at Victor Gym to plan their entertainment for the International Festival.

- ◆ The S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound) group toured the Spartanburg Rehabilitation Institute and traveled to Travelers Rest for lunch at the Upcountry Provisions Bakery and shopping. While in Travelers Rest, they had the honor of watching the funeral procession for fallen Officer Allen Jacobs. Some members of the group attended the Anderson Senior Follies on March 20. One of the members taught a class on making jewelry and a Soup & Salad potluck lunch was held. The average attendance for the month was 15.
- ◆ Indoor Pickleball continued to be played on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings at the Victor Gym. Three Friday night free play sessions were added at the gym where over 20 participants were in attendance.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre allowed four schools to borrow or rent (at a very low cost) costumes, props and sets.
- ◆ On March 26, The City of Greer hosted the LIWA Africa for the Africa Gala Night at City Hall. This event was in collaboration with LIWA Africa and Upstate International. The evening provided fun entertainment, showcasing the many cultures of Africa. Performances by the South African Dance Company and Djembe Drum and Dance Ensemble were held during the event.
- ◆ Spring practices were held at Century Park, Victor Park, Country Club Road Park, Riverside Middle School, Davenport Field and Big Turner and Little Turner Fields 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 games for Foothills Soccer Club of Greer teams were held at South Suber Road Park. The teams play every Monday, Thursday and Saturday during the spring season.
- ◆ FSCG Speedstreet Soccer camp was hosted at South Suber Road Park Monday – Thursday, March 28 – 31. This was a free camp open to children ages 5-13 and averaged 60 participants in each session. Speed, agility and ball handling techniques were taught.
- ◆ Adult Basketball League play began on March 23 at Victor Gym. Teams will play 10 regular season games and a post season tournament. Adult Softball League play began on March 23 at Century Park. Teams will play 8 regular season games and a post season tournament.
- ◆ South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) games were played at Stevens Field. The field is rented to private school and home school teams that participate in SCHSL.
- ◆ The Adult Kickball partnership with Greenville Sports Leagues (GSL) was finalized. The first league game will be played May 11. Teams will compete at Victor Park every Wednesday night.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ International Festival, April 9
- ◆ Baseball Opening Day, April 9
- ◆ GCAC Production of Lion King, Jr on 4/15/16 thru 4/17/16 and 4/22/16 thru 4/24/16
- ◆ Greer Family Fest, May 6 – May 7
- ◆ Moonlight Movies on Thursdays, June 2 – July 28
- ◆ Frohawk Creek Scramble Baseball Tournament, June 4 – June 5
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesday on Tuesdays, June 7 – July 8
- ◆ Victor and Needmore Summer Camps, June 6 – August 5
- ◆ Tunes in the Park on Fridays, June 10 – June 22
- ◆ Greer Upper State Baseball Tournament, June 11 – June 12
- ◆ Ozone All Star District Tournament, June 18 – June 23
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 25
- ◆ National Night Out, August 2
- ◆ GCAC Camp ARK Performance – June 13, 14 and June 19, 20
- ◆ Vintage Market, October 15
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, October 9 (Tentative)

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ City Auditorium
- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Concession, Pressbox and Restrooms
- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation
- ◆ Victor Gym Ceiling Tile
- ◆ Victor Gym Painting – Large Wall & Upstairs Touch-up
- ◆ Century Park Fence Painting
- ◆ Kids Planet Assessment
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer
- ◆ Country Club Road Park Picnic Shelter Painting
- ◆ Country Club Road Park French Drain
- ◆ Top Dressing Sand for athletic fields
- ◆ Banners for athletic fields
- ◆ Facility Improvements (8 Picnic Tables)
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Playground Components
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)

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