

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for May 2016



Greer Family Fest at City Park

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, Red Watson and Mr. Driggers met with Mike Rawson of 100 Yards Academy, on May 11, to review his request for the use of some of the Parks and Recreation Department multi-purpose fields.
- ◆ The Facility Rental Agreement with the American Legion for the use of Steven's Field was approved by Greer City Council on May 24.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Justin Miller attended the Greenville County Food and Nutrition Services Orientation and Training on May 25 at the MT Anderson Support Center in Greenville.

Bids

- ◆ Bids were opened on May 5 for the Country Club Drainage Project. CD Landscape Management from Greer was awarded the contract.
- ◆ Bid results were presented for the Concessions, Pressbox and Restrooms Construction project at Century Park, funded by a grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the City of Greer. Greer City Council approved the bid, on May 10, and it was awarded to Melloul-Blamey Construction of Greenville.

Department Participation

- ◆ A Quality of Life presentation for Leadership Greer was presented on May 3 at Greer City Park by department staff.
- ◆ The Greater Greer Chamber Greer Family Fest was held on May 6-7 with many staff members assisting with the event.

- ◆ Several members of the department participated in the Wellness Committee Kickball event at Greer City Hall on May 13.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Justin Miller participated in the Park Hop Opening Ceremony at Sunset Park in Mauldin on May 14. Municipalities, participants and vendors celebrated the start of the summer long Park Hop program.
- ◆ Staff members attended the Greer City Council Budget Workshop on May 24.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Bruce Viehman met with members of the Greer Chapter 39 DAV and the American Legion Post 45 to discuss Veterans Park Memorial issues on May 26.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham, Red Watson and Robin Byouk met to discuss signage for City Auditorium.

Department Highlights

- ◆ Justin Miller and Red Watson continued interviewing candidates for the summer camp counselor positions.
- ◆ New scoreboards for all 3 baseball fields at Century Park and the football field at City Stadium were delivered.
- ◆ Uniforms for the Grounds Maintenance Division and the department's part-time program staff were ordered.
- ◆ The purchase order was issued to T & D Grading to pour a concrete slab for the installation of the batting cage at Victor Park.
- ◆ The Gap Creek Singers held their annual scholarship dinner on May 1 at the Cannon Centre. All profits from the event are utilized for music scholarship recipients.
- ◆ On May 14, the Great Strides Cystic Fibrosis Foundation held their annual walk at Greer City Park. Over 300 guests attended and walked.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theater held auditions for the music revue "We Got the Beat", 1980's music, on May 17 and May 18 at the Tryon Recreation Center.
- ◆ During Greer Family Fest, Greer Idol held open call auditions. Callbacks were held at the Cannon Centre on May 31. This season has 14 contestants in the competition which will be held during Tunes in the Park and Freedom Blast.
- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Spring mowing and trimming of all facilities continued on a rotational schedule.
 - Athletic fields were prepared for practices, games and tournaments.
 - Installed patriotic banners at City Park and oak trees were basil treated for armored scale at City Park.
 - Installed an exit chute on the slide at Victor Heights Community Park. Trenches and the field at City Stadium was top dressed.
 - Repaired irrigation systems as required at the tennis center, City Stadium and City Park.
 - Removed bleachers, wind screen and tables at Century Park in preparation for construction to begin.
 - Repaired fill valve in the fountain at Veterans Park and repaired the misters at Kids Planet.
- ◆ Spring Sports Surveys were sent to all participants for their feedback.
- ◆ Youth baseball and softball practices/games continued to be held at Century Park, Victor Park, Country Club Road Park, Riverside Middle School, Davenport Field, Big Turner Field and Little Turner Field. The Greer Baseball Club All-Star teams will compete in the Dixie Youth District Tournaments in June and will have the opportunity to advance to state and World Series events. Youth baseball and softball participants attended a Greenville Drive baseball game on May 6 for GBC Night at Fluor Field. Over 500 players and parents attended the event.
- ◆ Spring academy soccer games were facilitated at South Suber Road Park. The Foothills Soccer Club of Greer season was completed on May 12.

- ◆ Adult Basketball League season at Victor Gym was completed on May 2 following a post season tournament. Adult Softball League season at Century Park was completed on May 25 with a post season tournament.
- ◆ South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) games were played at Stevens Field. Teams composed of homeschooled youth traveled from all over the upstate to play at Stevens Field.
- ◆ The Athletic Division promoted the Adult Kickball partnership with Greenville Sports Leagues (GSL) which held 2 free play sessions on May 11 and May 18. The first league game was played May 25. Teams compete at Victor Park every Wednesday night.
- ◆ The Recreation Division held 2 piano recitals on May 14 and May 15 at the Cannon Centre. Over 40 students performed with over 150 people in attendance..
- ◆ The S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - A presentation by Officer Williams and Officer Boss from the City of Greer Police Department's K-9 Unit gave a presentation on their activities. The presentation was enjoyed by 22 seniors.
 - On May 13, a luncheon prepared by the Culinary Arts students from J. Harley Bonds Career Center was attended by 30 seniors.
 - Several members attended the Palmetto Senior Expo in Spartanburg and enjoyed lunch at Wade's Restaurant on May 20.
 - On May 24, the SOAR Volunteer Group lent their assistance to the Harvest Hope Food Bank and helped sort food to be distributed to those in need.
 - SOAR members enjoyed a trip to Strawberry Hill in Chesnee for breakfast and to purchase strawberries and peaches. There was a total of 25 seniors who participated in the trip on May 26.
 - The group also participated in Line Dancing Classes on May 7 and May 25 and continued T'ai Chi Chih classes every Monday.
 - The average attendance for the month was 29.
- ◆ The Recreation Division ended the Senior Computer Classes for fiscal year 2015/2016 on May 13. This GCRA Grant funded program offered 24 senior citizens complete a 3 week course on basic computer lessons. The 2 hour classes were held at Greer City Hall on Fridays from 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm.
- ◆ Justin Miller continued meeting with the local garden clubs to discuss and plan a Children's Nature Zone event schedule to be held on June 4 at Century Park Kids Planet. The project will teach children and adults about nature, wildlife and the environment.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Moonlight Movies on Thursdays, June 2 – July 28
- ◆ Sports Registrations for fall sports, June 6 – July 1
- ◆ 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
- ◆ GCAC Camp ARK Performance – June 13, 14 and June 19, 20
- ◆ Ozone All-Star District Tournament, June 18 – June 23
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 25
- ◆ We Got the Beat Performance, July 29 – July 31
- ◆ National Night Out, August 2
- ◆ GCAC Camp ARK, August 13, 14 and August 19, 20
- ◆ Greer Station Oktoberfest, October 7
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson, October 9 (Tentative)
- ◆ Vintage Market, October 15
- ◆ Annual Tree Lighting & Supper with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 3
- ◆ Annual Greer Christmas Parade, December 4

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ City Auditorium
- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Concession, Pressbox and Restrooms
- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation
- ◆ Victor Gym Ceiling Tile
- ◆ Century Park Fence Painting
- ◆ Kids Planet Assessment
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer
- ◆ Country Club French Drain
- ◆ Top Dressing Sand
- ◆ Banners for Athletic Fields
- ◆ Facility Improvements (8 Picnic Tables)
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Playground Components
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)
- ◆ Operation Center HVAC Cleaning
- ◆ Scoreboard Installation – Century Park & City Stadium

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