

City of Greer Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report for

October 2016



Wonderland High

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

- ◆ Century Park backstop and infield fencing was painted on all fields. Specs were finalized and quotes were received for signage. Specs for the public address system are being updated and prepared for advertisement of bids.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham met with Henry James of Cunningham Waters on October 25 to discuss the Century Park Pedestrian Bridge project. Ann Cunningham and Steve Grant are scheduled in mid-November to meet with the structural engineer from Palmetto Structural Engineering regarding the Pedestrian Bridge project at Century Park. The purchase order for geotechnical boring was issued to S&ME, Inc. of Atlanta, GA.
- ◆ HVAC ducts were cleaned at the Operations Center on October 26 and 27 by Ron's Carpet and Air Duct Cleaning.
- ◆ Robin Byouk met with Budget Blinds to obtain a quote for hanging solar and black out shades at the Center for the Arts.

Department Trainings

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the National Recreation and Parks Association National Congress on October 3-7 in St. Louis, MO. Approximately 8,000 delegates participated in this conference. This was an excellent opportunity to learn and network through educational sessions, discuss issues facing our profession as well as prepare and adapt for potential trends we may encounter in our communities.
- ◆ Robin Byouk attended Leadership Greer Public Safety training on October 4.

- ◆ Ann Cunningham and Red Watson attended the Upstate Poverty Simulation for Businesses and Local Organizations on October 12 at the Spartanburg Community College Tyger River Campus in Duncan.
- ◆ On October 17-19, Ann Cunningham participated in the annual staff training with Mr. Driggers and the Leadership Team. It was a great opportunity for the team to focus on specific issues we are facing in the city and to devise possible solutions.
- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended Fire Extinguisher training held at the Fire Department on Poinsett Street.

Department Participation

- ◆ Department supervisors and managers have been planning and preparing for the upcoming Arts Celebration scheduled for November 3 at the Center for the Arts. The opening will provide an introduction to our artists in residence, their artwork and tours of the facility. Jim Quick and the Coastline Band will provide entertainment in the park on the mobile stage and the Needmore After School program participants will perform on the auditorium stage at intermission.
- ◆ Members of the Parks and Recreation Department staff attended planning meetings for the annual Tree Lighting, Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Parade.
- ◆ Ann Cunningham presented to the Greer Rotary Club on October 25 at the Wink Café in Greer. Updates were given on projects, programs and upcoming events in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Department Highlights

- ◆ The Grounds Division:
 - Mowing and trimming of all facilities continued on a rotational schedule.
 - Athletic fields were prepared for practices, fall season games and tournaments.
 - Constructed and installed new picnic tables at Century Park ball fields.
 - Began winter pruning of trees and shrubs.
 - Fire extinguisher inspections at all facilities and department vehicles was completed.
 - Prepared grounds and facility at City Auditorium for opening celebration.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer (FSCG) Academy team soccer practices continued to be held at Country Club Road Park and South Suber Road Park. These teams travel throughout the state playing in the premier and challenge divisions of the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association.
- ◆ Foothills Soccer Club of Greer recreation league play was completed at South Suber Road Park for all age groups 12 and under.
- ◆ Youth football games and cheerleading regular season recreational league play was completed for 2016. City Stadium will host the 8U Silver Division playoffs and the 12U Silver Division playoffs the first week in November.
- ◆ Practices and games for the recreation and academy baseball teams were held at Country Club Road Park and Victor Park. Regular league teams completed league play and academy seasons will conclude the second week in November.
- ◆ Youth wrestling practices were held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Riverside High School wrestling room. The wrestling program is now at maximum capacity. Dual scheduling and tournament scheduling is underway.
- ◆ Youth basketball participants began registering for the upcoming season. Practices are set to begin on November 29 at Victor Gym. League play will begin the week of January 9.
- ◆ Robin Byouk met with the Greer Cultural Arts Council Student Board to launch a social media campaign for the upcoming play, "Madagascar".
- ◆ Dance classes were held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons along with art classes on Tuesdays at the Tryon Recreation Center.

- ◆ Three studios were rented at the Center for the Arts facility and three more artist's portfolios were judged for consideration to rent studios at the facility.
- ◆ Greer Children's Theatre presented "Wonderland High" at the Cannon Center on October 21-23 and 28-30. The authors flew in from New York to see the show and spent time with the cast answering questions. Robin Byouk took them on a tour of the City of Greer and the facilities. Music Theatre International wants to feature the production on their website.
- ◆ The Recreation Division:
 - Continued to facilitate Senior Action (50 participants daily) at the Needmore Recreation Center every Monday – Friday.
 - Piano Performers (36 participants weekly) utilized the Cannon Centre every Monday.
 - Never Alone (20 participants weekly) met every Tuesday evening at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - The Cutlery Club (20 participants monthly) met on October 4 and the Artifacts Club (15 participants monthly) met on October 24 at the Tryon Recreation Center.
 - The Pickleball Program (30 participants each session) continued on Fridays at the Tryon Recreation Center and Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Victor Gym.
- ◆ The new dog obedience program (1 participant each night) was continued through October with certified instructor, Ray Rucker. The class was held on Wednesday and Thursday nights at the Tryon Recreation Center with emphasis on basic obedience. The new Ham Radio Club (20 participants) began meeting every Tuesday evening at the Victor Gym.
- ◆ The Needmore Afterschool Program partnered with LiveWell Greenville's Out of School Time workgroup starting with the 2015-2016 school year. The partnership promotes healthy eating and active living to our children and incorporates lessons into our curriculum to teach these topics. The Needmore Afterschool staff attended Coordinated Approach to Child Healthcare (CATCH) training offered by Live Well Greenville. Through an application and grading process, the Needmore Afterschool program of teaching nutrition and physical activity met the criteria regarding best practices and was awarded the Silver Level Award and received \$150 from the Piedmont Health Foundation. Justin Miller, Clara O'Neal and India Jackson have done an excellent job making healthy nutrition and physical activity changes and improvements for our program, children and community. The Parks and Recreation Department staff are very honored to be recognized for their efforts.
- ◆ S.O.A.R. (Seniors Out and ARound):
 - Bingo was held on October 6 and 20 at the Victor Gym with 18 seniors in attendance.
 - An AARP Senior Smart Driver Course was hosted at City Hall on October 13 with 6 seniors in attendance.
 - Two line dancing classes were held on October 12 and 26 at the Tryon Recreation Center with 8 seniors in attendance at each session.
 - The monthly potluck was held on October 18 with 20 seniors enjoying music and stand-up comedy by one of our very own seniors, Mr. Darrell Wallace.
 - The highlight of October was a chartered bus trip to Mr. Airy, NC (Mayberry) on October 21 with 53 seniors. The day was spent seeing the beautiful NC scenery and a group photo taken with Betty Lynn (Thelma Lou) from "The Andy Griffith Show".
 - The SOAR Halloween Costume Party was attended by 20 ghosts and goblins on October 27. There was a costume contest, games and lots of Halloween treats.
 - The average attendance for the month was 19.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted 68 events at which over 6,950 guests visited the City of Greer Events Center.
- ◆ The Vintage Market in the Park was held on October 15. The market was a huge success with approximately 100 vendors and 3,500 in attendance. The spring market is scheduled for April 29 with many returning vendors.
- ◆ The Events Division hosted it's second Food Truck Rollout at Greer City Park on October 20. Four of the area's most popular trucks served an estimated 200 guests as they enjoyed the park and the live music. The largest Food Truck Rollout yet will be held on January 20 from 5pm-8pm.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Annual Tree Lighting & Supper with Santa, December 2
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa, December 3 (SOLD OUT)
- ◆ Annual Greer Christmas Parade, December 4
- ◆ Auditions for Madagascar, December 5, 7, 12 and 14
- ◆ Spring Sports Registrations (Residents, January 2; Non-Residents, January 9)
- ◆ Martin Luther King Day, January 16
- ◆ Madagascar Performances, February 24-26 and March 3-5
- ◆ Summer Camp Registrations (Residents, March 13; Non-Residents, March 20)
- ◆ 2017 Juried Art Show Reception, March 24
- ◆ Baseball Opening Day, April 1
- ◆ Eggtastic Easter, April 8
- ◆ International Festival, April 22
- ◆ Vintage Market in the Park, April 29
- ◆ Moonlight Movies, Thursdays June 1 – July 27
- ◆ Summer Camps, June 5 – August 4
- ◆ Freedom Blast, June 24

Highlighted Projects

- ◆ City Auditorium – Phase I Completed
- ◆ Century Park Construction (LWCF) – Concession, Pressbox and Restrooms
- ◆ Victor Park Batting Cage Installation – Concrete Pad Completed
- ◆ Kids Planet Assessment
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Master Plan
- ◆ Bicycle Racks for the Downtown Area of Greer
- ◆ Top Dressing Sand
- ◆ Banners
- ◆ Playground Equipment (Neighborhood Parks)
- ◆ Playground Components
- ◆ Trash Containment Area (City Park)
- ◆ Scoreboard Installation – Century Park
- ◆ Kids Planet Renovations
- ◆ Country Club Maintenance Area Windscreen
- ◆ Batting Cage Nets and Portable Mounds
- ◆ Removable Bollards
- ◆ Pedestrian Bridge
- ◆ Hard Surface Dugout Covers
- ◆ Shade Covers
- ◆ BP Edwards Park Basketball Goals
- ◆ Cannon Centre Bathroom Renovations
- ◆ City Hall Event Hall Chairs
- ◆ Century Park Public Address System
- ◆ South Suber Road Park Drainage

"Creating Community through People, Parks and Programs"