

# City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

## Monthly Report for June 2016



Freedom Blast 2016

*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

- ◆ T & D Grading poured the concrete pad for the batting cage at Victor Park.
- ◆ Construction at Century Park began on May 30. All asphalt was removed, underground utilities installed, footings and concrete pads for the new buildings were poured and foundational blockwork for the new buildings was laid.
- ◆ Information for the Request for Proposals for the Kids Planet Custom Woodwork project is being compiled by the Parks and Recreation Department staff.

### Department Trainings

- ◆ Summer camp counselors and several department staff attended a First Aid, CPR and AED class instructed by Justin Miller on June 3.
- ◆ All staff completed MASC online training.

### Department Participation

- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) Recreation Trails Program (RTP) meeting in Cayce, SC on June 1.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham attended the Livewell Greenville at Play Workgroup Meeting at the Livewell Office in Greenville, SC on June 15.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended a Century Park Construction meeting on June 22.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Greer Development Corporation to discuss the Walking Biking Plan on June 22.
- ◆ Several members of the department participated in the Wellness Committee Breakfast on June 23.

- ◆ Red Watson served on a committee for the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) to grade Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants.

## Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
  - Spring mowing and trimming of all facilities continued on a rotational schedule.
  - Athletic fields were prepared for practices, games and tournaments.
  - Provided support for baseball tournament.
  - Installed television and repaired fan louver at Victor Gym.
  - Removed earthen mounds at Country Club Road Park in preparation for tournament play.
  - Repaired irrigation valve at City Stadium.
  - Painted parking lot lines at Country Club Road Park.
  - Cleared storm damaged tree at Century Park Disc Golf.
- ◆ Fall sports registration for youth baseball, girls' softball, cheerleading, football, soccer, adult basketball and adult softball. Registration for city residents began on June 6 and non-residents on June 13 at the Operations Center and through the City of Greer Parks and Recreation Department Athletic Division website. Registration continues through July 27 with a late fee after July 20.
- ◆ Three tournaments were hosted during June at Country Club Road Park and Victor Park. The Frohawk Creek Scramble was held on June 4-5, Greer Upper State on June 11-12 and the Dixie Youth Baseball OZONE District were held on June 18-23. A total of 55 teams throughout the upstate of South Carolina participated in these tournaments. The tournaments allowed the department to showcase the City of Greer facilities to thousands of spectators and participants.
- ◆ Practices for Greer Baseball Club All-Star teams were facilitated at Victor Park and Country Club Road Park. The 8U teams competed in the Dixie Youth District Tournament on June 18-22 in Seneca, SC. The GBC National team won the district championship and will travel to the State Tournament in Florence, SC in July. The 10U teams competed in the district tournament on June 18-23 in Mauldin and Laurens. The 12U teams competed in the district tournament on June 18-23 at Country Club Road Park. The GBC National team won the district championship and will travel to the State Tournament in Sumter, SC in July.
- ◆ Practices for the girls' softball teams were facilitated at Riverside Middle School as the teams prepared for the Dixie Youth Girls' Softball District Tournament on June 13-17. The girls competed against teams from District 5, Boiling Springs, Inman, Landrum and Chesnee.
- ◆ A youth basketball camp for kids ages 5-13 was hosted at Victor Gym on June 6, 13 and 27 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Basic basketball skills were taught and the participants played games at the camp. Over 40 kids attended the camp each Monday evening.
- ◆ In partnership with the Greer Council of Garden Clubs, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Children's Nature Zone event on June 4 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Century Park. Over 250 participants from the community attended the event. The program involved many different aspects to teach children about nature, wildlife and the environment.
- ◆ Summer camps began at Victor Gym and the Needmore Recreation Center on June 6. There are over 140 campers participating in the 8 week long camp this year.
- ◆ Tall Tale Tuesday's series began on Tuesday nights on June 7 at the Cannon Centre. This program allows kids and adults to discover the long lost art of storytelling. The Recreation Division and the Cultural Arts Division partner to offer a physical fitness, storytelling and craft activity from 7:00pm-8:00pm through July.
- ◆ Tunes in the Park began on June 10 with 14 contestants for the Greer Idol competition.
- ◆ On June 13, Cory Holtzclaw and David Holtzclaw attended the Dixie Youth Baseball District 1 meeting in Clemson, SC. All-star team information was submitted, rules were discussed for the district/state tournaments and brackets were completed for district tournaments. Representatives from Clemson, Mauldin, Seneca, Laurens, Six Mile, Liberty, Belton, Honea Path and Greer attended the meeting.

- ◆ The Needmore Recreation Center facilitated 2 elections with over 500 voters. The primary election was held on June 14 and the runoff election was held on June 28.
- ◆ The S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
  - Visited a live taping of the Your Caronia Show with Jack Roper and Megan Heidelberg on June 3. The presentation was enjoyed by 12 seniors.
  - A picnic at Century Park was held on June 9 with 21 members in attendance to enjoy great food and games.
  - On June 14 SOAR visited Abbott's Custard and shopped in downtown Greer.
  - The monthly potluck was held on June 21 with 21 seniors in attendance. Travis Hatcher from the Appalachian Area Agency on Aging was the guest speaker.
  - On June 24, the SOAR Volunteer Group joined the Greer Community Ministries Senior Dining and made crafts with the seniors.
  - SOAR members enjoyed 3 T'ai Chi Classes and bingo with 15 members in attendance on June 16.
  - The Lunch Bunch visited The Chocolate Toad in downtown Greer on June 30.
  - The average attendance for the month was 17.
- ◆ Freedom Blast 2016 was held on June 25 at Greer City Park. The event was a great success thanks to our many volunteers and military groups. Kids had a blast with \$5 unlimited jump and amusements while our veterans and active military were honored throughout the day. There was an estimated crowd of over 12,000 in attendance to enjoy the festivities and the fireworks display presented by Zambelli Fireworks. Greer Cultural Arts Council was the beverage provider for Freedom Blast. Greer Relief sold the beer products for GCAC.
- ◆ Cultural Arts Division held Beginner Theatre Camp on June 27 – July 1. GCAC provided scholarships through the Metropolitan Arts Council and BMW for 8 children from the Needmore Summer Camp to attend the Beginner Theater Camp.
- ◆ Moonlight Movies powered by CPW continued to be a city favorite as over 800 people attend each week. Families enjoy fun music and preshow activities such as giveaways, food for purchase and crafts before each movie every Thursday evening during the summer.
- ◆ The Events Division continues to plan for 2 new events coming in August and September. Join the Parks and Recreation Department for the Food Truck Rollout in Greer City Park. Food trucks, games and live music will kick off starting at 5:00pm on August 5. The newest children's event, Railfest, is all about trains! Railfest at Greer City Park will be held on September 10 from 10:00am-2:00pm.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Moonlight Movies on Thursdays, June 2 – July 28
- ◆ Sports Registrations for fall sports, June 6 – July 27
- ◆ 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 – July 22
- ◆ We Got the Beat Performance, July 29 – July 31
- ◆ National Night Out, August 2
- ◆ Food Truck Rodeo, August 5
- ◆ GCAC Camp ARK, August 13, 14 and August 19, 20
- ◆ Railfest, September 10
- ◆ Friends of Lake Robinson Day, September 25
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations
- ◆ Country Club Windscreen
- ◆ Batting Cage Nets and Portable Mounds
- ◆ Removable Bollards
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Hard Surface Dugout Cover
- ◆ Shade Covers
- ◆ BP Edwards Park Basketball Goals
- ◆ Cannon Centre Bathroom Renovations
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs

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